



# Federation Focus

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**You've got mail!!**  
The following have been sent from INF-FNI to all Federations in the past 6 months. Have you seen your copy?

October, 2008  
Highlights of 31<sup>st</sup> Congress;  
Minutes of the Congress  
CC Minutes;  
Letter re: closing Antwerp office;  
Request for updating Federation information

November, 2008  
EC Minutes;  
Correction to Congress minutes;  
Youth Meeting Le Betulle;

## A Message from the President

By: Sieglinde Ivo

We recently asked all the Federations to send us information, but to my surprise, we had very little response. At the last Congress you wanted to see INF-FNI do more for the Federations so I cannot understand why we do not get a response from you when we ask for something.

Perhaps our inquiries are not being passed on to the correct people and clubs. Even though it is winter, this information is important so that we will be ready for the summer months that will soon be here. If we want to see the vacation crush, the time to act is now.

Perhaps you would prefer the INF-FNI to contact your clubs directly? Although you gave permission for us to do this with the database, there are many more issues that affect your clubs than just the updating of the database. And, the Federation is in the best position to do this.

Currently, we only hear from 2% of the Federations in response to our emails. That is not being productive. We need more cooperation.

I appeal to all Federations to work together with us and send us the requested information so we can guarantee that our work will be productive. We can only do this with your help.

## Interfederal Meeting



Interfederal  
Meeting  
May 21 - 24  
Domaine  
Laborde  
France

For those of you who have not attended an Interfederal Meeting please know that it is a rewarding experience. In addition to socializing with your colleagues from other federations and countries, and a trip to a beautiful naturist locale, two important reasons to attend this meeting are to hear presentations and to converse with other naturist leaders. Listening to presentations will inform you of what others are doing (sometimes more clearly than at a Congress), and will point out areas that need attention.

Proposals have already been submitted: selecting a chairperson to preside over the Congress, rather than the President; direct membership; initiating lobbying strategies in Europe to inform law makers of laws regarding the outdoor practice of naturism, and

December, 2008  
Federation Focus;  
Christmas Greetings;

January, 2009  
New Year Greetings;  
Corrections and  
changes form;  
Order forms for  
Handbook;  
Le Betulle Meeting  
forms;

February, 2009  
Federation Focus;  
Corrections and  
changes form;  
Letter for database;  
Request of Officer's  
names and emails;  
Alpe Adria forms;  
Reminder-Le Betulle;

March, 2009  
CC Minutes;  
Financials;  
Highlights of the CC;  
Interfederal flyer;

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"The Engagement in nature and the environment on international and national levels". So, as you see, there are already some very interesting issues to be discussed.

The INF-FNI CC also has some issues to communicate to the attendees. For example, reports on the website database, the Federation Focus, communications, the secretariat, the 2010 Handbook and sports.

This is your INF-FNI and your future. Surely you want to be a part of the decision of what direction the INF-FNI takes, not have the direction decided by someone else. We hope to see you there. If you have not done so, fill out the form and send it to both the FFN federation and the Domaine Laborde. You will find the email addresses right here in the Focus sidebar.

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## Back to Brazil



There were many points and issues that were very important to the delegates at the 31<sup>st</sup> INF-FNI Congress.

We thought it might be a good idea to remind you of some of these ideas since it seems that, for some of you, when you left Brazil, you left all the ideas behind!

Do you recall the three work groups? Well, out of this it was decided that the larger federations would help the smaller federations. How much materials have we received from the larger federations to date: **NONE**

It was also decided that federations would send their national laws regarding naturism to the INF-FNI. How many have done this? **One. Thank you INA.**

And, with passed motions, the following were recorded:

While the INF-FNI has already begun the projects asked for by the delegates at the Congress, as of today we received no input for articles in the bulletin that was requested. Here is the actual minutes regarding this:

**"It was made clear that federations themselves must supply articles for the Bulletin and several delegates urged federations to send more information to the INF-FNI. The Bulletin will have to be in electronic form."**

The issue you are reading right now is the third since the Congress. We have had no input from the federations except a very interesting article from the Communications Officers of the New Zealand Naturist Federation on the benefits of Vitamin D that will be in a future article. Thank you, Glenne Findon.

We thank those federations who have taken the time to let us know they are enjoying the Federation Focus Bulletin. But we would also like to hear from federations with ideas for future issues. Believe me, there are so many concerns the INF-FNI is dealing with, I have no problem filling each issue. But, I would like these issues to be something you want to hear about. **YOUR INPUT PLEASE: Would you like to see the Focus put on the website?**

So, let's remember what a wonderful time we all had in Brazil and what an excellent Congress it was. And, let's follow through on the opinions we discussed there. We talked about changing the direction and future of the INF-FNI. **Now, let's do it. Together.**

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## We left this space for you.....

Why not take a minute to email us at [info@inf-fni.org](mailto:info@inf-fni.org) and let us know what topics you would like to see in the next issue of the Federation Focus. It will come out June 1.

Our ideas:

Article on Vitamin D

Article on how you can tell if your membership is *really* growing

How to get your website to show up number 1 on search engines

Ok, that is our ideas, now here is the space for yours:

- ✓ Idea #1
- ✓ Idea #2
- ✓ Idea #3

## New INF-FNI office update:

The intensive search for a location for the new and improved INF-FNI office is underway and is of main concern with all the CC members. At the recent CC meeting, discussions included looking for the right location, negotiating a lease, designing the workplace and deciding what equipment and furniture is already available from the old location and what might have to be purchased or rented.

The fact that two part-time employees who speak different languages may be better than one employee was discussed with the added benefit of having someone in the office during all working hours.

You will be kept informed of any updates and the CC members are eagerly looking forward to the announcement of the opening date.