



**Minutes of the 37<sup>th</sup> INF-FNI World Congress (2020)  
“Terme Banovci”, Verzej, Slovenia,  
07<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

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## **1. Opening of the 37<sup>th</sup> INF-FNI Congress 2020 (2021) by the INF-FNI President**

**1.1 INF-SIO:** The president officially opens the WC2020 at **2.04pm, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021** and gives everybody a warm welcome, apologising for the delay of last year's planned Congress due to the pandemic.

**1.2 ZDNS** delegate Maja Penko reminds attendees of the requirement of masks to be worn outside the hall, then passes the floor to the Mayor of Banovci who welcomes all delegates to the 5<sup>th</sup> event of this kind in Slovenia, inviting all to explore the area of Verzej.

The national tourism arm "I Feel Slovenia" offers apologies not to join by Zoom, as they are attending other conferences.

**→ Item 3 moved to here: Presentation by Mr. Jerko Sladoljev about naturism in Croatia / Slovenia.**

Full Text:

### **History of naturism in ex-Yugoslavia (Slovenia and Croatia)**

A brief overview of the development of naturism in Croatia and Slovenia, prepared for the INF International Naturist Congress in Slovenia, Banovci on 7 October 2021.

At the very beginning I would like to mention that historically the beginnings of naturism in the former Yugoslavia did not take place in Croatia, but first in Slovenia. There are numerous testimonies about this, and I will quote them in some further statements.

I would like to emphasise that this small chronicle of naturism development in ex-Yugoslavia, and today Slovenia and Croatia, is not a historically based story, but tells the story from my point of view and with arguments that I have collected and published over 50 years. Any additions and new knowledge are always welcome. In half an hour at my disposal, I have created and divided my script into thirty years. I will only mention, in my opinion, strategic years that determined the future of naturism as a lifestyle, either positively or negatively in ex-Yugoslavia and today Slovenia and Croatia.

**In 1855.** The development of naturism, considered as a movement in ex-Yugoslavia, according to the previous research, we can attribute the first steps to Dr. Arnold RIKLI, who founded an air and sun bathe in BLED (then Weldes) in 1885. At that time, Dr. Arnold Rikli was still known as the "sun doctor". The basis of Dr. Rikli's cure was healing through water temperature between 10°C-20°C. The cure was based on water, sun and air baths.

**In 1924,** the first book on naturist practice in Yugoslavia was published in Ljubljana under the name "Sunbath". The book was published by the author Ivo Zor in the publishing house "The Teacher's Printing House" as a detailed work on hygiene and naturist practice.

**In 1927,** an article by Ernesto Guido Gorischegg appeared in Fiuma Italica (No. 7) about the first naturist areas in Innsbruck, Lugano and the island of Rab.

**In 1933.** Under the influence of Black Friday of 3 March 1933, Hitler's government banned naturism and dissolved all clubs and naturist associations in Germany. Naturism was banned and the ban lasted until 1945. Due to this ban, the island of Rab was the most visited naturist and tourist destination until 1940. and even more visited than Opatija and Dubrovnik as well-known tourist centres.

**In 1934.** Rab is associated with the name of Dr Richard Ehrmann from Vienna, the first chairman of the INF. He opened a naturist holiday oasis on Paradise beach on the island of Rab. Later he was the godfather of the opening of the naturist centres Koversada in 1961 and Valalta (1969) and many others.

**In 1936,** the English monarch Edward VIII bathed naked on the island of Rab Paradise Bay and the name Paradise Bay was changed to English Bay.

**In 1949,** Peter Joschy, then president of the naturist association "WFFKK" Vienna, founded the first naturist colony and leased 50 bed units in private accommodation on the island of Rab.



**In 1953** Ludwig Goetz, president of the BNV from Nuremberg, travels with the first naturist groups from Germany and camps near Opatija, Ika and Lovran.

**In 1955** we already have the first so-called "wild" naturist beaches on the islands of Pag, Orjule, Mali, Lošinj and in 1956 also in Rovinj - Lim Fjord Valalta and Vrsar Koversada.

**In 1960.** R. Halbig from Munich initiated the opening of the first naturist campsite in Croatia (then Yugoslavia) "Koversada". Thus, thanks to Halbig, Vrsar was launched in naturism.

Between **1961** and **1971**, 35 campsites were founded in the former Yugoslavia, especially in Croatia and Montenegro, from Savudrija to Ulcinj, with a capacity of 30,000 people and over 7 million overnight stays.

**In 1972**, the INF organised the International Congress for the first time in a socialist state. In the same year, on my initiative, the Naturist Association was founded in Yugoslavia and the first president was Regjep Tofani from Ljubljana, Slovenia.

In the same year, the second association was founded in Solaris under the name Naturist Organisation Yugoslavia (President Vladimir Novak, journalist).

