



Hello,

We are pleased to issue the 4th IGFR Newsletter & apologize in advance for being a bit late and for any shortcomings!

As you know 2019 is a leadership change year for IGFR as Gerhard Resch who presided us for 3 years is succeeded by Friedhelm Zanella until 2022. You can find below the farewell and welcome messages of both gentlemen who eagerly served Golf & Rotary and will continue to do so in the future.

Only days are left to our flagship 56th WC in Hamburg and we expect an extraordinary tournament with record participation. Please register asap if you have not already done so. For those who will miss the full house in Hamburg, Tenerife will be waiting on 7-12 October for our annual IGFR-Europe event.

Hoping that you will enjoy this 4th edition of IGFR Newsletter, please do not hesitate to share with us your comments and feedbacks.

Omer Yalkin

Acting Executive Secretary

Left: Barry Rassin President of Rotary International 2018-19 | Right: Omer Yalkin
Istanbul October 2018



Farewell from our Past President Gerhard Resch

Dear Rotarian friends,

On 1 January 2019 I handed over my presidency to Dr. Friedhelm Zanella and I wish him much joy and success in this role.

During my presidency, events occurred which were not easy to manage. Our general secretary, Oscar Kneubühler, who for many years held a crucial leading role by IGFR and relieved the presidents of much work, dropped out in the middle of my period due to serious illness.

In a crisis meeting of the executive committee in February 2018, past president Omer Yalkin declared himself willing to assume this role until 1/1/2019. After 1/1/2019 Francine Kruyt was to assume this duty. In the meantime, she was meant to stay in contact with Omer Yalkin and the other members of the executive committee, so as to slowly become acquainted with her new duties.

This cooperation, however, unfortunately did not work out. All members of the executive committee were not satisfied with this staffing and thus during a meeting of the executive committee, mid-October in Munich, it was decided that the tenure of Omer Yalkin as general secretary be extended until the end of 2019.

At our next board meeting in Hamburg, on Sunday 26 May 2019, it needs to be discussed how to find a permanent solution for this important position.

In the last three years we have worked a lot, the by-laws were amended and improved, the rules and regulations adapted to the circumstances, a separate "seniors' division" introduced at the World Championships, we were able to recruit new membership countries for IGFR and our membership numbers increased considerably.

A new website was designed, the membership list updated and, what was particularly important to me, an information letter was created for our members. Here new members are introduced, the members given information about our golf tournaments and our work reported on.

I would like to thank all of you for your great cooperation. I have enjoyed the friendship and tried hard to lead IGFR in the interests of the fellowship. I think we have managed to strengthen IGFR and further preserve its appeal.

I wish you and your families all the best for the New Year, in particular health, satisfaction and happiness, as well as many nice golf tournaments.

With best regards, Gerhard Resch



Special note

During my holiday trip in the Caribbean I made a stop in the Bahamas and met Sheila Bethel (Rotary Public Image Coordinator 2017-20) Zone 34 - Georgia, Florida & the Caribbean and Mr. Charles Sealy II - Govener 2019-2021 for the Caribbean and Victoria Bethell - Tournament Coordinator Ocean Club Paradise Island. The Bahamas would be interested to organize the IGFR World Championship in the year 2021 or 2022.

I had a very nice discussion with Mr. Sealy and Victoria Bethell. Both of them will come to Hamburg and introduce their offer.

Gerhard Resch

From left to right: Christl Resch, Victoria Bethell, Gerhard Resch, Sheila Bethel and Mr. Charles Sealy II

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Welcome message by Friedhelm Zanella

Dear Rotarian Golfers,

This is the first letter in my new function as the president of IGFR international, and the right moment to say “thanks” to a lot of people that helped me in the time as incoming president, and to give some ideas about the topics I will concentrate on during the three years of my presidency.

First of all I would like to thank the increasing number of members of IGFR international in a time, when a lot of golf clubs worldwide lose participants. My next thanks goes to the board, especially those members, who gave important impacts to the future of IGFR international. My special thanks belongs to the members of the excom, who are working hard to bring continuity and improvement into IGFR international. Jean Paul Rey is the living example for the continuity of the ruler of the finances. I am very grateful that Ömer Yalkin decided to offer his services as acting secretary after the resignation of Oscar Kneubuehler due to his health problems and after some discussions about the significant cooperation within the excom as a mandatory requirement for this extremely important position. My biggest thanks goes to our former president Gerhard Resch, who initiated some

important changes and improvements during his presidency. Among a lot of decisions I would like to emphasize the significant improvement of our website, the inauguration of an additional tee-box for our “Super – Seniors”, and the introduction and organization of very productive two days meetings of the excom. Already after one month in my new function I feel the pressure of this occupation, and I am very grateful that I can count on his backing in his function as the past president for the next three years.

What are my ideas and objectives for the time of my presidency ? At the moment I see among a lot of starting points three essential topics.

First of all I would like to strengthen the “International” of our IGFR international. This will be not easy because of the concentration towards the strong European Society EGFR, which create the majority of members of IGFR international. I am sure that together with my good friend Luc Salens in his function as the president of the EGFR we will be able to find a good solution that will satisfy all Rotarian golfers. An indication that we are already on a good way are the applications for the World Championships following Hamburg in 2019 and Morocco in 2020 coming from the USA, South Africa, Bahamas and India. It will be the responsibility of the board and the excom to make these events interesting for Rotarian Golfers from all over the world.

