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RICHARD LUMLEY

SUPPORTS GFCCI'S CONTINUED GROWTH WITH A £200 DONATION

The Gloster Fancy Canary Council International warmly thanks Richard Lumley, President of the International Ornithological Association (IOA), for his generous personal donation of "£200" towards the Council's work.

Just one week after presenting the Order of Merit to GFCCI Chairman Nick Barrett announced that, Richard has followed that recognition with practical support for the Council's continued growth and progress. His contribution is a welcome gesture of encouragement to everyone working to strengthen the international Gloster community.

Richard's involvement in the bird fancy extends well beyond his presidency of the IOA. He was elected President of COM-UK at its formation in May 2011 and also took on responsibilities as a World Show conveyor, helping support British participation in international exhibiting. These roles reflect a longstanding commitment to bringing breeders together and supporting the fancy across national borders.

His connection with Glosters is also personal: the IOA's report on the 62nd World Show records his participation as an exhibitor in the Gloster section. He therefore brings both organisational experience and a breeder's understanding to his support for the fancy.



For GFCCI, this donation represents both valuable financial assistance and an encouraging expression of confidence in the Council's direction.

"A message of thanks from Chairman Nick Barrett"

"Dear Richard, on behalf of the GFCCI and personally, I would like to offer my sincere thanks for your generous donation of £200.

"Receiving the Order of Merit was a very special honour for me. To have you follow that presentation with such thoughtful support for the Council makes your kindness all the more meaningful.

"Your contribution will help us continue developing our work and strengthening the links between Gloster enthusiasts around the world. The encouragement behind your gift is equally appreciated by those giving their time and effort to the Council.

"Thank you, Richard, for your friendship, your longstanding service to the bird fancy and your confidence in what we are working to achieve together."

Nick Barrett
Chairman, GFCCI

The GFCCI welcomes a new Councillor

Mutaz Nazzal

We are delighted to welcome "Mutaz Nazzal as the newly appointed GFCCI Councillor for Palestine".

His appointment follows the new rule passed at our AGM in September, allowing new councillors to be appointed through an online vote without waiting until the next AGM. This gives the GFCCI greater flexibility to expand its international representation throughout the year, strengthening connections between Gloster enthusiasts across different countries.

Mutaz is a "COM/OMJ International Judge", qualified in sections E1 and E2 for Frill and Non-Frill Canaries, with particular expertise in Gloster and Yorkshire Canaries. His experience includes eight



years as a local judge and three years as an international judge. He currently serves as President of the Judges Committee in Palestine, supporting the organisation of judging activities and the development of fellow judges.

A dedicated Gloster breeder with more than 20 years of practical experience, Mutaz brings extensive knowledge of breeding, selection and exhibition preparation. He also breeds Yorkshire and Crest Canaries. His judging appointments have taken him to shows in Palestine, Türkiye and Jordan, including specialised Gloster competitions and the 2025 Yorkshire Canary Show in Izmir.

We look forward to the experience and enthusiasm Mutaz will bring to the Council, helping us build closer links with Palestinian breeders and encourage the exchange of knowledge across our international community.

On behalf of the GFCCI, we extend a warm welcome to Mutaz and wish him every success in his new role.

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Council Administration Coordinator

Mario Zahra maintains up-to-date Councillor and country records, coordinates the administration of nominations, and helps track Council decisions and follow-up actions.
He supports clear communication and organised record-keeping, ensuring that relevant information remains accurate and accessible to the Council.



Judges Panel Administration Coordinator

Fabrizio Ioppolo receives and organises judges' nomination forms and supporting evidence, maintains accurate records for Class A, B and C, and monitors the progress of assessments. He coordinates the necessary documentation and follow-up enquiries, helping ensure that applications are complete and clearly presented for Council consideration.

Communications and Newsletter Coordinator

This position remains open! The coordinator collects and organises reports, articles and photographs from Councillors, prepares contributions for publication, and helps maintain a reliable newsletter schedule. The role supports clear, timely communication, keeping the international Gloster community informed about Council activities and developments.



Social Media and Website Coordinator

Giustino Imma helps keep the GFCCI Facebook page updated and develops new social media channels, such as Instagram, Tiktok etc. to reach a wider audience. He coordinates posts, shares Council news and activities, and keeps information accurate, engaging and useful, strengthening communication with Gloster enthusiasts around the world.



Recognised Clubs and Shows Coordinator

Michel Abou Khalil maintains regular contact with clubs and show organisers, keeps their records updated, and gathers show dates, results and relevant news. He helps strengthen links across the international Gloster community and coordinates information for sharing through GFCCI's communication channels.



Club 101 Coordinator

Hatim Soudka oversees day-to-day operations, coordinates the team's activities and follows up on agreed actions.

He helps keep work organised, supports communication between team members and monitors progress, ensuring that responsibilities are clear and initiatives move forward.

CLUB 101

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Promotion Officer

Have you got what ot takes?

This position remains open. The Promotion Officer takes the lead in developing fresh ideas for fundraising, publicity and participation. The role involves proposing creative campaigns, identifying sponsorship opportunities and encouraging support for Club 101, working closely with the team to turn promising ideas into practical activities that raise funds and engage the Gloster community.

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Finance Liaison Officer

Clair Osborne maintains accurate records of all income and expenditure and prepares regular financial updates for the Coordinator and Council Secretaries.

She organises supporting documentation, monitors balances and helps ensure that funds are clearly accounted for, supporting transparency and informed planning.