



**Report of the 41st INF - EuNat Alpe-Adria Sports event
29th May – 2nd June 2013 at Solaris, Croatia**

For the 41st Alpe-Adria Meeting Solaris had again welcomed all guests by a large banner strained over the access road to the campground. Unfortunately only 3 federations had submitted the forms sent to them 3 months before. For this reason, numerous participants still had to be lately registered on Wednesday by Sieglinde and Jean.

A meeting with the responsible sports officers was foreseen for Thursday morning at 10.00h, which however had to be cancelled, as one federation still had not arrived yet, so that the individual sports lists could not completely be printed nor distributed. Therefore the sports officers had to pick up the lists at Jean by the following morning only!

In the meantime the 2 cooperative entertainers of Solaris had superbly prepared the various sports courts, so that nothing was blocking the beginning of the competitions anymore. Sadly enough the weather forecasts for the coming days were not very brilliant, what lead many visitors to keep off to participate, so only about 150 persons were present. Yet, this did not only affect Alpe-Adria, but in general the all-over presence of guests at Solaris.

Following federations had participated: DFK(+BNV), DNH, FENAIT, FENHU, FLN, ÖNV, RUS+Ukraine and ZDNS.



After the official opening on 30th May around 12:30 the various competitions started at 14:30 under dry weather conditions: chess (ÖNV), table-tennis (FENHU), badminton (RUS), Cross for children (DNH) and adults as well as tug of war (FLN + Jim).



On 31st May the start for Tennis (DFK) and Volley-Ball (ZDNS) fall flat because of the rain, but could be restarted during the afternoon and be fully completed, in view of the low number of participants.

*(Pétanque referees with a rain umbrella or parasol,
that's the question!)*

On 1st June the weather was fine again, so the Pétanque tournament with 23 doublets, under leadership by



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FENAIT and Jim, and the Beach-Volley-Ball (ZDNS) could be terminated within the time limits.

The Gala-Dinner during the evening was just excellent, as always. After dinner the prize giving with remittance of trophies and medals was held at the first floor of GALEB, together with nice dance music.

The FENHU also received a trophy for the highest numbers of victories in all types of sports.

You will find the individual ratings (rankings 1-3) in the annex to this report.

By the way, the youngest participant was 3 years „old“. A trophy for the eldest participant could not be remitted, simply because in many forms, the information of age was missing!

On 2nd of June at 10:00 the final meeting with the sport officers took place in presence of the management of Solaris.

It was pointed out that the federations should submit their lists correctly completed and within the deadlines, as this is the first condition to allow an overall trouble-free course of this event. Jean delivered some technical explanations hereto and Sieglinde clarified that the sports officers are checking these listings during their first meeting on Thursday and that thereafter no more changes will be accepted.

New lists will be transmitted by EuNatCom to the federations three months ahead of the event, together with the invitation, and they should be returned to ENC 3 weeks at the latest before the beginning date of the event!

In case of simultaneous participation to two kinds of sports with the same starting time, time problems show up again and again, which however cannot be avoided. Jean proposed that such participants shall participate to the first type of sport and immediately thereafter participate to the second one, as far as feasible.

In view of the weather conditions during May, a postponement to the months of summertime was discussed. This looks to be rather unrealistic, considering the vacation periods in the various countries as well as the conflicts with the scheduling of the other EuNat events.

Slovenia (ZDNS) apologized for their late arrival and proposed to organize two more types of sports, mainly for children and adolescents; they will also assume the responsibility for the new events. This suggestion has been supported, the respective



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proposal of event must be remitted to the INF-ENC at least 4 months ahead of AA-2014, because of scheduling reasons.

Furthermore it has been suggested to elaborate the program also in Italian, Croatian and Slovenian languages, in addition to the 3 INF languages. As Solaris had already added Italian and Croatian, Jean will transmit the program to ZDNS in order to translate into the Slovenian language.

A detailed description of this event with all the types of sports should also be published in the INF-Website, together with the comment that this event addresses to *all* European Federations.

As several federations had not brought along their trophies, the suggestion was made that perhaps FENHU (Janos) could bring all trophies and medals. One prerequisite would be that all listings are correctly completed and submitted in due time.

Generally seen the sports officers were very satisfied with this year's event. Proposals for improvements are of course always welcome!

We would like to thank the management of VALAMAR, the Director of SOLARIS, his team as well all sports officers for their valuable work and we are pleased to inform them, that the next meeting (Alpe-Adria 2014) will take place at **SOLARIS** again, from **19th** till **22nd June 2014**.

According to the Management of Solaris many bookings for the apartments have already been made for this period of time, (many single rooms are still available), so you should send your booking for 2014 in due time, best would be right now and with the usual booking code **411**.

With best regards

Jean
(ENC Secr.)
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(Pictures with a higher resolution are available from Jean)

(Tks to Pit for this translation)