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ITRA Announces Re-election of Janet Ng as President and New Leadership Team

Lausanne, Switzerland – The International Trail Running Association (ITRA) announces that Janet Ng has been re-elected as President, together with a new leadership team, to head up the world's largest trail running association for the next four years.

Janet, who is based in Hong Kong, was re-elected President of ITRA by its Steering Committee. Since 2015, Janet has been the Treasurer and a member of the Executive Board of the association. In 2021, she was elected President.

Under ITRA's constitution, the Steering Committee is required to form an Executive Board. The following members of the Steering Committee have been elected to form ITRA's Executive Board:

- **Janet Ng** (Hong Kong) – President
- **Pól O Murchú** (Ireland) – Treasurer
- **Enrico Pollini** (Italy) – Secretary General
- **Amir Ben-Gacem** (Tunisia) – Vice President
- **Rainer Duespohl** (Germany) – Vice President
- **Rui Pinho** (Portugal) – Vice President
- **Robert Watson** (Australia) – Vice President

José Santos, a member of the outgoing Steering Committee and Vice-President, will cease to hold office. Ms Katarzyna Melcer will be promoted as Operations Manager.

Janet says:

"I am honoured to be re-elected as the President and am grateful for the trust shown to me by the Steering Committee and for this opportunity to lead ITRA through the next four years. I would like to congratulate all my colleagues who have been elected to the new Executive Board – Pól, Enrico, Amir, Rainer, Rui and Robert. What a dream team! Congratulations also to Katarzyna on her well-deserved promotion. We are all looking forward to working closely together with ITRA's wonderful Pro Team to promote the best interests of trail runners everywhere.

I would also like to thank the outgoing members of the Steering Committee and national representatives for their work over the last four years. In particular, thank you to José Santos, our

Managing Director, for leading the team in our day-to-day work and his massive contribution to ITRA over many years.

ITRA has made real progress in the past decade, and we can now confidently look ahead to our next chapter. For the coming four years, we will continue to develop great services for our athlete members and for organisers. We will also focus on deepening our connections with trail running communities worldwide. Most importantly, ITRA will continue to be a beacon for trail running values. We will continue to collaborate with all stakeholders in an open and neutral manner and play our part in steering the sport's development in a healthy and responsible way.

Having now completed our elections, I look forward to working with the new Executive Board, members of our Steering Committee, our National Representatives, our ambassadors around the world and, of course, Katarzyna and our small but dedicated and productive Pro Team based in France. Together, we have a lot of exciting work to do to promote, develop and protect trail running as a sport for all. Trail running's future is bright – let's get to work! One trail, one heart!"

Editorial note

About ITRA – International Trail Running Association

Founded in 2013, ITRA (the International Trail Running Association) represents around 150,000 athletes and 3,500 event organizers members in over 160 countries. ITRA is the leading reference organization for trail running globally, providing services to individual trail runners and trail running organizations, as well as international leadership for the sport. For more information about ITRA please visit our website www.itra.run.

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