



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

**SATURDAY 28 JANUARY 2023**

### **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.

### **00 Welcome and agenda review**

1. It was noted that members of the CC were expected to speak in accordance with decisions taken at the meeting.
2. Under any other business, EK had asked for a short discussion concerning “naked days” and the determination of the date for World Naturist Day.

### **01 Minutes of the November meeting**

3. These had been agreed online. Matters arising from them appeared on the agenda and did not require separate discussion.

### **02 Europe update**

4. The president of FFN had made a request for a subsidy for a beach volleyball tournament to be held on 23 April. In discussion it was noted that the correct forum for the discussion was the EuNat meeting, and FFN should be advised to apply then.
5. Indications were that it was unlikely BN would be in a position to offer to host the international swimming gala this year. It was known that the Serbian federation were keen to hold the event again. EK could send out a new reminder to federations concerning the possibility of bidding to host the event at the forthcoming EuNat meeting. As yet, no federation had offered to host the pétanque tournament either.  
**Action: EK to issue reminder.**
6. It was confirmed that the youth gathering would be held in France. Federations should be encouraged to communicate with their clubs to make them aware of this event.  
**Action: EK to issue such encouragement.**

7. Angelos Mimikopoulos, curator of the East-Central European Documentation Centre on Naturism & Related Subjects (EEDC), had indicated a wish no longer to host this library, which included some 25,000 books and magazines on subjects related to naturism. Bruno Saurez, curator of a large library of naturist materials situated in France, had expressed interest in taking it over. However, discussions on how to transport the material from Greece to France had revealed that Angelos did not want it to leave Greece. Discussions between Angelos and Bruno would continue.
8. The long-standing FENAIT-UNI question had been raised again. FENAIT complained that UNI is now registered in Austria and was part of ÖNV; however the majority of its members, as well as its office and postal address, were in Italy. During discussion the following points were made:
  - whether or not the arrangement was strictly in accordance with the INF statutes, an ethical question arose; feedback was that the INF was perceived as having acquiesced in an unfortunate situation for too long, and this was reputationally damaging for the entire CC
  - on the other hand, many federations and clubs had members outside their own country; the fact that UNI was registered in Austria meant it was “legally located” there for the purposes of the statutes (see especially section 7.6.1) and they were doing nothing wrong
  - it would be open to the federations to change the policy by amending the statutes, but this could only be done by the general assembly which would next meet in late 2024, unless an extraordinary general assembly were to be held
  - the wider question of policy could be put to the membership working group which CB was chairing; depending on its view it could propose changes to the statutes but they would need additional terms of reference. **Action: EK to draft**
  - part of the underlying problem had been a personal dispute between the leadership of FENAIT and that of UNI; the current FENAIT leadership would be standing down in the coming weeks which might provide an opportunity for a rapprochement, but this depended (among other things) on the position of the UNI board which would need to discuss the matter. As a member of UNI, RS was asked to initiate that discussion. **Action: RS**
  - it might be of benefit to seek the view of the President of the Law Council since the expression “legally located” is ambiguous. **Action: EK to draft a letter to Hervé. SI to provide relevant documents to EK.**

### **03 EuNat meeting in Bonn**

9. A CC meeting would take place in Bonn ahead of the EuNat meeting and conference. It was unlikely GG would be able to attend. CB was ready to attend in principle but still awaited a visa, and it was uncertain whether it would arrive in time. It was pointed out that if GG or CB could not attend physically they would be able to join by videoconference.
10. Sixteen delegates had so far registered to attend in person. Only three delegates had at the time of the meeting requested to join by videoconference, which was disappointing. It was noted that the deadline for registering for videoconferencing could be extended with minimal inconvenience to the organisers. **Action: EK to speak to Wilfried Blaschke, EuNat Secretary, about extending the deadline.**
11. JW had been working to introduce a new system of remote interpretation which involved using an app on a smartphone or laptop, with a headset. This allowed the interpreters to operate from home, and also allowed participants to join by videoconference. Longer-term it would be significantly more cost-effective. EK had discussed this with Wilfried, and it was proposed that at the Bonn meeting the new system should operate alongside a familiar system, so as to help delegates become used to the new system. This would be more expensive but could be seen as an investment for the future.
12. The new system would also allow a federation to request interpretation into an additional language at its own expense. JW had obtained a quote for Italian: it would be €1700 for a full day and €1000 for a half day; this included the services of interpreters.

