



Press release – February 2019

Extraordinary General Meeting of the ITRA, Milan, 2 February 2019.

The ITRA statutes are being updated with a view to better representing the community of runners and race organizers brought together by the association and as required by its new mission as a technical partner of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF). At an extraordinary general meeting in Milan on Saturday 2 February 2019, the national representatives of the runners and race organizers, the founding members, and representatives of the national athletics member-federations of the ITRA approved:

- the final 2018 budget
- the provisional budget for 2019
- the new ITRA statutes.

A quorum (243 votes) was determined, 303 voting members being present. The 2018 result was unanimously accepted. The 2019 budget was passed (one abstention). The change of statute was unanimously approved. No votes were recorded against either of the two agenda items put to the vote.

The figures:

The number of race organizers and runners brought together by the ITRA is increasing year on year, swelling the ranks of the international trail running community:

- 87,200 ITRA runner accounts (50,600 in 2017)*
- 8,500 runner members of ITRA (6,200 in 2017)
- 1,700 race organizer accounts (1,300 in 2017)*
- 1,200 race organizer members of ITRA (1,000 in 2017)
- more than 2,300 ITRA insurance policies taken out (1,094 in 2017)
- 5 000 races listed on the ITRA calendar in 2018 (4,000 in 2017).

** free accounts and/or expired membership.*

The financial situation:

The 2018 budget and the provisional 2019 budget were approved.

The income generated by runner and race organizer membership contributions was greater than expected. The targets for growth have been attained and even exceeded such that the ITRA can continue to be self-financing in a healthy and sustainable manner.

This surplus will be reinvested into the web site and the investment will amortized over a period of 3 years. To thank the ITRA community, and to ensure that the wishes of the community are being fulfilled, a questionnaire was sent to all those on the ITRA mailing list and a qualitative study was carried out with the organizers in order to orient IT planning for the future.

Proposals for the redesign of the website are being examined. If the proposals are approved by the Board of Directors of ITRA, the object of the proposed changes will be to facilitate navigation by users of the site, with enhanced interactivity and reactivity.

This will mark a major turning point in the evolution of the association, made possible by the enthusiastic support of the community of trail runners who have supported ITRA ever since 2013.

The new ITRA statutes

Background to the amendment of the statutes:

Over the past two years, ITRA and the IAAF have been working to structure a mutual relationship. The IAAF is seeking greater involvement in trail running whilst remaining the main interlocutor of the national athletics federations. The ITRA, meanwhile, is seeking to bring together all those involved in trail running - race organizers and runners as well as the national trail running associations, trail race venues, brands... etc.

In view of this, the ITRA sought to modify its statutes in order to bring them into line with the projected developments. The "Institutional membership" category has been removed from the statutes, the role of the national representatives of the runners and the race organizers has evolved, and the duration of the mandate has been extended from the initial 2 years to 4 years, allowing greater flexibility of action. As the main interlocutors for their respective countries, national representatives are responsible for keeping their community up-to-date with ITRA news as well as for relaying any national issues that may arise to the Steering Committee and to the team in charge of the day-to-day management of ITRA in order for suitable solutions to be found.

The "founding" members are to be renamed "permanent" members and may decide to stand down from the original group in order to offer their place to a third person skilled in the art, selected and co-opted by all of the remaining permanent members of the group, in order to preserve the original trail running vision that was central to the creation of ITRA.

The new ITRA statutes were approved by all those present (in person or online) at the Extraordinary General Assembly. This approval endorses the resignation of the members of the steering committee before the next elections (June 2019) in order to institute a 4-year cycle of elections, timed to coincide with the election of national representatives.

See the [new ITRA statute](#)

About ITRA

Created in July 2013, the ITRA (International Trail Running Association) aims to give a voice to the world of trail running in order to promote a strong ethical code, diversity, race safety and the health of the runners, to contribute to the development of trail running, and to foster discussion with national or international institutions having an interest in the sport.

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