

All change in the chairman's seat

In May, Tom Huddleston resigned from his position as Chairman of the ISDS. As Vice-Chairman, Simon Mosse has now stood in as Acting Chairman. There will be an election for the Chairman's role at the Society's AGM early next year. ISN will bring you more news of this later in the year.



Stepping down

IT is with regret I must inform you that this is the last chairman's message that I will write.

After much thought and discussion with my family I resigned from my position as ISDS Chairman on May 9. Continuing in my position was made impossible, so for the sake of my family and my health I have been left with no alternative.

For much of the last year we did not have an executive officer, so it fell to me to be both chairman and acting executive officer. I found this time exhausting on every level, so I want to thank the many Society members and Bedford staff who gave me support and encouragement to keep going.

Thankfully last September Matthew Pemberton became our executive officer and the task could be shared.

Our Vice-Chairman, Simon Mosse has now taken over the responsibility of leading the Society. He has a long and in-depth experience of the Society and will steer it on the correct path until an election is held for the position of chairman.

Throughout my time as chairman my commitment to the Society has been total, often to the detriment of the rest of my life. I will continue to be heavily involved in the ISDS as a life member, trial competitor and director for life.

I am grateful for the trust that Directors placed in me two-and-a-half years ago. It has been a privilege to serve you all. Thank you.

Tom Huddleston



New challenge for Simon

AS most of you know I took over as Acting Chairman after Tom's resignation, with a majority support of Council and as per the Society constitution.

This will be until the elections during the AGM in Jan/Feb 2020. I, with the backing of Council will endeavour to keep the Society in its rightful place as the leader in the world of the border collie.

We as a Society have gone through a difficult time with most of 2018 without an executive officer and with big changes in the office with the retirement of registration officer Sue Fisher and Amanda Alcock leaving for pastures new.

The good news is our registration officer Carol Heard is able to come back to work part-time, and we have two new people, Mandy Black and Isabella Gawel who have helped us enormously these last few months, becoming full-time registration officers.

We again owe a big thanks to Julie and Kim in the office along with Parveen, Gill and Matthew for their efforts to deal with the volume of work created in the absence of registrations knowledge during the busy period of the National trials entry.

Hopefully the weather will be good for the Nationals and the International in Scotland. And I wish you all good sheep and hope to meet friends old and new at the Society trials this summer.

Simon Mosse
Acting Chairman

ENC, A weekend to remember: Correction

CHRISTINE Hall would like to apologise for an editorial error in Carole Le Guellac's account of her winning run with Mack at the ENC. Although it states correctly that the dog was home-bred by Carole and that it was only her second trial with him, Carole did not train Mack solely by herself. He had in fact spent time in training with Bobby Dalziel and had also competed in trials with him.