



# Gaia Portús Naturist Resort

## Idyllic jewel in the heart of a nature reserve

I am Sofia, the happy owner of Gaia Portús, a small-scale naturist resort situated in South-East Spain, next to a naturist beach, in the heart of an unspoilt natural reserve, officially declared natural park.

When I first visited this property, I wasn't looking for a resort but for an idyllic, secluded oasis, near a naturist beach, to live in. I searched for one of the best climates of Europe, and where the sea water was the warmest: the "Costa Calida". I also knew what I didn't want: noise, pollution, concrete and mass tourism. We have found this big property of 3 houses scattered in 6 acres, 2 of which being pine forest. The property is at less than a mile from the El Portus beach, in a naturist neighbourhood, but far from the El Portus camping and to any neighbour in fact! I instantly knew it was "my house", the property I had always dreamt of.

I soon realized that the two lovely cabins scattered in paradisiac corners of the property were exactly the kind of places I have always searched for, for my holidays, so I have decided to give them to rent. Logically, we could only accept naturist guests, as our houses are in the same property and share the same swimming pool. We are naturists and nature lovers. Each choice we make is first guided by the respect of environment.

Completely secluded, Gaia is a naturist gem renowned for tranquility, beauty, silence and its amazing views. The size of the property and the hills surrounding it make it a fantastic place for privacy. Situated in the heart of La Muela natural reserve, Gaia is home to an abundance of wildlife. Right from your longchair, you may see our resident wild parrots, hares, hundreds of birds and an endemic species of protected chameleon, to name a few. And we are very proud of having two protected species of eagles, some of them fly above us from time to time.

Gaia is an alternative to the El Portús camping for those who prefer silence, privacy and authentic nature. But it is possible to access the same beach without having to pay any entrance fee as all beaches are public by law.

As Gaia is a much smaller resort, we need less rules. The swimming pool is accessible at anytime, if done in respect of other people's need for rest.

We have two wonderful dogs. They certainly share our sense of warm hospitality as most guests do appreciate them a lot. Guests are invited to share in the fig harvest. They feel rapidly at home, even if it is their first time in a naturist resort, thanks to the relaxed atmosphere of such an intimate place. Gay visitors are equally warmly welcomed.

The cabins are comfortable, well equipped, very cosy and with spectacular views of the next mountain. The property is covered by free and good WIFI.

Each house has its private kitchen, bathroom, terrace, garden and private access path. The only common area is the swimming pool, which has plenty of space for feeling at ease and secure in this time of COVID. We have put in place a special desinfection process after each stay to ensure our guests to feel comfortable and secure in Gaia.

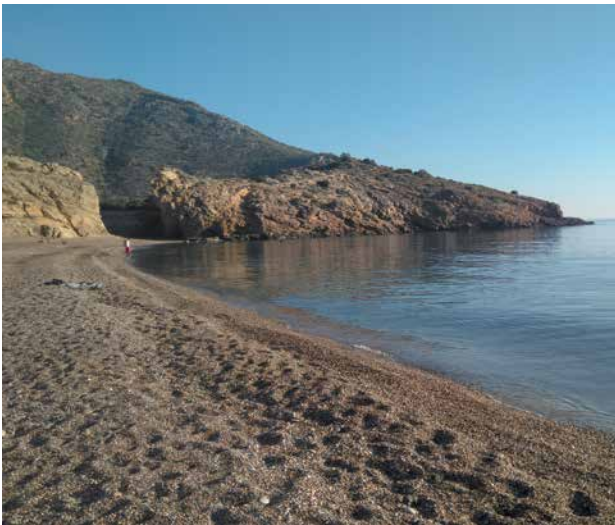
Ahinama is the cabin on the hill with the most astonishing views on mountains and pool.





One of the things our visitors really appreciate is the absolutely delightful experience of its outside shower under the starry sky. Part of its private terrace and garden is under the pine trees. It can accept up to 2 adults.

Satori, a much bigger house, is ideal at all time, perfect for long stays and winter stays, as comfort is the keyword. Our visitors appreciate spending the afternoon below the naturally shadowed pergola and its amazing bougainvillea fushia flowers. It has its own 200 m2 fenced garden, this is why silent and very well-educated dogs are accepted, with prior notice.



