



International Rafting Federation

Guide Training & Education Report – September 2017

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GT&E committee hereby assesses its annual activities, results, stats as well as outlines a draft of the y2018's Strategic Plan.

Most recognizable Stats 2016-2017:

- *Total **1972** (including 442 in country registration) Active Certificates in **66** countries (2011/ 805, 2013/ 1393, 2015/ 1693 in 53 countries)*
- ***123** Active instructors in **34** countries*
- ***6** countries having country registration (3 new countries have been contracted in 2016-2017 (Italy, Argentina, Austria))*
- ***450** new assessments in 2016, **360** until September in 2017 (estimated 450 by the end of the year)*

Established and in function:

- Professional Admin
- Global Assessment Standards
- Regular Assessments, Workshops and Guide Training Programs on 5 continents
- Dynamic growth in Raft certificates
- Safety Kayak certificates as growing schemes
- Annual IRF GTE conference
- Whitewater Rescue Challenge– recognized by IRF – Annually end of April in Wildalpen, Austria.

Have been kicked off and development started:

- *IRF Rafting Operators Best Practice Certificate* (providing administration tools and promoting safety standards)
- Reintroducing the IRF Scheme in Canada and the US, working on gaining more members in those areas
- Regional Assessors system, representing the IRF and supervising key geographical areas
- Updating and developing all IRF GTE documentation and resources. New IRF award structure document available on the website

Draft of the y2018's Strategic Plan:

The following bullet points shall be included in the y2018 SP:

- IRF Rafting Operators Best Practice Certificate to be promoted
It is IRF's biggest opportunity to involve operators
- IRF GTE conference in Argentina October 2018

- Change administration to an automatized online system, optimizing administration and card printing costs.
- Implementing IRF Event Safety / Rescue certificates
- The IRF Scheme has become stable enough to get legalized on National levels. It has been delivered across National Rafting Federations in 6 countries. This gives us further opportunity to take on more and more countries.
- “Getting things done and getting closer to reach our goals” does not work effective on a volunteer base, as outlined in SPs since 2008! People in the constant line-up of daily workload and in active working status will need to be remunerated and further such colleagues will need to be recruited!
- In long term: Start EU implementation of the AS through National systems

More information about IRF GTE in detail:

here: <http://www.internationalrafting.com/gte/>