After that, in 1977, due to the new law on associations, other sections of the ex YU FKK FEDERATION were founded:

- Naturist Association "Gorenjska" Kranj - President Vladimir Lah
- Naturist Association "To Nature" Ljubljana - President Miklavž Knez
- Naturist Association "The Coast" Koper - President Nina Potočnik
- Naturist Association "Venera" Celje - President Stane Smrečnik

In 1978 "Naturist Association of Croatia" - President Vladimir Novak  
Naturist Association of Serbia - President L. Čolaković

**In 1982**, the first naturist bath in the interior of ex-Yugoslavia was opened in Maribor on the "Island near Maribor" and a club was also opened in Slovenia "Naturist Club Island near Maribor".

**In 1983**, one day in late autumn, at 12 o'clock at night, Giuseppe Giradelli, president of the naturist association "Anita" Milano from Italy, called me after a long phone ringing and all excited like someone who has made his old life's dream come true: "Ce lo fata, Ce lo fata " I did it, I did it.

Already in the following year, 1984, a nudist camp called Pizzo Grecco was established in the area of Capo Rizzuto. And here I would like to give a comparison as an example of how naturism is unfortunately no longer as well understood in Croatia as it is in Italy, where they started later and continued to develop in the spirit of naturism.

The naturists - Italians and foreigners - will bring to Italian naturism "as a dowry" 1 million 6 thousand attendances and a turnover of 54 million 240 thousand euros says a recent STUDY by the JFC INSTITUTE of Massimo Ferruzzi from Faenza. A figure that may seem considerable, but which in reality is far from the real potential of a market segment that could generate 4 million 10,000 presences and a turnover - always potential - of 216 million 252 thousand. In other words, a potential three times as much!

What would ancient Latin say: Sapienti sat or: to a wise man enough?

Importance of naturism for HR.

#### **In conclusion:**

Nudism importance for the country's economy:

In the last 70 years, through Croatia have travelled:

50 million naturists (OR TO COMPARE THE WHOLE POPULATION OF POLAND THROUGH CROATIAN NATURIST CENTRES) FROM THE WHOLE WORLD 8 days average stay, 400 million overnight stays and 15 billion euros or 100 billion Croatian Kuna income (turn over).

What is ONE-year budget of the Government of the Republic of Croatia?

Who are naturists - national structure - differences within 40 years in %?



	1982		2019	
	FKK	Textil	FKK	Textil
Germany	60	39	55	33
Slovenia	15	9	6	7.45
Austria	9	13	15	9.70
The Netherlands	4	5.5	6	9.60
France	2	4.10	2	1.20
Italy	2	9.2	4	7.50
Other	8	21.2	12	33.50

The national structure of naturists shows a decrease in Slovenian visitors and an increase in Austrian ones, while the percentage of German naturists has remained almost the same. We have only 3 percent local Croatian naturists, which is negligible in relation to the habits and number of people in Croatia who travel (44%). In summary, Croatia is particularly dependent on German-speaking countries for naturism.

### **AN OVERVIEW OF THE NATURIST CENTRES OF CROATIA 2021 in relation to 1987. and comparisons after 60 years:**

1. time dynamics of building: from 1960 Koversada (beginning 1934 Rab).
2. the number of so-called "textile tourist centres" with nudist beaches: (1980: 34 today 18)
3. the number of so-called "wild nudist beaches": today more than 100 (1980: 40)
4. number of nudist camps: 10 (1980: 32)
5. number of naturist hotels and resorts 3 (1987 11)
6. area of naturist camps in m<sup>2</sup> 7,220,000 (1980 9,220,000)
7. number of places in naturist camps 20,720 (80: 52,100)
8. number of overnight stays in naturist camps 2,584,000 (80, 3.6 million)
9. number of beds in naturist resorts and hotels 4,584 (80 8,368)
10. number of overnight stays in naturist resorts and hotels 1,750,000 (80: 6,930,340)

So, a selective tourism segment that does not age and a lifestyle that still has its supporters. This is also proven by the INF initiative but also LSK "Let's save Koversada" from Graz Austria, which fights for the island of Koversada as a naturist synonym and legend of Croatian naturism. What would old Latin say: Sapienti sat or: enough for a wise man?

### **The future of naturism in Croatia**

Naturist camps in Croatia that did not strictly control the clothing ban have lost their selective importance. Naturists do not want to mix with textile tourists and therefore a naturist camp cannot be a hermaphrodite. This has forced many naturists to move to naturist destinations in neighbouring countries - and they still do. And thanks to the internet, finding holistic naturist havens is not a problem.

An important factor is how will the INF family or the worldwide naturist community behave? Will your children respect naturism regardless of age? If these factors still mean anything, the INF family should include a large number of people who practise naturism but are not actually members of the INF. So, make it easier and more accessible to join your INF family! This should not mean sacrificing your naturist principles in comparison to textile circumstances, but rather interpreting the naturist ideology of integral nudity for young and casual naturists to get used to the naturist movement. This might cause them to lose their world brand for a while, but they would gain a much larger membership and an army of like-minded people. Only you can keep the naturist tradition alive on a global scale if you generously waive the strict procedural rules of admission.