For security reasons children under 12 are not authorized to get any close to the swimming pool area. As a consequence, like the rest of the property, it is a place of tranquility, where it is possible to relax with a good book!

The property is surrounded by many paths to explore the hills and mountains, starting straight from the house (as many hours as you want!) or go to the beach on the dry river path. We do a lot of hiking so are always very pleased to give information on naturist hikes. Some of them will lead you to hidden beaches after a few hours of efforts in an incredibly beautiful sightseeing surrounding.

Gaia Portús is situated at 2 minutes from the beach. With a 15 minutes trip you are in Cartagena, visiting the 3000-year-old roman and Phoenician city. A 30-minute trip will take you to Calblanque, another regional reserve with golden sand naturist beaches. Gaia is easily accessible by highway from local airports.

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# Answers from the federations on the effects of Covid-19

We thank you for the numerous submissions on the subject of "Effects of Covid-19" for the Focus. 15 federations have returned a total of 24 questionnaires, which we then divided by country and summarized in alphabetical order.

## 1. What disadvantages did Corona have in the associations?

**AUS** - Several states / territories closed their borders early in the pandemic. This resulted in a hard barrier that prevented the migration of Grey nomads and holiday makers to the warmer states during winter. Also, the general lockdown of non-essential services in March meant an early close to a number of our commercial affiliates. Add to this, the fires across most of Australia during NOV – FEB meant that some venues were unable to open at all, or if they did open, they did not receive anywhere near their usual levels of trade during the high season.

**AUT** - Especially the reduction in social contacts had an impact on club life. The members gathered less often and therefore did not have the opportunity to personally exchange ideas. Hereby many misunderstandings showed up and personal relationships became a little "further away and stranger". For the club management it is more difficult to take decisions and to hold appropriate discussions.

**CH** - Uncertainties among the members about the opening times of the camping ground. Cancelled members meetings. Cancellation of training as of mid-March. Delayed start of the season. Planned events were cancelled, also out of consideration for elder members. Club activities had to be carried out under hygiene regulations. The sauna season had to be stopped a little earlier.

**DE** - As a sports association we had to close the club site for overnight stays. The showers and the sauna also were closed. / The first impacts could be felt already at our members meeting; some members did not show up. The opening of the season was marked by uncertainty. / The main disadvantage for us was the restriction in sports, as we use a sports hall for this and so sports activities were not possible for several weeks. The contact restrictions have delayed the begin of the open-air season and thus of naturism.

**FR** - Mixed attendance when the Club reopened, but steadily increasing thereafter, to reach normal attendance after one month.

**IE** - The only club affiliated to the Irish Naturist Association, Club Aquarius, has had to stop all activity for the foreseeable future and club memberships are on hold. We are not too concerned about it since Club Aquarius members are very loyal and they can join the broader activities of the Irish Naturist Association as full members of INA, too.

**IT** - Since the beginning of March all the events and the scheduled activities had to be cancelled. This has led to a decrease in membership renewal and revenue for all the association. For most of them 2020 could be a year of degrowth. More, the forced stop has reduced the interactions and human relationships between members, which are an important aspect of our association's life.

**LUX** - On the one hand practically no disadvantages, the 2 fields were open permanently, subject to compliance with the relevant hygiene measures. On the other hand, with just one single exception, all other events had to be cancelled.

**MYS** - In Malaysia, RMCO (Recovery Movement Control Order) has been extended to 31st Dec. MYNA still can organize indoor activities monthly and some use online chatting with members. Malaysia has been able to successfully control the spread of Covid-19 infections, but sporadic outbreaks continued to occur. The increasing number of cases globally meant it would take a longer period before Malaysia could be free of the deadly virus. The RMCO was the latest in a series of movement control orders stemming from the initial movement control order which began on 18th March under which all gatherings and public activities were suspended, including businesses and schools; borders were closed and tight restrictions imposed on people's movements. The restrictions were gradually lifted and since July, schools and most businesses have been allowed to resume, as well as religious gatherings, domestic travel and entertainment and sporting activities.

**NL** - Our camping ground was opened by June only. Before June we had to keep closed, due to the blocked borders and travel regulations.

