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World FALCONRY DAY

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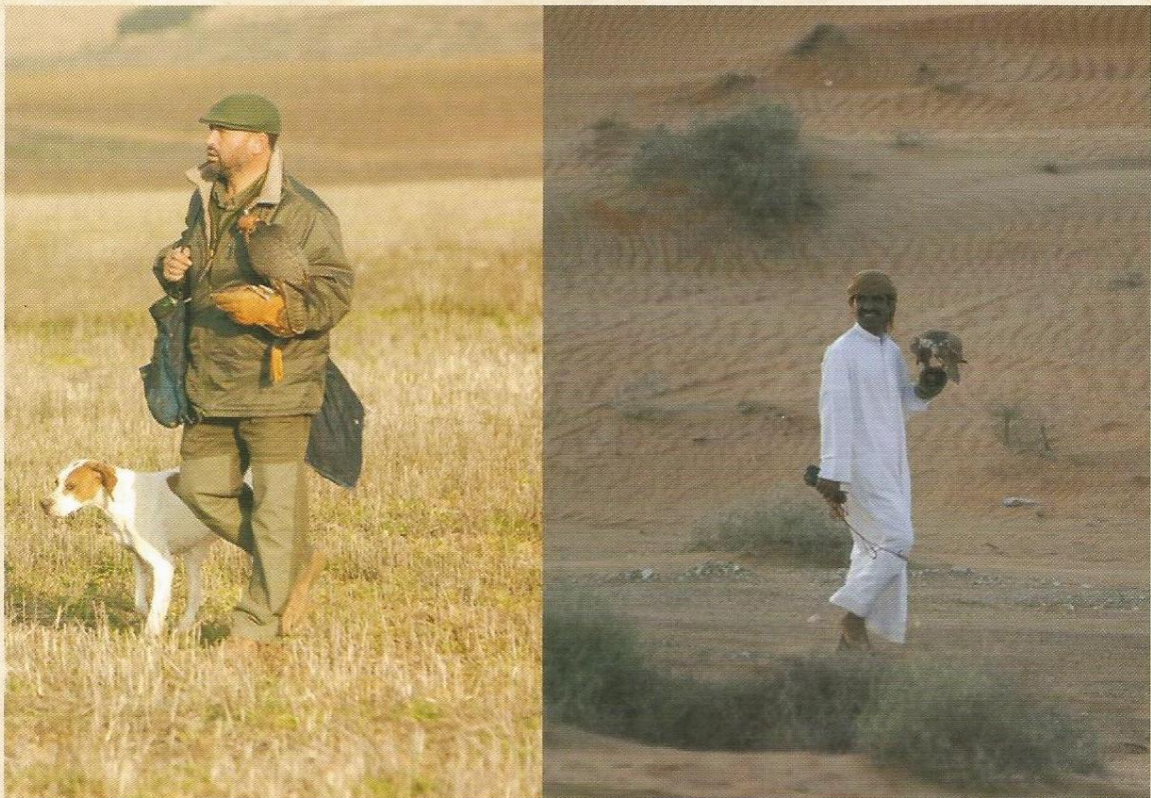
On February 14th, our friend, tireless contributor and Executive Secretary of the IAF Gary Timbrell congratulated members of the Advisory Committee with the following words:

"A Happy St. Triphon's Day to all of you. Triphon, the Eastern Patron of Falconry and of wine, my saint of preference"

The reaction was immediate, and throughout the day were sent many different messages congratulating the day. Anthony Crosswell presented a long list of saints associated with

falconry, collected from the article written by Christian de Coune in the IAF magazine (2009). However it is clear that not all falconers are Christians. For this reason any congratulations for being the day of the patron becomes meaningless for those who do not believe in saints.

To have a day on which all falconers can celebrate our sense of belonging to the falconry community is an idea that has long been in my head. When a falconer, at sunset, returns home after his hawks' flight on the other side of the world another falconer wakes from his dreams. For 4000 years of



When a falconer goes to bed, at the other side of the world the sun rises to another falconer's dreams. For more than 4000 years the tradition of falconry has kept flying in the skies worldwide

falcons flying in the sky, without borders or human differences, keeping alive the heritage of falconry.

When I received the e-mail from Gary Timbrell I recalled the idea of a World Falconry Day and shared it with the rest of the Advisory Committee. Its reception was unanimous. We agreed that a specific day in which to celebrate recognition of falconry year after year is a feasible project and encouraging.

In June the next AGM will discuss the proposal with the assembly for approval. In general terms it is as follows:

WHAT?

Each year, on a specific date, participants coordinated by the IAF, from largest number of countries, working with a common theme related to falconry.

WHY?

It is interesting to concentrate actions on a common platform.



On November 16th, falconry bells will sound in every corner of the world

Synergies are created. We multiply the visibility. IAF is also UNESCO's advisory NGO. As Frank Bond said this "will provide proof to UNESCO that the IAF is fulfilling its role of promoting and protecting falconry as an intangible cultural heritage".

Aims

- Identify and promote the Intangible Cultural Heritage that constitutes falconry
- Increase visibility of

falconry to society

- Nourishing a sense of belonging to the falconry community
- Promoting cooperation in different sectors for falconry (academic, cultural, social, political).

WHO?

The World Falconry Day will be organized by a committee set up especially for this purpose within the IAF. Coordinator is expected to be Dr. Javier Ceballos, with the help of PPRR Veronique Blontrock (Europe), Yukio Asaoka (Asia),



Falconry has many positive messages to society