The aim of the INF is to promote the development of naturism and to advise on the construction and opening of new centres. Naturism is defined by clothing and the main motto should be that a person without clothing erases all social differences and especially





While setting up this list, I only noticed that the French delegate registration form was missing. Our inquiry at our office as well as with Daša Horn confirmed that no one had received such a document from the French federation. Therefore, as responsible for the execution of our GA, I wrote this letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 to the FFN informing them that they had no voting rights according to §1, 5 of our GA regulations binding for everyone.

I only did my job to prevent a situation similar to that in New Zealand in 2016 from happening again due to disregard of the laws.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Question:** When did FFN first time contact you in this matter?

**INF-JPS:** FFN only contacted me after receiving my letter of vote denial dated 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 16.50 hrs!! So, shortly after receiving my letter.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Question:** At what date did FFN make an attempt to register?

**INF-JPS:** On 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 17:11 hrs, I got a letter (*but not a registration form*) saying that the French president (Viviane TIAR) authorises Laurent Luft to represent her during the WC2020. As this is not in accordance with our regulations, I couldn't accept this nomination! Furthermore, Laurent LUFT is member of our CC (EU-assessor) and I seriously doubt if these 2 mandates (CC member and Delegate) are possible?????

Then I received binding instructions from Leslie RABUCHIN that it would be up to the delegates to decide whether or not FFN could vote.

We are discussing now the rules for General Assemblies now. Leslie wants that the delegates accept something that's opposite to our General Assembly rules, that was updated and accepted by all delegates during our WC 2018 in Lisbon. Some of you may remember that during WC2014 at Dublin I made a proposal that the CC could have the possibility to modify these GA rules in case of emergency. But that was refused by the delegates. So, this is an official and binding document that can only be changed by the delegates with a related normal motion. Now Leslie wants that the delegates should decide whether the French can vote or not. This means that he is asking you to vote for something that's against our laws. That's the first point.

Now comes the second point: (Concerning our statutes)

The §14, point 8 clearly states: The LC also decides as an adjudicator on disputes between the INF-FNI and its members, as long as they are jointly submitted by the parties. The decision of the LC as arbitrator is binding for the parties.

I therefore asked Leslie: Did the French Federation sent you something? The answer was: The legal assessment that I have given in the case is based solely on an inquiry that I received from the president of LC Herve Bégeot. Thus, I am not aware of whether §14 point 8 is met. The answer to the question must be addressed to the President of LC Herve Begeot.

Hervé Bégeot, it's up to you now. But just one remark from me:

This morning, I had a phone call with my grandchild (Lawyer with studies at Sorbonne, Paris). As she is not specialised in laws for societies and NPO's, she asked her friends: normally, the statute modification report must be submitted to the local authorities for approval. These statute modifications are not valid after the GA, but only after approval by the local authorities. If we get no answer from the authorities after 14 days, these modifications become effective. And furthermore, the EC/CC is responsible for a correct and legal development of this congress. This means that if something goes wrong, we are legally responsible. This includes that I will not sign any document that violated our statutes or Rules for General Assemblies. I just could do it "conditionally". What the legal authorities will decide could be dangerous for INF-FNI.

That's all I have to say. Thank-you. I only did my job, nothing else!

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**INF-HBT:** I don't know if the congressmen have understood much of what you're saying, which is particularly confused and out of touch with reality. To sum up: I, the president, was contacted



just over 10 days ago by the secretary general, who waited until the last minute before the congress to submit this issue. Of course, I said that I myself could not decide. You know very well that at the moment there is only the president and the vice-president in the LC and there is talk of another assessor whom I have never seen and therefore I could not make a decision and I therefore passed the whole file to my assessor and vice-president Leslie Rabuchin (LR). So, the argument that we had to submit these files simultaneously is completely inane. My assessor made an official reply to the Secretary General to say that this was completely irrelevant. From the moment the case was submitted as an emergency and LR had the onerous task of having to rule in less than 36 hours, which he did. He addressed a reasoned decision, which I have not seen anywhere else, which is the kind of thing that happens in this federation. The decisions of the LC are never published. This decision was made and accepted and it was even transmitted to the French federation which had given its explanations beforehand anyway and we added to this transmission to the French federation (of which I have a copy) and that we accepted this decision and that from then on France was regularly registered and would have its right to vote. The law, if one absolutely wants to stick to it, consisted in that the INF-FNI office urgently seized the Austrian jurisdictions in order to unblock the situation. It seems to me that in the statutes it is stated that our decisions normally have legal force and must be accepted as such. If not, and if they are not satisfied with this decision, they must use the ordinary legal channels, i.e. the local courts. In this case, it is Austria. I don't know if someone from the family of the Secretary General who studied in Paris could have something to say in our association. We are an independent organisation and here, a body called the Legal Council, which has indeed done its job, has made an arbitration according to the interpretation of the texts, I have absolutely no fear that this will submit to the Austrian authorities. If the INF-FNI has a lot of money or time to lose, it can do so, or anyone else who challenges the decision finally taken. I personally believe that the reason for appointing arbitrators is to follow their decisions. I can't imagine that in a football match when the referee hands out a red card, the respective staffs come and yell at him to take the card away, that doesn't exist anywhere. We are governed by the general principles of law.

