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Czech Republic: Miroslav Seidl, Jan Tojnar
New Zealand: Pete Squires
Canada: Murray Foubister
United States of America: Bob Reddick,
Eric Smith
Estonia: Andres Käär, Lauri Leppik
Latvia: Guntars Mankus
Russia: Sergey Yashchenko, Evgeny Dombrovskiy
Ukraine: Efim Shtempler
Members from Australia: Alan Mansfield, Rod Phillips,
Neil Phillips, Peter Taylor.

Observer status

Brazil: José Nilton Silva Vargas
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Russia: German Shestakov
South Africa: Pieter Mulder
Sweden: Bengt Nilsson
Switzerland: Dieter Wolf
USA: Barb Bryant
6th WRC: Peg Davis
7th WRC: Alan Mansfield
8th WRC: Lauri Leppik

IRF Elections

In the recent elections, Alan Mansfield and Lauri Leppik join the IRF Executive in the portfolios for Promotions & Development, and Technical Manager, and Neil Phillips has been re-elected President. We thank

[Brad Hunt](#) sincerely for his contribution in the Promotion & Development role over recent years and his enormous efforts organizing various rogaines in USA.

[Alan Mansfield](#) from Australia is already well known as the coordinator of the 7th World Rogaining Championships. He has also been working with the IRF for some time, talking to each country to finalize their strategic planning and has formed many ideas about promotion and development for rogaining. Alan is the second rogainer (Peter Taylor is the other one) to be elected to the IRF Executive while also being a councilor of the Australian Rogaining Association.

[Laurie Leppik](#), as a member of the Tallinn O club, has been helping develop rogaining in Estonia for several years. This has been an amazing story, with one event attracting over 900 entrants and the most recent Estonian event attracting 1157 participants including 50 international teams! Lauri has been a central part of this and is already an Estonian representative on the IRF with Andres Käär. He is also the coordinator of the 8th World Rogaining Championships. He has been working with the IRF executive and David Baldwin of the ARA to make sure the rules for 8WRC are relevant to electronic scoring. The ARA has already accepted a series of relevant rule changes for use in Australia and as soon as 8WRC is over, Lauri's task will be to work with all countries to review the rules of rogaining.

Francis Falardeau wins Geoduck award

Since 1993, the International Rogaining Federation has been recognizing the exceptional efforts of organizers of top level rogaines by selecting one person annually to join the Order of the Geoduck. The honouree receives a handsome wall trophy with engraved plaque and a full-size adult geoduck replica.

The 2007 Geoduck Award is made to Francis Falardeau of Canada for his long-term leadership and efforts to promote 24-hour rogaining in eastern Canada. He was co-ordinator of the 10th North American Rogaining Championships at Sainte Adele in August 2007; and was in the winning team at the first international rogaine, The Most Awesome Rogaine in 1990.

Geoduck Awardees:

1993 Bob Reddick (WA, USA)
1994 Carl Moore (WA, USA)
1995 Keg Good (VA, USA)
1996 Eric Smith (NY, USA)
1997 Wilkey Richardson (AZ, USA)
1998 Murray Foubister (Canada)
1999 Michael Haynes (Canada)
2000 Michael Wood (New Zealand)
2001 Peg Davis (AZ, USA)
2002 Neil Phillips (Australia)
2003 Rod Phillips (Australia)
2004 John Maier (AZ, USA)
2005 Andres Käär (Estonia)
2006 Mal Harding (OR, USA)
2006 Alan Mansfield (Australia)
2006 Mike Sheridan (New Zealand)
2007 Francis Falardeau (Quebec, Canada)

It is time to nominate any rogaine organizer for the next Geoduck Award. Your selection should be sent to Rod Phillips. Any currently active organizer of major 24-hour rogaines is eligible. Please send a paragraph on the attributes and activities of your nominee. Non-Geoducks may also make nominations.

Victorian Rogaining Championships

27-28 October 2007

Glenburn, 1hr north of Melbourne

The 32nd Victorian Rogaining Championships were held near Glenburn approximately one hour drive north of Melbourne. This is the site of a number of successful 24-hour university and intervarsity rogaines especially in the 1970s, and is an interesting mix of forest and open farm country. The area has not been used for 24-hour rogaines for several years and the 2007 event represents a start to re-entering this area for major rogaining events. Glenburn has been recognized by the Victorian Rogaining Association as one of its priority 24-hour rogaining sites.

First rogaine in Finland – report

By Sergey Yaschenko, IRF Member

First of all I would like to thank the organizers of the RETKI rogaine - they have demonstrated a very good understanding of the ideals of rogaining and did not turn it into a 24 hour ultra-long orienteering event. It was a very good rogaine; the course demanded both good navigation skills and wise strategic decisions. Iiro (Kakko), it was also my pleasure to meet you in person and compete against your team: I have heard a lot about you and we had had some communication via e-mail some time ago. But it is always great to meet people and have an opportunity to compete together and discuss things.

For those who were not able to come: both the organizational aspects and the competitive part of the Finnish rogaine were of a very high level. I would definitely recommend this event to everyone. In my opinion this organizing team is capable of holding the European championships in accordance with the high IRF standards.