



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE INF-FNI

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2022

Via Microsoft Teams videoconference

The Central Committee met by videoconference at 1300-1500 UTC (0700 Mexico, 0800 Toronto, 1300 London, 1400 Western Europe, 1500 Cape Town).

Participants

Stéphane Deschênes (SD) (chair), Sieglinde Ivo (SI), Dominique Dufour (DD), Laurent Luft (LL), Rosita dal Soglio (RS), Filipa Esteves (FE), Gustavo de la Garza (GG), Christo Bothma (CB) and Edwin Kilby (EK) (minutes).

Jessica Williamson (JW) was also in attendance, taking notes for the Chair.

Agenda

1. It was noted that the agenda for the meeting was longer than could be covered adequately in the 2 hours set aside for the meeting. SD informed the meeting that the EC members (the two presidents and vice-presidents) were due to meet the following week at Hörsching, and could cover any leftover business then, reporting to the rest of the CC as necessary.

Minutes of the October meeting

2. The CC had met in Luxembourg just before the Congress; it had been a short meeting and the only decision had been to approve the budget, which was then presented to the Federations attending the Congress.

Europe update

3. LL reported that not a great deal had happened since the Congress; however, a worrying report had come from Ireland about cancellation of a swim session by the managing board of the pool where the event had taken place.

Youth gathering

4. Practical issues had emerged in relation to the international youth gathering. Plans to hold the event in Belgium had fallen through. LL was liaising with Daniela Schleicher (EuNat Youth officer) about this, and other possibilities were being explored: one option might be to bring forward to 2023 the event planned for 2024 at Origan Village. A decision needed to be taken as to whether to keep the pricing of this event at €50 per person.

Swimming gala

5. LL and SI reported that the event in Belgrade had been very well organised; especially remarkable given the short time the organisers had been given. There had been a professional team of judges at the pool and the participants had loved it. The hotel, too, had been good, within walking distance of the pool and the city centre.
6. As yet there was no offer to host the event in 2023. It was important to avoid the difficulties encountered in 2022.

EuNat meeting

7. This was planned for 10-12 March in Bonn. Wilfried Blaschke (EuNat Secretary) was working on invitations, and these would be available in the next week or two.
8. There would be an online version of the meeting, so federations would be able to join remotely if they were unable to attend in person. JW was working with Wilfried on the translation, and liaising with a company called Interactio on making remote interpretation available. The intention is that the regular interpreters would be able to operate from home. These would cover the three official languages, but there would be an option for any federation who wished it to have interpretation into their own language, if they were prepared to pay for it.
9. The motion at the World Congress had proposed the holding of a conference at the same time as the EuNat meeting and it was understood Wilfried planned to host such an event; however, this might be optimistic given the time available. EK would be discussing this with Wilfried in the coming weeks. It would be beneficial to allow non-European federations to join; they could see what happens at EuNat (without the right to speak or vote) as well as joining any conference.

Vision and mission statement

10. LL reported that the statement adopted at Luxembourg had been well-received by the federations and others, with many different translations being made. Some federations were now developing their own vision and mission statements based on the INF model. The statement should define how the INF-FNI operates in future.
11. One comment had been to the effect that the statement failed to cover extraordinary members; however it was noted that much of the statement related to Naturism in general and the intention that the INF-FNI should be an international partner in the support of naturism – and it should be recalled that the INF-FNI is here for all naturists.
12. It was suggested that the statement should be given greater prominence on the website.



70th anniversary event

13. Comments had been received from NFN concerning the proposed venue and its policies regarding single travellers. The CC discussed this and will look into the matter further. A meeting between NFN and the president of FFN had been organised; LL would be attending.