**PL** - From the beginning of March our Centre (accommodation, restaurant, pool, sauna, jacuzzi) had to be closed. We were allowed to open on the sixth of June. During this period, we received financial support from the Polish Government.

**PT** - As it is known, Naturism tends to be a community activity. In this sense Naturist Associations in Portugal have a busy activities schedule. Corona Virus had a strong effect on associations, mainly because it made impossible for most activities to go forward. It was only around June that some deconfinement was allowed, with the reopening of all beaches and the possibility of small gatherings of people, as long as the rules set by Health Authorities were followed. Group activities have now been reinstated allowing a recuperation by Associations.

**ROU** - For us the main disadvantage was and still is the fact that we cannot sustain our regular meetings and events indoors and also outdoors.

**THAI** - Disadvantage is not a word strong enough to describe the disaster the pandemic has been for the Naturist Association Thailand. Thailand locked down the country and allowed no foreign arrivals since April. Since the naturist resorts in Thailand rely at 95 percent on international naturist arrivals, the effect has been an economic catastrophe. So far, the Naturist Association Thailand has lost two resorts due to the lack of income:

1. Oriental Village in Chiang Mai and 2. Phuan Naturist Village in Pattaya. Two more are considering closing.

## 2. What extreme restrictions had to be observed in the associations?

**AUS** - Most member groups were required to close initially. As restrictions have eased in some states, associations in those states have been able to partly reopen, however social distancing restrictions still apply. This is a limit on the number of people that can be in one area at a time. Most places have not opened the spas and saunas due to social distancing requirements.

**AUT** - The club premises were allowed to open with various restrictions: keeping minimum distance, mask required in the club house, only one person permitted to stay in smaller rooms, washing hands, maximum 5 persons in the pool. Smaller events like volleyball and film evenings, boccia tournaments etc., too, were carried out under conditions. Larger meetings and celebrations were not allowed to take place, at the expense of the sense of community.

**CH** - The camping ground was kept closed till 6th June 2020 / Most of the club activities were allowed to take place, subject to compliance with the regulations. / There were no further restrictions to that.

**DE** - All the sports facilities remained closed until late in the summer season, as well as the sauna and the restaurant. A concept was established for the use of the sanitary areas. Here, too, some restrictions had to be accepted. Dates during Spring for the site maintenance had to be postponed. All sports events as well as our solstice celebration were cancelled. Same applied to the "taster courses". In total, club life was very restricted. Nevertheless, we were grateful that we

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could use our ground. / All practice lessons and all events had to be cancelled- summer party, family brunch, award festivities, trips, etc.

**FR** - Closure of the during the "half-confinement".

**IT** - Our associations must cancel every scheduled event, both the winter indoor spas and the spring outdoor activities. Both these types of events are very important to tighten relationships between members and for selling annual stamps. In Italy the outdoor activities were allowed from the beginning of June, but with many restrictions and cautions.

**LUX** - Government directives concerning COVID-19, but no problem given the size of the grounds.

**NL** - We are open again since June, but for members only, unfortunately not for guests, due to a restriction of the sanitary facilities. For that reason, no revenues as for other years.

**PT** - There were a few extreme restrictions, mainly in the sense that no gatherings were allowed, which meant that there was no space for collective activities, neither formal meetings nor assemblies.

**ROU** - We must comply with the general restrictions put in place by the authorities. Nonetheless, we observed a relaxation in the last few weeks, which permitted a small meeting on the seaside of some of the members.

**THAI** - Local naturists could and did use all our locations all over Thailand throughout the pandemic more or less unrestricted. There were times when their temperature was measured upon entering and they were requested to keep their mask on until they were seated at their table or in their deckchair. But this was a small inconvenience.

### 3. How did the members get along with this situation?

**AUT**- New members, who are not yet firmly established in the club, got better off. Long-term members are more concerned, they know the club life, which mainly runs on a personal level, totally differently. / In principle our members got along rather well with the restrictions.

**CH** - Partly with misconceptions / the majority supported these restrictions, some opposed them and could not/did not want to understand the situation. Teacher effect (basic resistance - not understanding social laws) / Regarding the club activi-

ties, good. Being naturist in Summer generally also means naturist holidays abroad. Of course, there were many restrictions. / Our members have reacted very well, as we continuously informed on a well-founded and transparent way, about the situation and the rules of conduct on our grounds. Each club member had access to the site and the spots for rented caravans.

