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But, even though the officers of the ITBOF volunteer their time and other costs are kept as low as possible, the operation of the IRN cannot be conducted without subscriptions. The subscriptions, as well as advertising, basically allow the publication to conduct a newsworthy and professional publication.

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