

Thank you Charlie!

A week has passed since the ending of the 2012 ISRA Worlds in Malmo, Sweden. A World championship to remember! It must be said that the Swedes are excellent organizers. The level of competition was extremely high and to advance to the next round required a top performance. I'm very happy we witnessed very good performances from our youngsters. The future looks bright for them and for ISRA!

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Charlie informed the delegates that he was considering resigning as Chairman but would continue if the UK won the bid to replace Austria. Austria withdrew their bid to organise the 2013 Worlds a couple of weeks before the Worlds in Sweden.

I take responsibility for the fact that we haven't approached the Chairman transfer with the needed respect and dignity that Charlie deserves after all that he has done for the organization.

We took a difficult decision in Malmö, not knowing in advance what the outcome would be.

Everyone involved with ISRA; organizers, racers, delegates and officials will welcome Charlie's support and experience to continue developing the organization. I will need his opinion and assistance in upcoming delicate situations.

On behalf of the ISRA family, the ISRA officials have decided that Charlie will become our 'Honorary President'. After some 19 years of dedicated service as Chairman of the ISRA family and founder of the organization... he deserves the utmost respect from everyone involved past, present and future! Thank you Charlie!

The countdown and preparations for the Ukraine 2013 Worlds have started. I'm sure Team Valiko will do their best to make their Worlds as successful and well organised as Sweden 2012!

Chris Bruyninx
ISRA Chairman