**DE** - As can be seen also in society, people deal with the situation very differently. Therefore, there is no general good or bad. / Our members have supported these restrictions, although they did not always show to be logical to us. / Tense. We are a sports club and not a camping club. / Members were not happy, but sympathetically complied with all measures and restriction, or they stayed away from the club's premises.

**FR** - They respected the sanitary instruction, at least at the beginning of the reopening, but much less over time.

**IE** - We are very active on social media and receive enquiries on a very regular basis. Moreover, we have been on the Irish press/radio on several occasions. The lockdown has given us more visibility and we can say we have more members than ever before.

**IT** - All our members complied with the extreme Covid restrictions. In such a difficult situation many have shown awareness and calm.

**LUX** - Very good.

**NL** - Most of them were satisfied and happy that we were able to reopen the camping ground again, some members struggled to respect the 1,5-meter rule. But most people were happy that, at least, they could be among our own members (without any guests).

**PL** - After re-opening in June our customers returned on the same level as the year before.

**PT** - The Portuguese People in general and Portuguese Naturists in particular, had a very precautionous attitude towards this pandemic. Most of the population started with isolation and extensive hygiene procedures, even before these rules were instated by the government. The rule that most affected Naturists was the closure of all beaches, and this was motive for great anxiety in the community, but the restrictions were lifted in June, just when the good weather came along. There is also to be observed the fact that due to capacity restrictions, most people are reaching for new territory this Summer, which meant that Naturist beaches were mostly populated by textiles from mid-July until the end of August. This has greatly

affected naturists. Hopefully this situation will be solved next year, when restrictions are lifted.

**ROU** - In general lines, our members understood the situation, but still is a pressure to develop projects and strategies that ARN tries to establish.

**THAI** - Nobody had a problem complying.

#### 4. Has there been an increase of members in your clubs?

**AUS** - We have seen no increase in the member numbers reported by our affiliates.

**AUT** - Yes, we had a high number of new inscriptions. Corona made many people aware again that it is important to be in a community and to have a beautiful natural site available.

**CH** - Yes, there has been an increase of members. Small and about 10% more than the previous year.

**DE** - There was little or low increase of members only.

**FR** - The number of inscriptions has been stable compared to the other years.

**IE** - We had no new memberships between mid-March and end April, a time in which we weren't offering any activities whatsoever. The Irish Naturist Association has experienced a membership increase of 31% during May-July 2020 in comparison with the same period last year.

**IT** - As previously described, the cancelled events reduced renewals for all our associations. They are trying to catch up in the second part of the year.

**LUX** - SLNL registered an increase of +/- 40 members, due to the „Holidays at Home“ policy and had to order additional stamps.

**NL** - No, the contrary. We implemented a stop for admissions of new members. Otherwise, for example, guests want to be member for one year only. Also, we should keep the number of people down, when possible, because of the restrictions on the sanitary facilities, for example.

**PL** - In July and August we even had more clients compared to the year before. We hardly had any clients from abroad, but this was more than compensated by the fact that more Poles spent their vacation in their own country.

**PT** - There is a slight increase.

**ROU** - Yes, there is an increased interest in ARN and in the naturist movement. We think that the lock-down and the restrictions caused many people to rethink the connection with nature and themselves.

**THAI** - We have seen a decrease in our member base. Some overseas members said they would not renew their membership since they cannot come to Thailand to enjoy the privileges of their membership. We have seen new people join, but mostly Thai nationals about the same level as our growth in previous years, but, with old members leaving, the net number of members has been stagnant.

#### 5. How must the structure of an association be changed, if the situation we have at the moment continues?

**AUT** - The question is, who will assume the responsibility if an infection occurs due to being on the premises. The club management or all the participants? An alliance of the members, celebrations and/or execution of meetings on own responsibility? Otherwise no structural changes are necessary.

**CH** - Work more with digital means. / Strict hygiene rules are needed. In addition, there are guidelines in any sports union, which can be integrated. In case the possibility of training can be maintained, there are no major problems. / The additional hygiene measures ask for a personal commitment and do generate costs. / In principle, the structures do not have to be changed.