If tomorrow the federation is to have its headquarters in Papua New Guinea, I don't imagine that tribal law will be followed. There are general principles that govern international associations. We can't do miracles with the limited means we are given. If there had been a third assessor, he could have been asked for his opinion so that the decision would have been taken by two people and not by one. It was taken alone by LR and I would have liked it to be published as well as the answer which was addressed to the secretary general with his objection at the end of which, it seems, he did not follow the texts. Once again, LR has explained itself, it does not have to ask for or wait for a second claim. The dispute was submitted in due form by both parties, FFN and INF-FNI Bureau at the same time. And whether the judge is Austrian, German, French, English or other, he can find something to say about it. Again, it is up to, if indeed the opposition persists.... The CJ, which is part of your jurisdiction, and the General Secretariat, which is the administrative body of your institution, it is clear that this congress cannot be held normally. It will be up to you, the representatives of the nations, to take a decision individually, and I think it will be perfectly legal, because it is an intangible principle on the entire surface of the planet that a General Assembly, made up of members, that is to say, individuals or delegates gathered in a General Assembly or Congress, is sovereign. Not only can it skew the texts, it can take a decision that goes against it.

In any case, it can decide whether France is admissible after having given its explanations as to why it would not have registered. I understand that she has registered at the hotel and that the copy has been forwarded to the office, it will be up to you alone to decide whether France can



attend this Congress. I cannot go any further in my explanations, as I am a member of the FFN, I cannot take a position on the merits of the dispute, which has been decided by my Vice-President LR.

**INF-JPS:** For your information. France had only booked a room in the hotel, nothing more. As for the rest, I stand by what I said with the written evidence.

**INF-SIO** points out that first two scrutineers must be appointed (**item 2.3 moved to here**):

1. Dehlia (wife of HBT)
2. Rob Field (CAN)

**INF-SIO** passes the floor to the delegates to vote on whether **LLT** can represent **FFN**:

→ **105 in favour - LLT to represent FFN.**

## 2.2 Check of voting power

**INF-SIO** declares that a simple majority of **84 votes** stands today.

→ **2.3** moved to above

## 2.4 Approval of the agenda

**BN** asks for the floor, regarding a proposal he would like to submit to INF with respect to acquiring a contribution of funds for a small research project, and whether there is room in the agenda. This is approved and the delegate can continue.

**BN** – we propose a 2-part project be undertaken by Dr West, someone known for his research into naturism. The project would look at how exposure to nudity as a child predicts adjustment in the long term. The results could add to the growing body of research on nudity. The total cost = 2,722 GBP (circa €3k) and **BN** would like INF to contribute 50%, = circa €1600. **BN** notes there is already budget in place for similar projects since the NZ congress in 2016, but has not been allocated yet.

**INF-SIO** – we do indeed have €5k not yet utilised, so we are in favour of the study.

Put to the delegates to vote:

→ **Unanimous: proposal accepted and funds will be awarded**

**NAT** is today represented by a delegate from **FQN-FCN**. **NAT** would like a motion for item 7.2.3 to be moved to directly follow point 5, in that whoever is elected takes over the meeting right away.

A discussion between **INF-SIO** and **NAT** ensues to determine the value of such a move. The delegate expresses his personal concern with the motion but that he has a duty to speak for **NAT**, who requested the motion.

**BN** calls for a point of order during the discussion and states it is an important question, and is a discussion between delegates necessary?

**INF-SIO** – concedes this action may well be valid in the next congress, but points out that motions for today needed to be have been submitted to the competent authorities, and can therefore be valid for next time.

**NAT** representative agrees it would be awkward to change now:

→ **Motion withdrawn**

→ **AGENDA APPROVED**



### **3. Presentation by Mr. Jerko Sladoljev about naturism in Croatia / Slovenia**

→ *Moved to start of Congress as above*

### **4. Reports (2018-2019)**

**INF-SIO** – Are there any remarks regarding the submitted reports?

**BN** raises a query regarding an apparent discrepancy in amounts cited for the cost of the new website. On page 9 of the annual accounts for 2019, €22,800 is listed but in the online minutes on page 13 in point 11.2, Rolf mentions €28,000: which is correct?

**INF-DDR** explains that the difference can be accounted for by subsequent invoices, and the 2019 sum was correct at the time, noting that he was not treasurer at that point.

A discussion ensues between **BN** and members of the CC regarding costs, with **BN** expressing concern that a WordPress website costs €28,000.

**INF-DDR** agrees to find out further details of the costs and invoicing regarding maintenance, language translation etc and will provide this information at a later point.