Americas

14. GG had introduced himself to the members of the CLANAT (the organisation of Latin-American naturist federations) and spoken about the potential merits of joining the INF-FNI. Some members had an old-fashioned view of the INF-FNI. GG was looking for new ways of interesting them in the INF-FNI, explaining how through the INF-FNI, organisations could learn about naturism all over the world. He needed to be able to show that we were all moving in the same direction.
15. In discussion it was noted that the federations needed a leader; they also needed to know whom to contact from within the INF-FNI. The World Congress planned for Mexico in 2024 could be a great opportunity for the Latin-American federations.
16. Separately, SD had been invited to join the Caribbean nude cruise in February and have discussions with the AANR. The expenses of this would not fall on the INF-FNI.

Africa-Asia-Pacific

17. CB reported that he had sent out an email to the federations introducing himself. He proposed to initiate quarterly meetings so that he was fully informed as to where the federations stood in relation to communications with the INF-FNI.
18. He had also spoken to the New Zealand federation with a view to exploring the possibility of their returning to the INF-FNI.

Job titles/email addresses for new posts

19. After a short discussion it was agreed that the Americas-assessor (GG) should have the email address AM-assessor@inf-fni.org and the Africa-Asia-Pacific assessor (CB) should take over the WW-assessor@inf-fni.org email address.

Social media

20. RS reported that there had been a lot of good feedback and plenty of material for the social media immediately after the Congress, but it had fallen away somewhat since. It

was suggested that she put out a reminder to federations of the need to provide material.

Defence of Naturism

21. FE informed the meeting that there were no new issues to report.

Role descriptions for social media officer/defender of Naturism

22. In view of pressure on today's agenda, discussions on this could commence during the EC meeting planned for the following week.

Finance

23. DD had circulated a summary note to the CC. There were some outstanding payments following the Congress in Luxembourg. Although payments had been promised they had yet to arrive. More time may be needed due to the practicalities of making payment.

Expenses accounting policy

24. A question had arisen over the long-standing manner in which expenses of EC members were accounted for; this had its origin before any members of the current EC had been in office and followed from the requirements of the finance ministry. It is proposed to make these expenses more transparent by putting them in their own category.

25. Discussions on reconsidering the current policy will take place during the forthcoming EC meeting.

Subsidy for small federations attending Congress

26. During discussion of a motion from DNH (Croatia) at the recent Congress, the CC had undertaken to arrange a conference call with the Treasurer about what possibilities there might be to help federations with fewer than 500 members with the expenses of attending Congress. It was noted that 16 federations had fewer than 500 members.

27. It was agreed that FE, being President of a small federation, would lead this project, assisted by LL, RS and EK. DD, as Treasurer, would naturally be central to the discussion.

Focus newsletter

28. Several articles about current events needed to be published in the next issue, raising the question whether *Focus* should be made longer so that these were not out of date.

29. It was noted that there were practical issues in making the newsletter longer: *Focus* was translated into 6 languages and there were other pressures on the office. What is more, an over-lengthy newsletter might also put people off reading it.
30. There was no reason why items intended for use in *Focus* could not be published in the blog on the website, although the balance between the blog and the news page on the website needed to be reviewed and the blog given greater prominence.

Updates to the Statutes

31. The updated Statutes following the Congress at Luxembourg had been drafted and agreed by the CC, and they were ready for circulation and submission to the Linz authorities. They needed only the signatures of EC members. This could be concluded during the EC meeting planned for the following week.

Office 365 and Hupra

32. It was noted that Office 365 was a powerful system but there were limitations in relation to what the administrators, Hupra (www.hupra.nl), could offer by way of support. There was no out-of-hours support and their website was in Dutch only. This could be discussed further during the forthcoming EC meeting.

Adjournment

33. Pressure on time meant there had been no discussion of

- Statutes revision working group
- Membership and revenue working group
- Website hosting and development
- Update to the working plan
- The 2024 Congress – Mexico.

The EC would commence discussion on these points, as well as following up the points identified above, at its forthcoming meeting.

34. SD expressed the intention to arrange more frequent CC meetings by videoconference over the coming months.

Edwin Kilby

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