**DE** - Changes in structures are not needed, only appropriate organisational measures. / Some buildings do not meet the requirements or meet them to a limited extent only. This mainly concerns the sauna. The bureaucracy and the workload due to the Corona requirements have increased significantly. Permanent changes also contribute to this. Other ways of contact must be found and platforms for this must be created.

**FR** - No change, everything worked well.

**IE** - In April we realised there was no quick end to the pandemic situation, so we followed the example of British Naturism and started to design our own online program: virtual coffee shop and pub meetings for our members, international conferences with other federations and naturists from all over the world, even Spanish lessons for the naturist holiday.

**IT** - In the first weeks of pandemic the only thing to do was to stop all the activities. Later we be-

gan to organize some alternatives activities, like webinars, online meetings, readings, etc., trying to keep the relationship with our naturists alive. Luckily, during the summer in Italy, the pandemic was less aggressive, so we could return to live events in campsites, beaches, resorts and rivers. For the future, if this situation continues, it's not easy to re-organize the structure of a naturist association. For naturism we all need to be outdoor and together; without this, everything else makes little sense, except for a limited period of time.

**LUX** - The end of year general assemblies could be affected due to the limited number of people present (currently max 20 people allowed in Luxembourg).

**NL** - We hope that the situation will improve and that we will be allowed to accept guests again. If not, then we have to expect less growth and therefore less income (unfortunately).

**PL** - During the summer we observed that people tried to keep more distancing, easy to do because the weather was fine. We didn't organise parties or other (sport)-events.

**PT** - If current laws continue to apply, some of the events can occur, mostly outdoors events with limited number of participants. However, it is expected for the law to be more restrictive in the Winter, as a precaution through the flu season. Activities such as indoor swimming pool events and other indoor activities, may have to be postponed. Associations have been following through with their social media coverage, maintaining communication with members, and will keep following all legislation as it comes along.

**ROU** - We don't think the structure is to be changed. We, at ARN, think that the strategies must be changed and oriented to a much closer approach to the members.

**THAI** - No effect on the structure. But we had to overhaul our member offer. We implemented online Zoom (note: videoconference) meetings for the members and have this way managed to keep in touch with a core base of members overseas. We could even do some games online, which made the online events social as well. We also introduced more regular events of a new kind for our members in Thailand. We had art drawing days where local artists came and did life drawing with groups of naturists, which was a successful symbiosis. We also picked up our monthly outing by boat, changing it to be a nude fishing and snorkelling trip on a renovated fishing boat.

**6. Have you had financial losses or were the financial impacts positive?**

**AUS** - As said before, with the fires across most of Australia and the Covid closedown, some resort venues (aka commercial) have had minimal trade over the high season. Our affiliates who are member owned clubs are surviving on their membership fees and have lost the funds from traveling naturists.

**CH** - There are some members who will skip this season. We expect considerable financial losses for the recently started season. / Yes, the restaurant business did not run as usual and the foreign tourists were absent during the whole summer. / Slightly positive, mainly because we had less trainings and thus less costs. / The expenses on Corona were about 500 CHF. They were compensated by more entrance fees.

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**DE** - No events mean no sponsoring money. Additional costs arose for the hygienic measures. / Loss of income in the canteen and due to the closure of the sauna. / The plus on costs was mostly compensated by an increase of members.

**FR** - No financial losses, no important additional revenues.

**IT** - During this year, most associations had financial losses, because of the difficulties to organize events where the members can buy their annual stamp. More, some associations, during the summer live events, must spend money to take the necessary measures to comply with the national regulations against the virus.

**LUX** - Positive for the SLNL association.

**NL** - Unfortunately not positive. We had a financial loss of about 15.000 EUR. But till now, it is still ok.

**PL** - Due to the financial support from the Government and the unexpected good summer, we didn't have financial losses.

**PT** - There was no strong impact financially speaking.

**ROU** - Until now, we don't have a budget impact on the ARN.

**THAI** - It has been financially negative for the Naurist Association Thailand because of the negative development in our membership base and because of the postponement of our international event NATCON as explained below.

## 7. Will we have to consider changes in the associations and how can these changes be implemented?

**AUT** - With regard to possible liability relevant effects on the association organs, it must be considered to what extent and at what levels the responsibility lies on the members themselves.

