New Zealand Naturist Federation rejoins the INF-FNI

The INF-FNI is delighted to welcome back the New Zealand Naturist Federation (NZNF) as a member of the organisation. The NZNF’s readmission was confirmed at a meeting of the INF-FNI’s Central Committee at Montalivet on 11 September.

Speaking after the meeting, Stéphane Deschênes, the Canada–based co-president of the INF-FNI, said “We are very happy to have New Zealand once again restored to its rightful place among our worldwide Naturist family. We are very much looking forward to working with our friends in the NZNF to help promote Naturism, not only in the Asia-Pacific region but also around the world.

“Naturally, we hope other countries outside Europe will follow, as millions more people across the globe discover the mental and physical health benefits of naturism, its role in countering body shame, and its value in connecting us more with the natural environment.”

David Saunders, president of the NZNF, said, “The NZNF is delighted that the INF has welcomed back our Federation to be part of an organisation that currently represents 37 member countries and which has true international representation across Asia, Americas, Africa, Europe and the South Pacific. We trust that the leadership of the INF will foster the development and growth of naturism and the philosophy of respect underpinning it, especially in countries where the true benefits of naturism are not yet widely recognised.”

Events

70.10.2023
EuNat Online Meeting

Online via ZOOM
10am - 6pm
Further Information about the event at our website: https://events.inf-fni.org/event/online-meeting-of-eunat/

03.11. - 05.11.2023
International Swimming Gala

Belgrade, SERBIA
Organised by NOS. Information about the event at our website: https://events.inf-fni.org/event/international-swimming-gala/

03.12.2023
World Naturist Day – Southern Hemisphere

Focus December

Deadline to remit articles: 14th November 2023

Release of Focus latest: 31st November 2023
From Friday 25th to Sunday 27th August, the MNE (Association of Hungarian Naturists), celebrating its 40th Anniversary, affiliated with the FENHU (Federation of Naturists in Hungary), organised the INF-FNI Pétanque Tournament at the Oázis Naturist Campsite near Budapest.

The participating Federations were DFK (Germany), FENHU (Hungary), NFN (the Netherlands), ÖNV (Austria), FBN (Belgium), INA (Ireland), FEN (Spain), SNU-UNS (Switzerland).

The organisers, Peter & Brigitta, showed us what experts they have become, after already having organised the event two years ago. To make it easier on our bodies to play pétanque the whole weekend, a session of massage was offered to every participant, just like two years ago. We also had a live singing group, music and dancing on the Saturday evening.

This year’s news is that during this event, we participated in the recording of a documentary about Naturism in Hungary.

All participants received our certificates and, as gifts, a towel, a tube of Hungarian Goulash sauce, a small bottle of typical digestive liquor Tőrköly Pálinka, a reusable plastic measuring cup, a steel shot glass and two pens. On top of that, the three top doubles winners (1. DFK, 2. FENHU, 3. DFK) also received big food and drink hampers alongside their trophies.

We, as always, exchanged small gifts at every match between opponents and this tradition helps strengthen our friendship beyond sport. Finally, I can’t finish my report without offering my special thanks to Inge (DFK) & Johan (NFN); both of them, with their partners, have always helped the INF-FNI and me with the organisation of the Pétanque tournament.

Sook-hwa Noh, Sports Officer
The international swimming Gala 2023 - return to Belgrade

With huge thanks to our hosts, the Naturist Organisation of Serbia (NOS), we look forward to returning to Belgrade for the International Swimming Gala. The competition will be on Saturday 4 November and will be overseen by FINA judges. The swimming pool is located in the centre of Belgrade and the accommodation is about 10 minutes’ walk away. The event will conclude with a clothes-optional gala dinner.

Participants in the international swimming gala have usually qualified during national competitions run by federations, making the competition overall something in which hundreds of naturists take part. Federations are currently sending in their entries – the deadline for doing so is 13 October.

Last year’s event at Belgrade was generally considered to have been a huge success and we are grateful for the opportunity to revisit the excellent venue. The news page on the INF-FNI website includes an article written by a journalist who attended the event in 2022. Quotes from participants provide an idea of the positive spirit of the event. Sook-hwa Noh, the EuNat sports officer, is quoted as saying, “The organization is phenomenal. Especially the judges, they are very professional. All the technical stuff, such as the scoreboard, was perfect. We are overjoyed to have come to Serbia.” NOS have set themselves high standards! We are certain that this year’s event will be just as superb.

Entry forms and more information about the event can be found here: https://events.inf-fni.org/event/international-swimming-gala/
You can read the article about the 2022 competition here: https://inf-fni.org/the-international-swimming-gala-at-belgrade/.