**4.1 a** Report from INF-FNI President (SIO)

**4.1 b** Report from INF-FNI secretary (JPS)

**4.2** Financial Report from INF-FNI treasurer (DDR)

**4.3** Report from EU-Assessor, European countries (LLT)

**4.4** Report from WW-Assessor, non-European countries (GMR)

**4.5** Report of the Social Media (RDS)

**4.6** Report of the President of the Law Council (HBT)

**4.7** Report of the Account Checkers (ACN-DDR)

*(All reports are visible in our protected INF-FNI download)*

**INF-SIO** – no further questions for the reports.

### **5. Discussion and discharge of the CC**

→ **166 in favour**

### **6. Questions concerning reports from federations and correspondents**

**INF-SIO** – No questions

Congress closes @ 4.27pm Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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Congress resumes @ 9.32am Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### **7. Timely submitted motions concerning the statute modifications**

#### **7.1.1 Statute modification about selling INF-FNI Stamps**

**FENAIT** – Our proposed motion aims to make a clear & rational policy regarding the selling of stamps in camps and associations. Propose that paragraph 7, rights and duties, is changed to the new text in the document.



A discussion ensues during which concerns about Federations selling stamps to persons from another country when abroad are raised, whether this motion would then penalise those that do, and if so, what would the “punishment” be.

**NFN** is particularly concerned as to what the repercussions would be if this motion were passed and then a Federation sells to others, stressing that it is not the motion per se that is in question, but rather that, if considering passing the motion, clarification on what happens if a Federation defies the rule should be included.

**NFN requests that the minutes show “that a punishment must be decided if you do sell them to other countries. Nothing is written, that is what is missed. Add a sentence”.**

**NAT** agrees with **NFN**, suggesting committees are needed between Congresses to discuss this issue over a couple of years to then present at the next Congress. This motion makes sense at present, but there are many scenarios too big to consider now.

**FEN** agrees there is a real problem with this issue, for example, Lichtenstein, and action needs to be taken; the motion can always be modified later.

**NFN** agrees there is a problem, and agrees committees between Congress can discuss the problems and solutions.

→ 158 in favour – Motion carried

### 7.1.2 Changing deadline for CC candidates

**FEN** explains that their motion is not suggesting the three-month deadline changes, and the agenda wording is incorrect; the motion should be **What happens if no candidate is presented?** A final line in 10.1 should be added.

During the discussion, **BN** expresses support for the motion but has reservations, and stresses it is important that 10.1 is read in context with 10.2.

Concerns regarding the opportunity to review candidates in a short time frame are raised, along with CC’s role in candidate selection. CC also expresses concerns regarding the technical issues of including nominees in the literature within a short time frame.

**NFN** suggests that, if this situation ever arises, candidates can be presented at the start of Congress and considered during those three days.

**FEN** stresses that this motion is only for exceptions, and that if no candidate has been presented by Federations by the deadline, and if CC nominates someone and delegates can decide at Congress.

**INF-JPS** – CC proposes amending the time frame to one month before the general assembly. Amendments can be allowed by CC. Article 10.

**FEN** – so change the wording to “in case there are no candidates presented by the Federations from one month before the General Assembly then nominations are permitted at the beginning of Congress”

**BN** supports the motion but stresses that the regulations should be reviewed, and also suggests altering the wording slightly = “permitted until *just before* start of congress”.

→ Unanimous in favour – Motion carried.

### 7.1.3 CC mandate duration limited to 8 years

**FFN** – this motion proposes that the right to be consecutively re-elected is for once only, giving the term a maximum of 8 yrs. At the FFN, presidency is limited to a max of 6yrs. We concede there is a risk if you have a fantastic president, but new ideas are often brought in and



contribute to the renewal of the Federation. Naturism should always move forward with society, and we suggest the INF adopts the same concept.

During the discussion it is established that former presidents can be re-elected after a gap of four years, and that if this motion is carried it will not apply retroactively, and will only set in from the next Congress.

**BN** expresses support for this motion, reiterating it is healthy to have rotation, and is a common practice internationally, helping to build in predictability: if you know the term is coming up, you can consider the future. There is no need for a president to contest an election and stand back with grace.

**43 against**

→ **120 in favour – Motion carried**

#### 7.1.4 Modification: § 3 of INF-FNI statutes

**BN** suggests an amendment to the term “affiliated persons”.

During the ensuing discussion, various issues are raised concerning persons who do not want to pay a fee at all to attend beaches and be naked, some do not want to be in a Federation / buy a stamp but do want membership benefits, with **NOS** stating their issue (similar to others) of 500,000 people using the beaches but who do not want to contribute financially.

**NFN** is concerned that the motion as drafted could cause them significant inconvenience and cost. (added 17/12/2021)

**BN** reiterates that the motion is meant to simply clarify the statute but the points raised perhaps call for further discussion at another time and is happy to withdraw the motion.

**NAT** echoes there is a need for clarification and to address losing revenue, and understand the issues as to why people don't see the value of paying.

**NFN** concurs with the need to think about other income possibilities.

**INF-SIO** echoes suggestion to discuss this topic elsewhere; please do discuss within your own Federations.

→ **Motion withdrawn**

### 7.2 Timely submitted general motions

#### 7.2.1 Mutual provision of membership benefits

**BN** this motion was a discussion point in Lisbon that generated interest but also concerns, namely around whether hosting Federations would be asked to spend more on visitors than their own members, or on legal protection should anyone “misbehave”. To meet concerns, we recommend two amendments and add:

At the end of paragraph 2: “for example, it follows that points listed a – e are just examples, no fed is obliged to offer without limit

Para 3 / c “provided member has demonstrated respect for local law and custom”

A small discussion ensued raising questions as to who has management of this policy (the Federations themselves) and whether this was not the way already, but **BN** reiterated the motion was about clarification and communication to members. **INA** supports this motion as Britain and Ireland already work this way and have no problems.

