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"An important function of a federation is to make sure their clubs and resorts verify their own information on the web."

From the President's Desk

By Sieglinde Ivo

While there are many things currently going on within the INF-FNI, I believe the closing of the Antwerp office is the number 1 item on many of your minds.

As you know from the official announcement that was sent to you, the office was a large expense that the budget could no longer handle. Cor, George and I are doing the day to day work right now and we are busy clearing the way for a new office, location unknown at this time.

The biggest job will be purging the files, since nothing has been done in many years. Correspondence from ten years ago is still on file. However, we are taking special care that the historical items are saved. Please bare with us thru the

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Web Watch

By George Volak

"When was the last time you checked out the INF-FNI website?"

Unfortunately, we found out at the 31st Congress, that some federations never look at the website!

We hope you will put a notation on your calendar to check the site out at least once a month since we are planning on adding new material, such as news items, special events, etc. If you are not checking the site on a regular basis, you will not be aware of the additions. So, check us out at www.inf-fni.org.

And, let us know what you think. Our crystal ball is out for repairs.

Looking for that perfect Photo?

By Website Committee

Have you ever been held up with a project, whether it was a newsletter, a brochure, a flyer or simply a mailing to your member clubs and resorts, because you could not find an appropriate photo?

“iStockphotocom could be your one stop shopping for your photo needs.”

That is what happened to the INF-FNI website committee when they were looking for special photos for the pages on the website.

And, that is when they discovered the website called iStockphoto.com. You will find thousands of photos on this site, some even labeled as 'naturist'. Of course, some of these would not be considered naturist, by a naturist, but that is easy to manage.

If you join, on line, you can purchase photos for as little as \$1.00 (less than 1 Euro) each, while others are much higher. The copyright laws are eliminated on your part thanks to their company.

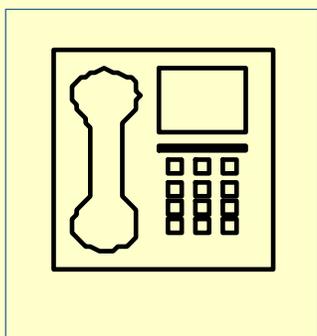
Take a look at their site. We believe you will be glad you did. And, you may want to notify your member clubs about this site since many of them put together newsletters every month.

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transition and let us know if there is something we are not attending to.

I would also like to hear from you if you think this newsletter will be useful to you. The plan is to have it sent out to all Federations every other month, hopefully containing information you are interested in. Since many of you commented on the desire to have more communication coming out of the INF-FNI office, we hope this will be the start in that direction.

So, let us know what you think.



Please see new phone numbers on back page of this newsletter.

Minutes of the Executive Committee

By Sieglinde Ivo

While you can find the complete minutes on the INF-FNI website under Federations Information, here are some highlights for your information:

The meeting took place at the Antwerp office and was combined with the closing of the INF-FNI office.

03.01 Finances-Congress

CvH reports that the cost of the 2008 Congress is approximately 17,000 Euros, with some expenses still outstanding. This will be added to the total when they are received.

GV notes that it was the most inexpensive Congress ever, with CvH agreeing.

SI advised she would like this information put on the INF-FNI webpage to which GV agrees and will do so.

CvH advises that he has had to redo the INF-FNI budget because of amendments made at the 2008 Congress. He will send the new budget to SI and GV next week and then it can be put on the website.

04. General Secretariat

GV reports that the CC decided that in order to keep a balance of finances in line with the high cost of running the office, which includes rent on the building and MC's salary, it would be best to temporarily close the office, (permanently in Antwerp) and divide the work between the EC members, with help of the CC. The EC came to the conclusion that, after the Congress, together with another three weeks of MC's vacation and with GV receiving all emails for these 5 weeks, that the work load was not heavy and prolonging MC's employment was too expensive for the INF, not just her salary but due to Belgian labor laws. It is unfortunate we could not be able to sit with MC and give her one or two months, not necessarily notice, but to let her know about it, but unfortunately discussing this with her, according to the Belgium labor attorney would not be advisable. Because the labor laws are so strict the best thing is just to advise MC we are closing the office as of today. On the other hand, it was not as though MC was thrown on the streets without anything.

She is getting 20 months of salary, up front, plus other benefits according to Belgian law and that comes to the amount of 100,000 plus Euros which she will be receiving within 2 weeks of closing the office. GV would however like to stress that the office was closed, MC was not fired. In discussions GV had with MC on several occasions prior to now, he did discuss the possibility of closing the office several times during the year

2008 and MC strongly stated that she was not willing to relocate anywhere else and if the office was moved out of Antwerp she could no longer work for INF.

10. **Database**

10.01 **Report on the actual state**

GV recommends we wait for the federations to contact their clubs for the updating of information for the database since this was a directive from the delegates at the 2008 Congress. We should wait for the three months time to pass and see what information we receive.

INF-FNI Website Statistics

By Barbara Hadley

The website has grown significantly and is updated regularly to encourage new and repeat traffic. We are currently in the process of working with the Federations to update a database of all INF member clubs, resorts, and holiday centers as well as adding additional information pages that will allow the INF to be the best site for naturist travel and information.

The INF Website currently averages over 17,000 unique visitors each month. The statistical page estimates that 40 - 45% of these visitors add our site to their favorites.

Exciting news for INF-FNI, the Federations and their clubs and resorts!

International Naturist Federation – please note the new mailing address and telephone numbers .New Mailing Address:

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