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President's Message

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A message from the President

By: Sieglinde Ivo

Many things have happened since we met last time at the Interfederal meeting. Unfortunately our Treasurer Cor van Herp resigned early in the INF-FNI. This is of course connected with a lot more work for the EC members. Not only that we have to complete an additional cash audit, but we also have to ensure that the duties of the treasurer will run correctly and to everyone's satisfaction. So, therefore, we have an employee for seven hours per week, whose training includes the accounting department. This ensures that the accounting business will run smoothly until the congress.

Since we no longer have a member of the CC and EC who is living in Holland or Belgium, we will close the bank accounts in Belgium by September 2010. We already have a new checking account set up in Austria. At the moment, both accounts are current, but we would ask you to use the account in Austria now for the respective transfers.

The new account number is:

Allgemeine Sparkasse Oberösterreich-Bankaktiengesellschaft Konto Nr.: 32100-151631
BLZ: 20320 BIC: ASPKAT2LXXX IBAN: AT792032032100151631

Other important information about the congress is in this issue of the Focus.

Elections

The positions to be voted on at this year's INF-FNI Congress are:

Vice President/Secretariat

The post-holder is responsible for all administration of INF-FNI including INF office and staff matters. Should have previous administrative experience i.e. control of a small office, employment of a small number of staff. Is required to take and reproduce minutes of Executive and Central Committee meetings. (letter and minute taking experience)

Receives and handles all e-mails to office. (95% of e-mails are in English)



Prepare to vote!

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therefore requires a command of English language both spoken and written) (approx. number of e-mails per week is 180) Responsible for the production of all information to federations, members.

Is responsible for control of the web site and liaison with server company (present company is based in U.S., therefore there is a requirement to understand English and some computer literacy). Compiles and produces and distributes the Federation Focus every other month. Is full member of Executive and Central Committee. Required to take part in decision making, make arrangements for the meetings (i.e. book location, prepare agenda, may be required to initiate debate and to report on matters raised with INF through office). Will be required to travel often at short notice. May be required to stand in for President when that person is not available. Other duties as and when required. Post regularly requires around 20 hours per week, possibly longer when meetings are taking place.

Vice President/Finances

Must have accounting background, education and experience. Be able to maintain records and books. Be able to create financial reports, budgets and any other financial data the general assembly or CC members may request. Be familiar with and maintain all banking accounts and balances. Advise CC on financial matters; instruct office staff on payments of bills and INF-FNI stamps. Must be able to travel for meetings, sometimes on short notice. Approximately 20 hours a week is necessary to perform this job.

Public Relations/Europe

Responsible for INF-FNI marketing and promotion of naturism. Receives and handles media requests. Will make statements, conduct interviews or redirect to appropriate contact etc usually at short notice. (85% of media requests are made and require response in English.) Advises new and prospective Federations on all aspects of naturism and organization. (i.e. Stating up clubs, federations Etc).

Receives regular requests for assistance or advice from small federations or individuals. (individuals normally require information on joining INF or a federation and on holiday destinations) Undertakes and compiles research information concerning naturism. Produces publicity in consultation with VP Admin. Is also full member of Central Committee and required to take part in discussions and decisions of CC. This requires regular contact with other CC members. Normally there are between 35 and 40 e-mails per week in addition to those required for regular contact. (The regular contact with smaller federations is at its peak when at the advice stage.)

Requirements: A willingness to understand and accept other cultures and ideas. Patience and ability to work at their pace and preferences. Needs to be non-judgmental. Computer literate with good command of English. Time required is around 15 hours per week.

Financial Auditors

The financial auditors should have accounting/bookkeeping knowledge and be able to work with the INF-FNI Treasurer and compile reports regarding the state

of the finances of the INF-FNI to be reported to the General Assembly, federations and government officials.

Sports (if determined at Congress)

Should have knowledge of various sporting venues, ability to arrangement large groups of participants, ordering awards, writing reports and have the time to attend sports functions and run the events.

Member of the INF-FNI Development Fund

The responsible person informs the Central Committee of requests from affiliated federations/clubs who need INF-FNI support.

