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### **Editor's Note**

This special, interim issue is coming to you today due to a priority need to get information to you about the upcoming congress in Bolivia and on the IRF elections.

Please note that we still plan on posting an April – June, second quarter edition of **The Thin Green Line** in May. The deadline for submission is still **9th May**, but I will take submissions any time up until **23rd May** at the latest. The issue will go out during the last week of May.

Thanks.

Bill Halainen  
Editor

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### **VI World Ranger Congress in Bolivia**

If you are interested in attending the VI World Ranger Congress in Bolivia this coming November, please read the updates below. IMPORTANT NOTE – the early registration deadline has been extended to **15th May**.

The web site for the Congress has been moved from the Chile host site to one in Bolivia, so updates to the web pages can be posted quickly and directly by the organizers. The new web site is [worldrangercongress.org](http://worldrangercongress.org)

Arrangements with the newly available PayPal service in Bolivia are taking longer than anticipated, so the early registration deadline has been extended to May 15th. If you want to use the PayPal option, you may register now for the early registration rate without paying yet. The Congress organisers will notify you when PayPal is available. Once PayPal is up, you will have two weeks to pay via PayPal and still get the early registration rate of \$800 U.S. If you do not pay within two weeks of being notified of the availability of PayPal, your rate will be the regular registration rate of \$1,000.

Here's the full schedule of registration fees: \$800 through May 15th, \$1,000 from May 15th to July 31st, and \$1,200 from August 1st to November 1st.

We already have nearly 70 delegates registered, with another 40 confirmed with funding from sponsoring agencies. As soon as PayPal is available I anticipate registration will be brisk.

Reminder: Abstract papers for presentations are due by **10th May**. Information is on the web site: [worldrangercongress.org/envio\\_en.html](http://worldrangercongress.org/envio_en.html). Please encourage your colleagues to consider submitting proposals for presentations. Once those proposals have been reviewed, the program will be developed with more details.

Carola and the organisers have put their energy into gaining the political support of the Ministry and in gaining sponsorships, moving the web site, and contracting with the hotel, conference centre, and PayPal. We will soon get regular reports so everyone knows the progress being made with more details of the program.

We look forward to seeing many of you in Bolivia this year!

Best wishes,

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### **Call For Nominations For IRF Positions**

The next IRF World Congress membership meeting will be held on the final day of the VI World Ranger Congress in Bolivia. At this meeting, we will need to vote for international officers (president, vice president, secretary and treasurer) and for regional representatives.

An election committee, chaired by Reeta Hyttinen of Finland, is being established. The role of this committee is to receive and validate nominations for positions and to oversee the election process. Thank you to Reeta for accepting this position.

Nominations need to be received by the IRF secretary Elaine Thomas ([irfsec@yahoo.com.au](mailto:irfsec@yahoo.com.au)) and the election committee chair ([reeta.hyttinen@metsa.fi](mailto:reeta.hyttinen@metsa.fi)) no later than **31st August**.

**The call for nominations is attached.**

We look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

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