**CH** - Whether changes are required or not, will be seen in 2021. For the time being no changes are needed.

**FR** - No specific modifications are considered.

**IT** - We hope the virus could be won during the next six months. For this limited time, it is hard to think to deeply change how our associations work. For the next winter we are afraid of having to reduce or completely cancel the spa events.

**LUX** - Not for time being.

**NL** - No changes, just restrictions, and these will disappear when the situation is normal again.

**PL** - With the rise in Corona cases, we have to prepare for new restrictions; from Saturday the 17th of October pools have to be closed once again. Further limitations regarding restaurants and saunas are to be expected.

**PT** - No structural changes are expected for now.

**ROU** - As we have mentioned, we rethink our strategies to include smaller projects, a personal oriented approach and to develop naturist places run by the Association.

**THAI** - No other changes apart from the online events mentioned above.

## 8. How can sports- and other events be organized?

**AUT** - Own responsibility outdoor and subject to comply with the respective valid hygienic regulations.

**CH** - Sports in small groups or as a couple are no problem, because sufficient distance can be kept. That means pétanque, badminton, volleyball, archery, table tennis, kubb, etc. may continue to be played with a lot of fun. As we have a summer business (May-September), our activities take place outdoor. / Strict hygienic rules are needed. In addition, there are guidelines from every sports federation, which can be included.

**DE** - Only sports without body contact, restrictions for number of participants, DHM (distance, hygiene, mask) rules. / This will depend on the government policy. As first step, only sports in the own club will have to work again. In addition, we have different regulations in the federal states.

**FR** - Sports events like pétanque or ping-pong can be organized without any problem, distances can be kept without a big problem.

**IE** - In June the lockdown eased in Ireland and additionally to the online program we were able to add beach meetups, which we have been increasing in frequency and variety of locations. At the end of July, we could resume our collaboration with indoor venues and now we are offering nude pool sessions in the bigger centres since there is a restriction of 25 attendants. We have given up on the smaller leisure centres and hotels because of their limitations to very small numbers.



**IT** - Outdoor sports events could be organized with little changes to the number of participants and spectators. Indoor events, like swimming, are more dangerous and it might be better to think about suspension until the end of pandemic. For both we must aim at raising awareness and responsibility of the participants.

**LUX** – Unpredictable at the moment.

**NL** - There are currently no sports events with us.

**PL** - Due to the foreseen rise in Corona infections and restrictions this winter season will be difficult. Clients are also more afraid as social distancing indoors is difficult to achieve.

**PT** - Outdoor events such as naturist trekking and beach events can keep on going as long as social distancing is guaranteed. Collective sports (non-professional) are not allowed for the moment.

**ROU** - We plan to organize this kind of events on the beaches and in nature. We insist on smaller events.

**THAI** - Absolutely not. This was the worst negative effect for the Naturist Association Thailand, because we had to postpone our flagship event NATCON. This is a regional meeting with 150 people of whom 100 people come from overseas including other continents, India, Australia, Europe, US. NATCON was scheduled for 2-3-4 May 2020. First, we postponed it to 1-2-3 October 2020. Now we have pushed it to 30th April 1st and 2nd May 2021. Not having this event in our fiscal year has meant a big economic loss since we have had a good profit on NATCON in the past 4 years.

### **9. Can sports- and other events be organized beyond the borders & what has to be observed?**

**AUT** – Due to travel restrictions and other regulations this is difficult to plan.

**CH** - I think it is very difficult at the present situation, as the situation regarding borders changes very quickly. We cannot evade quarantine regulations, so it would not be fair if only some regions of another country could participate. / Large events abroad are rather unattractive right now.

**DE** - Only if the measures of the countries are clear and also transparent.

**FR** - Considering that certain zones of foreign countries are considered as risk countries and subject to quarantines and that this element is under continuous evolution, it is difficult to pronounce other than negative, at the moment.

**IT** - In the next months, we think international events are not a good option.

**LUX** - There is no planning security in the current situation, neither nationally nor internationally.

**PT** - No collective sports (non-professional) are allowed for the moment. All events have to follow social distancing rules (at least 2 meters distancing between people who do not live together). Hand hygiene must be frequent, and no mask is required when outdoors. Music concerts and events of this nature require that places are seated and distanced. Other rules may be found in our Health Authority website.

