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# International firearm focus group grows

An international body designed to keep firearm owners and the gun trade in touch with the latest threats and concerns now has 22 major gun groups in 14 countries and continues to grow.

The rapid rise in representative organisations affiliating to the International Association for the Protection of Civilian Arms Rights (IAPCAR) is indicative of the heightened awareness among firearm owners and enthusiasts of the need for unity and constant vigilance globally.

As pressure grows to apply increased restrictions on

ownership and sport, so the need to be aware of what is happening in other nations becomes increasingly important.

Trends can be seen where what happens in one area can be picked up on and attempts made to implement similar restrictions elsewhere. Pro-gun bodies need to keep abreast of all developments to prepare for any contagion to assist with achieving a co-ordinated response.

IAPCAR is the only worldwide political action group focusing on the human right to keep and bear arms.

Founded in 2010, IAPCAR

conducts campaigns designed to inform the public and promote the right of self-defence and gun ownership.

Philip Watson, IAPCAR's executive director, told *Gun Trade World*: "Our main focus right now is opposition to the UN Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) and Small Arms Treaty.

"The only thing worse than having your rights taken away by your own government is having them taken away by someone else's. Furthermore, it's alarming that instead of using their forces for good, these anti-rights NGOs (non-governmental organisations)

have spent a lot of time and money on the agenda of taking freedom away from honest and law-abiding people."

One of Australia's premier firearm owners' groups, the Firearms Owners Association of Australia (FOAA), joined forces with IAPCAR recently. This means there is now representation from every continent.

Alan Gottlieb, the chairman of the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms and instrumental in creating IAPCAR, expressed delight that FOAA is now affiliated.

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## Innovative airgun gets dedicated site

The Walther LGV, an innovative and ultra-quiet new spring-powered air rifle, has been given its own website.

Two versions of the site will be available – [www.walther-lgv.de](http://www.walther-lgv.de) for the brand's native German speakers and [www.walther-lgv.com](http://www.walther-lgv.com) in English.

Visitors to the sites cannot only check out all the variants on offer but also watch videos and check technical details.

Distributed by Umarex, the Walther LGV has been described as "super state of the art" thanks to its Super Silent Technology, which makes it whisper quiet, while a Vibration Reduction System dampens any recoil considerably.

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## New HQ for Rage Outdoors

Rage Outdoors reported that it recently completed the move into its new corporate headquarters in the Midwestern state of Minnesota.

The new 25,000 sq ft headquarters will house sales and marketing, product management, research and development, human resources, customer support and administration as well as manufacturing and shipping.

Rage Outdoors is a US manufacturer and marketer of innovative, industry-leading archery brands, including Rage Broadheads, the Rage Cage Quiver and Nocktural lighted nocks.

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He said: "We welcome our colleagues from down under. Australian gun owners have had unique experiences over the years with firearm regulations and gun prohibitionists, and we can learn a great deal from each other in our effort to protect firearm rights around the world."

The timing of these latest announcements is very important. This is because it boosts the influence of the international gun-rights movement just as the UN prepares to consider an ATT in July.

Julianne Versnel, the director of operations at the Second Amendment Foundation, which was also instrumental in launching IAPCAR, confirmed IAPCAR's strong opposition to the ATT if it infringes on national sovereignty or individual rights.

Philip added: "IAPCAR's steady growth over the past two years has been gratifying because it proves that firearm owners from every corner of the world believe in their right to keep and bear arms. Personal security and the defence of one's home and family are values shared across international borders, regardless

of an individual's background or nationality."

With member groups on every continent, Philip is elated with the positive response so far received.

Pro Defensa of Costa Rica became the latest organisation to join forces with IAPCAR.

Countries currently represented now include Argentina, Austria, Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Russia and the US.

Other firearm-ownership and sports organisations interested in swelling IAPCAR's ranks can discover more at [www.iapcar.com](http://www.iapcar.com).

## Armed Citizen Alliance formed to help gun owners

Major players in the firearm industry have joined forces to form a new body – the Armed Citizen Alliance (ACA) – to ensure those wanting gun information and support can find it easily and quickly.

As increasing numbers of American citizens take up their right to bear arms, this organisation aims to make advice, information, training and support easily accessible for those taking up the responsibility of owning a gun.

The non-profit-making organisation also aims to be the first port of call for everyone in the concealed-carry and personal-defence community and industry, helping them to become confident in handling their new acquisition in a safe and fun environment.

The ACA says it is there to enable the entire concealed-carry community to be proactive on the issues of practice, preparation, and training.

Currently included in the list of sponsors and supporters are Colt, Ruger, Smith & Wesson, LaserLyte, Sig Sauer, Mossberg, FMG Publications, Rock River Arms, Taurus International, the National Shooting Sports Foundation and Brownells.

Chuck Larson – a co-owner of Rock River Arms, who will



sponsor a stage at the forthcoming National Armed Citizen Challenge event – said: "We are a huge supporter of any organisation willing to offer an opportunity such as this to the average firearm owner. We support our Second Amendment rights and agree that we can all make a safer country by being responsible citizens."

Mark Larson, also a co-owner of Rock River Arms, added: "Having our products available to citizens who are interested in safe firearm handling and protecting their families is a great asset to us."

Mossberg, along with many notable firearm companies and key professionals, says it fully supports this programme and has Tom Taylor, its vice-president of sales and marketing, serve on the ACA advisory council.

Tom explained: "We feel that this new organisation fills a significant need to allow millions of new and existing gun owners to exercise the use of their personal-defence firearms in a practical way."

Mark Kresser, the president and CEO of firearm maker Taurus International, said: "It is an honour, as well as our obligation, to become part of a pioneering organisation taking the initiative to guide and educate responsible citizens to protect themselves and their families safely. The insight expressed towards personal defence by the ACA is based upon professionals who believe self-reliance becomes a responsibility of the individual."

For more details on the Armed Citizen Alliance, visit the website at [www.armedcitizenalliance.com](http://www.armedcitizenalliance.com).