Legal Committee

The Legal Committee consists of a President, Vice President, an ordinary member and two substitutes and if possible is made up of practicing lawyers.

The current ruling documents of the INF-FNI do not have any explanations or specifications for the CC positions. However, a motion will be presented at the Congress dealing with this fact. In the meantime, we have given you an outline of what each position requires.

If anyone would like to nominate and send in names for these positions and/or a report from the person explaining why they would like to run for a specific office, we will be happy to put their submissions in the August issue of the Federation Focus and also on the INF-FNI website under Information for Federations.

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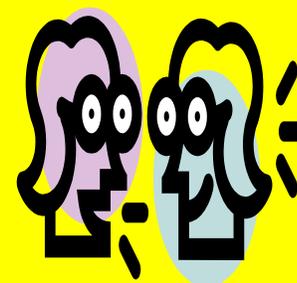
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A Point for Discussion



At the Interfederal meeting in Laborde, France, Eirik Isene of the Swedish Naturist Federation brought up the subject of the credibility of the naturist movement. Time restraints did not allow the discussion to reach a conclusion.

However, we would like to bring this idea back to you in the hope you will give some thought to it before you arrive at the INF-FNI Congress 2010.

Mr. Isene notes that due to the high median age of naturists, the more trying sports have become out of fashion. “But”, as Mr. Isene states, “we all still want to be outdoor in the sun and water and enjoy the nature.”

Mr. Isene feels that if naturists wish to be respected and have the credibility of their communities, they have to try a little harder and become regular and active members of their communities. An idea which not only makes sense but has worked in many places around the globe.

For an example, I give you the success story of Mr. Jim Hadley, who started Cypress Cove Spa and Resort in Kissimmee, Florida, U.S.A. back in the '50's. He met with much criticism and negative responses every step of the way. He became a member of the local Chamber of Commerce and over the years worked his way up to the position of President of the Chamber. Along with the title came recognition not only for Cypress Cove but also for nude recreation. By becoming a useful and credible member of the community, he opened people's eyes to the true aspects of naturism.

So, what Mr. Isene is asking each of you, as representatives of your federations and thereby, the country in which you reside, is that you open a discussion to decide whether or not this is a possible way to better relations in the communities in which you live and to achieve better acceptance for nude recreation in nature.

Please give this idea some thought and bring your opinions with you to the Congress. While not all federations agree this concept is possible, other federations realize its importance. And, with a growing number of countries questioning the relevance of nude recreation, it is an idea that should be considered.

Congress reminder – if you know who your delegate to the 32nd Congress in Italy is, it is not too late to send us his/her name and email address to info@inf-fni.org so we can put them on the mail list for important Congress correspondence.

Did you know that.....



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- Naturists fight for Fraser Beach in Portsmouth, England since a company has barred naturist use of the 60 year historically naturist beach.

- The New Zealand Naturist Federation is one of the few federations which publish their own quarterly naturist magazine **AND** that

gonatural magazine is available not only by personal subscription, but may be purchased in bookstalls throughout New Zealand and in Australia? Subscribe online for print and online versions:

www.naturist.co.nz/gonatural

**Thank you New Zealand for sending us this information regarding your magazine and also for the information on your naturist guide which we are happy to showcase on the INF-FNI website. We wish more federations would do the same! And we hope the exposure on the INF-FNI website leads to many sales of your guide.

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Hungary - 2010

Youth Summer Camp

A wonderful Youth Summercamp event has been put together by Janos Sandor, president of FENHU and all details and information can be found at:

<http://natours.hu/rendezvenyek.php?language=en>

Please let all your youth know about this event so they will have a chance to participate and enjoy the fun and festivities. You can also find all details on the INF-FNI website on the youth page.

Arnaoutchot

The first South European Family Meeting 2010 will take place in Arnaoutchot, France August 29 to September 4. You will not want to miss this enjoyable weekend in sunny and warm France, right on the ocean. All details and information can be found at:

<http://www.naturismo.org/acontecimientos/10arnafra ncia.html>



Also, you can find information on the INF-FNI website.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Ismael Rodrigo, president of the FEN at fen@naturismo.org who has been busy putting this event together.