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Dear Falconers, falconry associations and all people associated with Falconry.

On 16 November we celebrate the fifth edition of **World Falconry Day (WFD)**.

Each year, we invite you to celebrate with a common theme regarding falconry. This year we have chosen the slogan '**Learning and teaching. Passing on our cultural heritage.**' We want to value the work of masters – those falconers who, in addition to doing things well, daily share their knowledge and experience.

With their teaching vocation they channel new falconers into responsible falconry. They recognize the elements that identify the falconry tradition of their community. They guarantee that falconry heritage will pass on to the next generation. We have all learned in some way from those who preceded us. Knowledge is of the few things one can give... and not be left without it. It is time to share, with the falconers that we know, our contribution to the understanding and practice of this noble art.

The activities of WFD take place in the week that includes 16 November, the anniversary of falconry recognition by UNESCO as Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. However, this edition will run until December, with the 4th International Falconry Festival, to be held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, from 4-9 December.

Thanks to the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, and the collaboration of the Emirates Falconers Club, hundreds of children and young people from 80 countries will gather to share knowledge and falconry experience. [www.falconryfestival.org](http://www.falconryfestival.org)

### **How to participate in World Falconry Day**

All individuals, clubs and organizations are welcome to participate and use the WFD logo, irrespective of membership of the IAF. The only important consideration is that the activity should be designed to develop a good image of falconry at local and global level. You can download the logo in [www.iaf.org](http://www.iaf.org)

If you wish, your activity can be part of the official programme of the IAF and subsequently be publicised internationally. To arrange this, please send your proposal to [wfd@iaf.org](mailto:wfd@iaf.org)

Proposals will be evaluated by the members of the IAF WFD working group. Approved proposals will be listed on the IAF website, and can then use the logo of the IAF in promoting the event.

Thank you for helping World Falconry Day by sharing this message wherever you consider appropriate.

You can find updated information both on the WFD page of [iaf.org](http://iaf.org) and on Facebook.

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