→ **Unanimous – Motion carried**



**INF-SIO** - Every Federation should add each passed motion on their own website.

### 7.2.2 Subdivision of the INF-FNI and creation of a Commercial INF-FNI

**BN** states this motion is about procedure, and not intended to discuss whether a Commercial INF is a good idea or not; **BN** is neutral on that point as they have not seen a proposal. However, were a proposal brought forward, the general assembly must be able to vote on it.

→ **Unanimous – Motion carried**

### 7.2.3

1. Move of the election of officers up to be the first point after the delegates have voted to discharge the outgoing CC
2. Allow the elected candidates to take up their position with immediate effect.

→ **NAT – Motion withdrawn as above**

### 7.2.4 Creation of a Non-EUNAT

**NAT** states that the intention of this motion is that all Federations should pay the same fee be they in or out of Europe.

The discussion revolves around the non-EU Federations experiencing issues with funding of events and the ability to draw attendance from outside their own Federations: **FQN-FCN** notes that it is hard enough to get Canadians from opposite sides of the country to attend, and that they would be paying into something but not able to get anything back.

**INF-SIO** regrets that Gregers Moller (**INF-FNI Assessor non-EU**) is not present to discuss the creation of a steering committee. **FQN-FCNN** states that Mexico and Australia are already on this committee and they stopped meeting as it became clear that a non-EUNAT wouldn't work. Concerns exist that this motion was included with the hope that it passes so that the committee would be obliged to continue to explore the viability of this. **ANF** and **SANNA** concur, with the latter stating that more information about the motion is needed before support is offered.

**INF-SIO** expresses surprise, and states she will relay these comments to G.Moller; if the motion is not desired then she will not push for it.

**NAT** notes that as all the non-EU delegates do not support this motion then it can be referred to the next Congress.

**INF-SIO** agrees to refer and will discuss providing more information once discussed with G.Moller.

→ **Motion referred to next Congress**

### 7.2.5 Proposal for the right for observers to speak at the General Assembly

**FFN** –Propose that observers be given the right to speak (but not to vote) at general assembly to contribute more ideas and take part in exchanges.

The discussion mainly involves the technical issues as to how this can be implemented given various scenarios; it is suggested by **ANF** that to mitigate these issues the delegate speaks on observer's behalf with permission for the Chair, and **BN** interjects that permission to speak should be given by the meeting and not just the Chair.



**DFK** suggests that the wording of the motion could be “in exceptional cases, the Chair is allowed to give permission to an observer if the Chair has general assembly and delegate permission” and the speaker adheres to the regulatory time limit of three minutes.

→ **Unanimous – Motion carried**

### **7.2.6 We propose the right to vote on subjects raised as diverse questions (points which are not listed on the agenda).**

**FFN** – this allows the progression of discussions and any ideas raised to avoid a 2-year wait to raise the issue again.

The ensuing discussion revolves around the need to think about any new ideas raised, relevant debates etc. and whether financial decisions could be impacted.

**BN** mentions that the motion could be re-drafted: under section 8 of regulations a – f, add point g – “that the matter under discussion be put to the vote”. **BN** expressed assurance that this would be for matters under normal discussion with no impact on financial decisions.

At this point the delegate for **LNV** shouts at **LLT** (no translation possible as microphone was not used).

**INA** wishes the minutes to record that insulting delegates has occurred and should not be tolerated.

Final: As there is still concern from **INF-HBT** around financial impacts, a revision is agreed:

**BN** – “New points raised during the meeting can be discussed. They can be voted on provided they do not affect the statutes or GA-rules, or have financial impact”

**41 against**

→ **125 votes in favour – Motion carried**

## **7.3 Motions concerning finances**

### **7.3.1 Adjustment of the costs for INF-FNI stamps**

**INF-DDR** The CC proposes an increase to €1.70. The last time a change in price occurred was 27 years ago before the introduction of the €, and believes an update is necessary. There has been a decline in membership, and to avoid bankruptcy the CC must recommend this increase.

The discussion centres on an incremental price increase rather than a direct rise immediately;

**FFN** says this year of financial crisis is not the right time; **NFN** have balanced their books for the year and communicated prices already. **ACN** relays that the situation is grave and funds are

needed sooner rather than later, there is regret that an increase was not implemented over a number of years already. Most delegates agree there is a need for a rise but time is needed for budgeting (**NFN**). Concerns about what the increase is then spent on arise (**BN**). **ANF** notes that a decline in membership needs to be investigated rather than used as an argument for an increase in fees. **SNU-UNS** concurs there is a need to look at the deeper issues of membership decline.

