

How my idea came along: the idea of creating a work group formed by young people inside IAF came to my mind after several events that recently took place; the first one of these events was the IAF meeting set in Doha, where I had the opportunity to get to know several young people who came from every part of the Earth (from the United States to Morocco, and even from places that I had never heard of). Talking with them, I realized that there is a kind of invisible wire that connects us all and makes us equal, despite of the distance; the young people who I talked to are inspired by a great passion, a will to exploit their energies in a constructive way. They are willing to find their way into a world that is not yet their own, a world that is mostly held hostage from the older generations.

What IAF YF is: IAF Young falconers is a work group sponsored by IAF and composed by young people of an age comprised within 16 years and 29 years, opened to everyone without any kind of barrier. The membership expires as soon as a member turns 30 years old.



Purposes: the IAF Young falconers group is started by young in favour of other young; its main purpose is to create a direct communication line among young people from all around the world, in order to exchange and share ideas, emotions, and even simple events or sketches from everyday hunting life.

- reunite all the young falconers from all around the world in order to exchange a great amount of information and experiences, all of which would be narrated and lived in first person by young people! (We know in fact that the same experience is read by a kid in an entirely different way from a grown man).
- Demonstrate the public opinion – namely to the anti-hunting and anti-falconry groups – that there are still many young people who fight to keep falconry alive (this art is often victim of the attacks perpetrated by animalists and it is mainly seen with detachment as if it were completely anachronistic nowadays).
- allow a larger number of young people to get closer to the activity brought on by IAF in defense of falconry all around the world .
- create a group of young people guided by the members who are currently committed with important charges in IAF so that – at the right moment – the old members will be replaced by young people, prepared about all the topics IAF cares about (I do not mean to scare anybody with the menace to send anyone to an immature retirement. I'm only suggesting that we should learn following your example).
- Go to school in order to raise the interest of people of the same age about falconry (even in this case, I don't want to offend the grown guys, but I have noticed that if I go to a school where the boys are only a few years younger than me, the students perceive the topic of falconry as if it were closer to them. That doesn't happen if the speaker is some older friend).

The IAF YF structure: everybody can join the IAF YF. Not only people who are already in contact with IAF but also young people who have never heard of it before.

Everybody will be able to get in contact with each other via mail or Facebook or in every which way that could encourage the sharing of ideas, doubts, perplexities or experiences.

For practical reasons, it would be preferable if there were a representative for every country (without altering the utter equality among the members). The representatives should summarize the initiatives and maybe write down the experiences of the associates, or even collect photos or videos which will be shared with the other members (both elder and young members).