Secondly, and this is in close correlation to the first point, I would like to strengthen the board (and the excom) by more internationality and creating committees lead by board members under strict consideration of the By Laws. Possible committees could be for instance for Memberships, for Rules and Regulations and for Tournament Guidelines.

Thirdly I would like to see IGFR international more present in the public. Gerhard Resch already did (with the help of Werner Luidolt) an important step by the significant improvement of the website. Additionally I am convinced that we have to be more present in the social medias as facebook, twitter and linkedin. One problem is the age of the majority of the members, which makes it difficult to understand and handle with this “new stuff”. We have to find friends, which are able and willing to support us in this important issue.

Our next “big point” will be the World Championship in Hamburg in May 2019. I know that the organization committee under the leadership of Bruno Meissner and Günther Strube is doing a brilliant job, and I am convinced that this event will have an overwhelming success. I encourage all Rotarian Golfers to join this wonderful fellowship in extraordinary exciting city of Hamburg. I am looking forward to meet the members of IGFR international in our yearly assembly, and the board members at the board meeting one day before.

I would be happy, if all the members of IGFR international could give me the support they gave to Gerhard Resch, and I am open for every discussion and proposals making IGFR international better and stronger.

Sincerely yours

Friedhelm Zanella





Member's corner

Managing members is not an easy task.

According to Bylaws there are 3 categories of members: Annual members, Life Time members and Honorary members.

Annual members are those who generally participate only once in the WCs and pay a membership fee of 25 Euros. About 280 members are currently registered as annual members.

There are currently more than 700 life time members, spread all over the world and on all continents. Since 2017 Victoria WC, Life time membership fee is \$120, or CHF 120.– or Euros 100.–

Together with partners IGFR becomes a big family of about 1520.

We have only few members belonging to the category of Honorary members. They do not pay any fees.

The addresses of some members being incomplete, we request that new members must register on our website by completing all the sections under Membership. **Also we advise to all members to log in and review their contact info.**

The membership fee can be paid by Pay Pal system through treasurer@igfr-international.com or by bank transfer of the aforementioned amount to UBS Switzerland AG, PO Box 1260 Nyon IBAN CH20 0022 8228 5802 1401 L

In 2018 IGFR gained 18 Annual and 39 life time members and since each member

is an ambassador of Rotary Golf, **we could double our membership if each member could bring one new member to IGFR International in 2019.**

Thanking you in advance for the steps you will undertake this year to strengthen our ranks and rejuvenate membership of IGFR ...

Jean Paul Rey, Treasurer IGFR



Members as of January 2019:

Germany 154

Switzerland 148

USA 140

Austria 66

Italy 53

Australia 47

Finland 46

Netherlands 35

United Kingdom 33

Canada 28

France 24

India 20

Sweden 15

Belgium 14

Japan 12

Denmark , Turkey 11

Countries with less than 10 members are: Nigeria, Slovenia, Estonia, South Africa, Philippines, Scotland, Croatia, Sri

Lanka, Mexico, Norway. Portugal, Spain, Nepal, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Cayman Islands, Zambia, Cech Republic, Ivory

Cost, Corea, Luxemburg, Argentina, Uganda, Lebanon, Qatar, Egypt, Slovakia, Botswana, Hungary, Liechtenstein, Zimbabwe, Colombia, Kenya, Poland, Indonesia, Ireland, Barbados, Pakistan, Jamaica, Taiwan, Arab Emirates, Lithuanian, Marocco, Bahamas, Jersey.

Total: 950 members.

Mostly Life Time members (70%).

All continents and 61 nations represented. 68 % of the members are Europeans.

Together with our partners we are a big family of 1520!

Member's area:

You can login to the member's area with the password you have received. There you can see the pictures, video's, official documents and member's list.

Do you need help with member's login?

1-Copy password in the email you received

2-go to IGFR website- link in the e-mail

3-go to "login" upper left of website

4-paste the password given

Questions? Please contact us.

You lost your password? with this link you can easily request a new password:
www.igfr-international.com/membership/membership-login/password-reset/

New members – welcome to our family:

Nilsson Lars, Sweden

Shah Samir, India

Burmeister Ulf, Germany

Grinton John, Canada

Prevot Ean Francois, France

Halima Mugide, Uganda

Elangbam Kameswar, India

Rathmann Andreas, Germany

Klitsgaard Lise, Denmark

Leipalu Rein Serva, Estonia

Bonvin Jacques, Switzerland

Kirsten Bernd

Koller Beat, Switzerland

Lobenius Nils-Magnus, Sweden

Mora Constantino Nestor David, Mexico

Hollweg Thomas, Germany

Thuerwaechter Felix, Germany

De Puechredon Marc, Switzerland

Gredler Thomas, Austria

Eriksson Claes, Sweden

Malmberg Carl-Arne, Sweden

Schalk Van der Willem, Germany

Oueriko Gaoudi Bertin, Ivory Coast

Gmachl Johann Georg, Austria

Stubbs Felix, Bahamas

Shannon Mike, USA

Sheth Parag, India

Ang-McCaughey Jennifer, Canada

Mödden Hermann, Germany

Mugomba Gilbert, Germany

Francia Paul, Philippines

Kuningas Neeme, Estonia



Our next tournament is in Hamburg 2019:

See the website Hamburg for communication.

www.igfr-hamburg-2019.de

[Read more about Hamburg 2019](#)

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