**An agreement that the increase occurs but is incremental over a specific time period is reached: stays the same for 2022; an increase of 30c in 2023; a further increase of 27c in 2024.**

**Abstain – 4**

**Against – 68**

→ **94 in favour – Motion carried**

Congress closes @ 5.15pm Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021



Congress resumes @ 9.32am Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**The Congress resumes with a question from ANF** regarding the motion from the previous day about fees and whether the price rise includes non-EU Federations, given that the motion for a non-EUNAT was referred to the next Congress, and a price rise for non-EU Federations could be the equivalent to a 100% increase.

**INF-SIO** repeats that the motion regarding the non-EUNAT was a surprise and that she was not aware of the reluctance of some delegates; the motion regarding fees was passed yesterday, albeit amid evident confusion. However, nothing changes until 2023, and the passed motion can be discussed and amended, if necessary, at the next Congress.

## **7.4 Discussion points**

### **7.4.1 Mission, Vision and Values of the INF-FNI**

**NAT** points out that the draft document regarding point 7.4.1 provided by G. Moller is not from **NAT**, as G. Moller signed it as an assessor.

**LLT** stresses that he is just reading out what has been passed to him and proceeds to read out the text.

**BN** says the draft has a lot of good content that needs greater impetus. When we come back next year, we should discuss this draft with vigour.

**NFN** agrees and proposes that an external bureau is hired to investigate using a good sample size and survey for an independent investigation.

**INF-SIO** concurs with this proposal and that it will be money well spent but there is a need for INF to have a group of people specifically dedicated to this, and asks if anyone is ready to get involved. Time will be given for people to have a think about this and this item can be returned to later.

### **7.4.2 Discussion point regarding a revision of the Statutes of the INF-FNI**

**NAT** states that the need to do this has been raised on numerous occasions and that a commission to review the statutes is required. It is an enormous job because of the international nature.

**INF-SIO and INF-HBT** concur this is a Herculean task especially given the translations involved, requiring at least two more years.

**BN** acknowledges the scale and mentions that one of the interpreters has expressed an interest in getting involved. **NAT** suggests that Federations are surveyed regarding which statutes to revise; **NFN** concurs this will help with workloads.

**INF-SIO** will contact the German attorney and **INF-HBT** will contact Lesly and schedule a meeting to plan this project.

**INF-HBT** states that every Federation needs to create some sort of legal counsel group in order to tell us which are satisfactory or not.

### **7.4.3 INF-FNI Membership Card development**

**NAT** concedes this raises legal issues but it is a good idea to give value to the INF and support Federations, and encourage people to travel between countries; however, some resorts no longer require stamps, so INF local Federation membership should be encouraged. INF is perfectly positioned to create a cross-border program but understands there are issues in some



countries (events such as bingo are illegal in Canada). These ideas cannot be decided in Congress and that perhaps a group of people is needed to discuss further.

The discussion centres on the challenges it would take to create a “smart” membership card, one with QR codes, giving up the physical entity of a card with stamps on it that have been acquired over time and a badge of honour for some; data protection; using an app instead to entice the young. The issue of needing to clarify the Mission statement and statutes also makes this a bad time to discuss now. All agree.

**INF-SIO declares the item closed**, but not before **INA** and **SNU-UNS** volunteer to take part in any trial as and when appropriate.

#### 7.4.4 Success stories

**BN** is proud to pass on that the online events during lockdown were hugely successful: exercise classes, life drawing, cookery, debates, pub nights, coffee mornings; all were open to anyone and not just **BN**, most were free events. Everything was moderated and anyone misbehaving was ejected very quickly. The event in Oct 2020 attracted over 200 attendees, more people than in living memory (physical attendance can be around 15). The positive media attention was warmly received and the “Great British Take-off” event in May 2020 raised over €3,300 for charity. In November 2020 the National forum was held online and had worldwide reach, bringing together the international community with over 500 participants and speakers from 16 countries.

**INA** is grateful for this item as she wants to take these stories back to Ireland. Interest in naturism during pandemic was also very positive, with press headlines abroad bringing a rise in naturism which has benefitted Ireland. We have had more public visibility during the pandemic, more social awareness. Further interest from journalists is welcome, so if there are any events abroad that **INA** could be a part of, members are very keen.

#### **Presentation by Sönke Reise from GetNakedGermany.**

The Congress is given a short talk about the organisation’s creation, details of its website and social media pages, how they manage photographic and text submissions for approval, and takes questions from the floor. The issues of nudity on social media are discussed, with the concession that older people use Facebook and Twitter but the core target audience of the young are more likely to use Instagram, which presents several problems being wholly an image-based platform.

#### **(Complete text)**

Sönke Reise introduced himself as webmaster and media representative of Naturist Camping am Flemhuder See Kiel e.V. ([www.nc-kiel.eu](http://www.nc-kiel.eu)). In October 2020, he and a small team launched the initiative "GetNakedGermany".

