



**INTERNATIONAL
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Invitation

IRF EUROPEAN Meeting in Black Forest National Park 25.11. – 28.11.2015

Dear Barbara Mertin,

in October 2013 a meeting of Sean Willmore (IRF) with representatives of the German Ranger Association, Swiss Ranger Association, Czech Ranger Association and the European representative of the IRF took place in the Bavarian Forest National Park.

It was an important concern for the president of the International Ranger Federation to represent his view regarding the nature preserves and their most important attendants in the area, the rangers. During a common workshop and detailed discussions central crucial points of a **"vision of future, worldwide cooperation"** were worked out.

It was a special concern of Sean Willmore to advance the networking and cooperation in Europe. The number of participants and the engagement during conferences, such as at the annual German Ranger Congress of the German Ranger Association or at the 3rd IRF European Ranger Congress 2014 in Croatia reflect the great interest of the rangers in these topics.

To follow up this line, with this document we invite you, as the representative of your Ranger Association, to a special meeting from November 25th to 27th 2015 in the Black forest National Park with Florin Halastauan, the European Representative of the International Ranger Federation and Sean Willmore, the president of the International Ranger Federation .

Next to the discussion of divers possibilities of cooperation on European level the main topic of this meeting will be the presentation of a strategy paper with a proposal how to establish an IRF European Ranger Association and the discussion of this paper, which is highly important for Sean Willmore and Florin Halastauan.

Attached you will find a summary of this strategy paper worked out by the working-group "International network and cooperation" of the German Ranger Association for your information and personal preparation of the meeting.

Venue: Black Forest National Park <http://www.schwarzwald-nationalpark.de>

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Costs: approx. 30 € night/person incl. breakfast in a double room

All other meals are paid separately

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Program:

Wednesday, 25.11.:

until 18:00 - Arrival and setting -
19:00: Dinner
Locality: Seebachhotel/ Seebach

Thursday, 26.11.:

9:00 to 9:30 **„Rangers in Europe“, Part I:**
Opening - Charly Ebel, Black Forest NP
Statements - Sean Willmore, IRF President
- Florin Halastauan, IRF Europe Representative

9:30 to 10:30 **Presentation of a proposal to establish an IRF
European Ranger Association ERA;**
Mario Schmid/ Michael Grossmann/ Frank Grütz;
German Ranger Association GRA

10:30 to 12:00 Discussion of the proposal

12:00 to 14:00 Lunch

14:00 to 18:00: **„Rangers in Europe“, Part II:**
Discussion of the proposal

19:00: Dinner

Friday, 27.11.:

9:00 to 12:00 **„Rangers in Europe”, Part III**
Determination of future actions

12:00 to 14:00 Lunch

14:00 to 17:00: Field-trip into the core-zone “Wilder See” of the Black Forest
National Park

19:00 Dinner

Saturday, 28.11.: Departures