### **04 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

13. LL and EK had worked on an announcement and a web page about the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. It was essential to issue it now, because many French people made their bookings for resorts such as Montalivet before Christmas, and delay might mean accommodation was limited. Those attending were invited to book time either side of the event but they should not expect to obtain the event discount for the extra days.
14. It was suggested that a new plaque be added to the monument at Montalivet which currently marked the 40<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> anniversaries. Montalivet itself had paid for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary plaque, but new management meant that payment could not be relied on this time. Jean-Claude Antoine, president of the Aquitaine region of the FFN, was well-placed to follow up enquiries about this during LL's forthcoming vacation. DD could maintain contact with Jean-Claude in LL's absence. **Action: DD.**
15. It was agreed that the Central Committee meeting at Montalivet should take place on Monday 11 September. A small room or the office would be needed for this meeting.

16. Three meeting rooms were available: one large one holding 200 people, and two smaller rooms for 30 or 40 people. During informal discussion at the conclusion of the meeting, on the basis that the event might attract 50 or 60 people, it was proposed to hire the large meeting room with a view to holding workshops on the Friday and Saturday mornings. Excursions could be arranged during the afternoons. **Action LL.**

### **05 Secretariat**

17. Nothing on this part of the agenda was urgent, and in view of pressure on the agenda these points would be carried over to the March meeting.
18. It was noted that World Naturism Day was normally the first Sunday in June (northern hemisphere) and the first Sunday in December (southern hemisphere). In recent times it had proved convenient to extend the “naturism day” over a week – so this year they would be 4-11 June and 3-10 December. These dates should be put on the website. **Action: EK.**
19. CB asked for this matter to be discussed further at the next meeting. **Action: SD to put on next agenda.**

### **06 Social media**

20. RS requested content for the Blog concerning the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. EK to provide in LL’s absence on holiday. **Action: EK.**
21. RS currently received more feedback and information from smaller federations than from larger ones. It was observed that lack of input from federations was not a new problem, nor was it unique to the INF.

### **07 Protection of Naturism**

22. FE had left the meeting due to other obligations and had emailed her report to the CC one day before.

### **08 Role descriptions for Social Media and Protection of Naturism posts**

23. RS and FE had provide useful accounts of the jobs they were doing. SD and EK would draft role descriptions; SD would provide the first draft. **Action: SD, EK.**

### **09 Americas update**

24. GG had been working with CLANAT members, stressing how they needed to belong to the INF, especially since Mexico would host the World Congress soon. In March GG planned to attend the naturist congress in Colombia.

### **10 Africa-Asia-Pacific update**

25. CB had been talking to contacts in various countries. The New Zealand federation had already taken a vote to re-join the INF.

26. CB has been trying to fix times for meetings, given the sizeable time differences.

27. The contact with Senegal had gone quiet. It was recalled that a sizeable sum of money was owing following the Luxembourg congress.

### **11 Finance update**

28. DD noted that he had circulated a financial update the previous day. A significant concern was that ANF (Australia) had not paid its subscription for 2022 and the hotel expenses of their delegate to the Luxembourg Congress.

### **Other matters**

29. Time being short, the remaining urgent matters were discussed briefly and otherwise remitted to the meeting planned for Bonn in March. Points identified as urgent were:

- **Website:** The design company had proposed various changes to the structure of the website designed to make maintenance of the lists of clubs and locations simpler; however the quotes for some of these were expensive. The Executive Committee should consider these and make proposals to the CC. **Action: SD, SI, DD, EK.**
- **Congress subsidy for smaller federations:** Following the discussion at the Congress, FE had written to the smaller federations with a view to setting up a discussion but had received only one reply, from Croatia, who had raised the topic at Congress. It was suggested that FE re-send the email and remind Federations about this at the EuNat meeting in Bonn.



### **Next meeting**

The next Central Committee meeting was due to take place in Bonn on Friday 10 March at 1400.

**Edwin Kilby**

VP-Secretary

30 January 2023