**ROU** - This is still a problem due to the border restrictions and local restrictions. Smaller events on regional level could be a temporary solution.

### **10. Do you have commercial institutions in your federation, how did they manage the situation?**

**CH** – We made the best of it.

**FR** - We do not have any commercial institution within our Club.

**IT** - In this summer, the campsites have benefited because they offer a family- and basically open-air stay. Residences and guest houses hadn't a lot of problem because they offer individual lodging. Basically, this year Italian naturist tourism went very well because Italian naturists used to go abroad for their naturist holiday. This year it wasn't possible, or it was not recommended; therefore, a large number chose an Italian campsite or other naturist accommodations.

**LUX** - The commercial naturist sites FUUSSEKAUL and BLEESBRUCK are members of our FLN and were not authorized to accept new clients for 3 months at the start of the Covid-19 crisis. Many bookings were also cancelled because Germany closed the borders with Luxembourg and the RKI (Robert Koch-German Institute) often classified Luxembourg as a country at risk, because border crossers were included in the tests (170'000 border crossers each working day).

**PT** - There are no commercial institutions in our Federation. However, we know that it was a very hard situation for naturist venues in Portugal, having to be closed for more than 2 months, and having very limited rules to follow after that. Considering this and the fact that traveling to Portugal was not recommended for the German and British Market, which are the main clients for the Portuguese Tourism, it had an immense impact. This

summer was saved by the native clientele that gave a glimmer of hope to these venues. Winter will be a hard time for these businesses, needing their foreign clients to come for long stays and enjoy our sunny weather. All off these venues have a very limited maximum occupation and are strictly following Health Authorities recommendations. The Federation will keep on monitoring this situation closely.

**ROU** - In this moment, ARN doesn't have commercial branches, but we work on that.

**THAI** - All the resorts have been ruined as described and some even closed.

### 11. Other wishes, suggestions, ideas?

**CH** – Prepare a register of all facilities as preparation for better times. A printed version is better. / Nothing comes to my mind. As already mentioned, I see the biggest problem in the limited travel possibilities and the uncertainty as to which countries can be visited. Naturists usually want to go to the warmth and/or to countries with liberal laws. In the main season prebooking is required. / This situation must be countered as normally as possible. As in normal years, respect among members must be lived. The fear of this situation must not paralyze our club life.

**DE** - I would like support. A neutral report on the need of changes, or the average fees of all clubs, might help us. We have a superb site with 17 hectares of land. It would be so regrettable if we could not "make the curve".

I am happy to be open for exchange. / Ideas and suggestions for hygiene concepts from the umbrella organisation would be desirable.

**IE** - We value the lockdown experience as a positive one, since it has opened up online possibilities. We have come to the conclusion that our weekly pub nights need to be maintained now and in future, and we will endeavour to organise at least one international online talk every month (all INF-FNI members welcome). We have achieved more internal cohesion through virtual events, and we have connected with other naturists abroad.

**LUX** - Observe national and international guidelines and stay healthy!

**PT** - We mostly wish that this situation gets solved swiftly. For businesses sake, we hope that the foreign markets fill venues in the Winter. This will be essential to their survival. We also hope that occupation limitations on beaches are lifted soon, so that Naturist beaches have more space for naturists, and that sports and closed space events are allowed as soon as possible.

**ROU** - We think the focus should be restart and strategies next year. 2021 could be a good year to rethink our approach to the members and to the people.

## Info Focus February

Deadline to remit articles: 20<sup>th</sup> January  
Release of Focus latest: 05<sup>th</sup> February-

In memory of  
**Nancy Volak**

At the 31st INF-FNI World Congress 2008 in Brazil the decision was taken that in future a newsletter should be published every 2 months, which will be sent to all the federations.

Nancy immediately took on this new task, without any hesitation, launched the "INF-FNI Focus" and took care of the content and the design.

Until 2010 she was responsible for the publication, laid a successful foundation and she did a really great job.

The Focus has been an integral part of interfederal communication for 12 years now.

**Thank you, dear Nancy,  
we will always remember you!**