Initially with a small team. The name was inspired by the Australian initiative of the same name. The reason for the initiative was the perceived dissatisfaction with the state of public relations of other institutions and statements in the press that naturism had no lobby. The goals of GetNakedGermany are to increase the public acceptance of naturism and naturists, to enthuse (young) people for naturism, to strengthen "body acceptance" and to create legal certainty for general nudity outside closed places in Germany. A website ([www.getnakedgermany.de](http://www.getnakedgermany.de)) was set up to achieve these goals. This is intended to arouse curiosity about naturism. Pages have been set up in the social networks, primarily Facebook and Twitter. Followers should receive current information from the world of naturism and at the same time be encouraged to participate or



try it out. For this purpose, users can submit a story and a photo via a form on the website. The GetNakedGermany team checks these submissions for quality and usability and then turns them into appealing posts for Facebook and Twitter. Seriousness is important to the initiative so that everyone can identify with the initiative and its approach. The number of followers is fortunately increasing continuously, but is still at a relatively low level. Sönke invites everyone present to take a look at the initiative's pages and to like them.

**INF-SIO** informs the Congress that during the break a commission was established between **DFK**, **FFN**, and **SNU-UNS**.

## 8. Provisional budget 2020-2021

**8.1** Elaborated by Rolf, presented by Dominique, discussion and approval

**INF-DDR** advises this is not his prepared document but will do his best to answer any questions.

Discussions around website costs start things off and perhaps shopping around for another provider (**BN**), with explanations from **INF-DDR** and **ACN** that depreciation is included in the quoted number, and that perhaps a separate budget with two different items to show expenditure need to be presented to reflect this. The predicted revenue of €40k causes some concerns, and it is agreed that a vote can proceed without the inclusion of the €40k.

**Abstention - 1**

→ Budget approved

**INF-SIO** – Harald Seiss will chair the statute review group

## 9. INF-FNI Central Committee Elections: (4 years mandate - m/f)

**9.1** President

**NFN** submits a proposal to have a transition between **INF-SIO** and **SDS** if he is elected, with the two working together so that **INF-SIO** can help **SDS** become familiar with processes, easing workload during the statute review. Everyone applauds indicating that support for the proposal is there, and the discussion begins.

The discussion centres around the titles to be given to each member, as it is not possible to have two Presidents or three Vice Presidents. The term 'honorary' is supported by some, including **INF-HBT**, who sees no legal issue with this, but this is contested by a number of delegates. Ultimately, it is decided that the title is less of an immediate issue and the focus should be in voting in **NFN's** proposal.

*There is a brief aside during which the **LVN** delegate shouts at length at **SDS**. The delegate is silenced and the discussion resumes. There is agreement among delegates that the outburst is undignified and dishonouring naturism. **BN** echoes the requirement for order on the floor and asks the delegate in question not to interrupt again, prompting further interruption from **LVN**. He is silenced once more.*

The secret ballot for President is held:



1 Abstention

**INF-SIO - 61**

→ **SDS elected - 104**

9.2 Treasurer

→ **INF- DDR is elected by applause**

9.3 Assessor European Countries

→ **INF- LLT is elected by applause**

9.4 Protection of naturism

→ **INF-FES is elected by applause**

9.5 IT-Social Media

→ **INF-RDS is elected by applause**

## **10. Legal Council Elections (4 years mandate – m/f)**

10.1 LC substitute

There is consternation among the delegates that they do not know who the candidate is for this role; no information apart from his name has been submitted either by himself or by his proposer, Gregers Moller.

It is agreed that it is not necessary to vote anyone into this role right now.

→ **NAT withdraws the nominee**

## **11. Elections for Cash Checkers (4 years mandate – m/f)**

11.1 Armand Ceolin (FLN) and Henri Hermans (NFN)

→ **Both elected by applause**

## **12. Any other business**

Working Plan 2016-2018, current status

**INF-SIO** assures the delegates that in next 3-4 months they will submit this in a meeting and read the priority tasks.

**FCQ-FCN** wishes the following to be included in the minutes:

“I am disappointed in the disruptions that have occurred over these three days, and we all know what the situation is here. That these are ignored is giving tacit approval to those disruptions, and there has to be a mechanism in place enacted by the Chair, the problem must be addressed. Even when [the delegate in question] was asked ‘do not interrupt me’, he interrupted. This has to be addressed.”

**INA** also voices concerns that the delegate was not expelled, and this must happen if there is a next time.

## **13. Place and date of the next 38<sup>th</sup> INF-FNI congress 2022**



Canada is proposed but it is not possible for financial reasons, the next possible time will be 2026.

**DFK** proposes Switzerland

**SNU-UNS** advises he will check with associates

**INF-JPS** proposes Luxembourg as an alternative should Switzerland decline.

**INF-SIO** expresses sadness on behalf of Rolf who is having health issues and is sad not to say goodbye to you all.

**DFK** informs the delegates that he and **INF-SIO** had agreed to put forward a short German report, which needs to be included in the next agenda.

**INF-SIO** gives thanks to NFN for a very useful solution, the technicians for their work, and everyone for attending, and **formally closes the 37<sup>TH</sup> INF-FNI World Congress (2020) at 3.15pm Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021.**

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