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The hunt is on; we need more TDs;

More specifically, we need the next generation of British FIS TDs. GB currently has 4 FIS TDs, of whom 3 are over 60 (sorry ladies!). Without successors not only will GB not have a presence on international hills but we will also start to lose our places on influential FIS Committees.

So, what do you need to become one of the next generation?

First, a commitment to alpine ski racing. A racer, trainer, coach, official - all are candidates; the right foundation for the training. The younger you are the better, but the maximum age for becoming a FIS TD is notionally 40.

You don't need to be an existing race official; if you are the right person and are willing to commit, then it's relatively easy to teach you to be an official and then to give you the required experience.

You can start whenever you want. Carry on coaching/racing at the same time as getting a taste for managing races and building knowledge and experience. As life changes, the balance can also change.

You don't need to speak another of the 'FIS languages' - assuming you've managed a working grasp of English! Undoubtedly a working knowledge of German or French will make it easier for you to integrate on international hills. But again, for the right person, this is something to work on rather than being a pre-requisite or a barrier.

You need people skills - the ability to become part of an already-established team but also the ability to lead, manage, influence, and direct that team.

Picture yourself on an Olympic or World Cup race hill? Think this may be another outlet for your talents, then talk to any of the British TDs. They'll be happy to let you know what's involved. Want to see what it's like managing a race? Volunteer to be a Referee - you'll see it all from the inside.

Want to take it further? Contact Ian Roberts (Chair of the British TDs) (ciroberts@btinternet.com) or any of the British TDs.