LE BETULLE  Villaggio Naturista

Near the Alps, at 25 km from the center of Turin, 20 minutes from the airport Caselle. Caravans, plots for Recreation Vehicles and tents, completely equipped bungalows, caravans with chalet. Pool, solarium, jacuzzi and sauna. Clubhouse restaurant, petanque, mini-tennis, table tennis, Volleyball. Mountain bike circuits and trails in Park Mandria

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Modernising the INF-FNI

Two working groups are looking at ways to update and modernise the INF-FNI’s governing documents and its system of membership and financing

The INF-FNI has the main purpose of promoting naturism by supporting its federations and encouraging co-operation among naturists around the world. By working together, we can boost Naturism more effectively, learn from each other, and enhance the credibility of the Naturist movement both at national level and worldwide.

To achieve those principal goals, the INF-FNI has to have some basic structure as an organisation. In fact it is a legally registered not-for-profit association which, like any such association, has a system of governance and rules about who can be its members and how it is paid for. We recognise that this sort of thing is rather technical, and won’t be exciting to everyone, but it’s fundamental to the way our association works.

THE STATUTES
The organisation is based principally on a set of statutes which were originally agreed in 1953. The statutes have been updated and amended many times since then, but unfortunately this has meant that over time they have become repetitive and in places ambiguous.

This was recognised during the World Congress held in 2021, and a working group was created to examine and propose updates to the statutes. The members are Hervé Begeot and Leslie Rabuchin, the two members of the INF-FNI’s Law Council, Harald Seiss (Austria), and Edwin Kilby (UK), the INF-FNI’s vice-president (Secretary).

An updated draft of the statutes and the rules for general assemblies was sent to the Federations for comment in July, with a request for comments by the end of September. The intention is that with the agreement of the Federations the new statutes will be adopted at the Congress due to be held in Mexico in October 2024.

The new draft includes a revised description of the purpose of the INF-FNI, updated wording in some areas (for example, “extraordinary members” become “associate members”, and “account-checkers” become “auditors”), and clarifies what should happen if things go wrong: it sets out a complaints procedure that would be overseen by the Law Council. There’s also a new section about conflicts of interest. The rules for general assemblies (also known as World Congresses), which deal with elections as well as procedure for such meetings, become explicitly part of the statutes.

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCING
Meanwhile, a separate working group led by Christo Bothma (South Africa), the organisation’s Africa and Asia-Pacific advisor, is looking at the rules for membership and the way the organisation is financed. The other members of the group are Laurent Luft (France), the Europe advisor, Christine Kouman (Netherlands), and Nick de Corte (Belgium), known for the Naked Wanderings blog. They have been tackling questions such as what happens if there is more than one naturist federation in a country, and whether to extend the availability of extraordinary and associate membership in order to aid the startup of new federations in countries where at present there is none. Again, the group’s proposals will be proposed to next year’s World Congress for adoption if the federations agree.

The outcome of these deliberations will stand alongside the system of QR codes designed to replace stamps – see the August 2023 edition of Focus.

CONSULTATION
Both working groups presented their work during the 70th anniversary weekend. If there is interest from the federations we could arrange a videoconference during early 2024, before a motion for the Congress is published in the spring. Comments and suggestions from the federations are, of course, welcome.

You can find more information about the working groups on the INF-FNI website here: https://inf-fni.org/modernising-the-inf-fni/

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A weekend of special events brought together over 120 naturists from around the world. As well as European countries, participants came from Canada, the United States, Mexico and South Africa.

In warm weather, perfect for naturism, a large crowd of naked participants witnessed the unveiling of a new plaque on the monument commemorating the organisation. Co-presidents Stéphane Deschênes and Sieglinde Ivo, echoed by vice-president Edwin Kilby, noted (in the three official languages of the organisation) that the event marked not only a special anniversary, but also the fact that the values fundamental to naturism remained as strong today as they did 70 years ago.

Earlier, the group visited the chalet at the site commemorating Albert and Christiane Lecocq, founders of the Montalivet site and among the pioneers of modern naturism.

The weekend included workshops, including a presentation on the history of naturism by Bruno Saurez. The film "Vivre Nu" ("Living Naked") was shown, and there were opportunities to try out naturist sports including archery and pine-cone throwing. It began, as might be expected in a famous vine-growing region, with a wine-tasting. It culminated in a gala dinner which featured a special 70th birthday cake, kindly sponsored by the Naturist federations from France, the UK, Hungary, Canada, and the UNI association attached to Austria.

We were hugely grateful to all those who attended, and especially to the FFN and the local association - le Club du Soleil Bordeaux Côte d'Argent - for hosting us.