

**Minutes**  
**33rd INF World Congress**  
**Naturist-Park Koversada, Vrsar/Croatia**  
**13rd to 15<sup>th</sup> of September, 2012**

**present:**

<b>INF:</b>	Sieglinde Ivo (SI)	president
	Mick Ayers (MA)	vice-president – secretariat
	Rolf Beat Hostettler (RH)	vice-president – treasurer
	Charles Oberfell (CO)	honorary president
	Dominique Dufour	auditor
	Armand Ceolin	auditor

**Minutes:** Helga Panglisch

**Federations** being represented by their official delegates

<b>federation</b>	<b>country</b>	<b>delegate</b>	<b>no. of votes</b>
ANF	Australia	Gregory Serow	7
BN	Great Britain	Nick Caunt	15
DFK	Germany	Kurt Fischer	27
DNH	Croatia	Davorin Zugcic	1
DNU	Denmark	Soren C V Frank	5
FBN	Belgium	Paul Lambrechts	15
FBRN	Brasil	Diogo Moreschi	4
FENHU	Hungary	Adam Somogyi-Scizmazia	4
FEN	Spain	Ismael Rodrigo	7
FENAIT	Italy	Gianfranco Ribolzi	10
FFN	France	Paul Rethore	27
FLN	Luxembourg	Jean Peters	3
FPN	Portugal	Sook-hwa Noh	2
FQN-FCN	Canada	Karen Grant	6
INA	Ireland	Pat Gallagher	2
NFN	Netherlands	Henk Smeeman	34

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<b>Total 22 federations</b>			<b>206</b>

### *Thursday, 13rd of September, 2012*

After the press conference Sieglinde Ivo (SI) asks everybody to understand that today the simultaneous translation is not yet available and therefore the agenda has to be changed to the effect that the official opening of the Congress will be postponed to tomorrow. The Director of Koversada, Nenad Skufflic gives all the participants of the Congress a heart welcome; for Koversada it is a great honour that after 40 years the INF Congress again takes place here.

Then Dr. Volkmar Ellmauthaler from Vienna gives a lecture in English for this year's conference theme of "psychosomatogoly" - the subsequent discussion is translated into the three INF languages.

### *Friday, 14th of September, 2012*

#### 1. Opening of Congress

SI apologizes for the technical difficulties of the previous day and then officially opens the 33rd INF World Congress at 9:15 a.m. and gives everybody a heart welcome.

It's a special honor for her to welcome Charles Oberfell (CO) as honorary president of the INF.

CO thanks for the kind words of welcome by Sieglinde and for the kind invitation of the INF and is pleased to meet many old friends. In our movement friendship is most important. He wishes every success to the Congress and hopes that our values will be strengthened at this Congress.

SI does a minute of silence for the dead of the past two years.

#### 2. Congress Theme

The lecture by Mr. Dr. Volkmar Ellmauthaler on the congress theme of "psychosomatogoly" was already given the day before.

*(Where possible, multiple expressions of a federation for one point of the agenda will be combined into one item in these minutes.)*

#### 3. Technical Session

##### **a) Legitimation and presentation of the delegates**

Every delegate gives a short presentation of him/herself. In the name of the host federation, Davorin Zugcic gives everybody a heart welcome in Croatia.

### **b) Check of the voting strength**

SI reads out the number of votes of the single federations – those of Denmark (now 5 votes) and Canada (6) will have to be corrected in the break. The British delegate requests to change the term “England” into “Great Britain”.

### **c) Election of scrutineers**

Lele Fornaca and Luis Cotard are ready to be the scrutineers.

### **d) Approval of the agenda**

The following amendments are being requested:

#### **d1) New motion – substitute for Roger Viola**

Roger Viola has left his position early – the DFK presented the motion to find a substitute for him subsequently.

→ → *vote: unanimously in favor (206 votes)*

#### **d2) Further new motions**

Kurt Fischer (KF) and Jean Peters (JP) request a general vote on all motions presented after the deadline. A motion for the amount of the INF contribution to the EuNat could be added after the financial report. In case there is no separate motion, the contribution for the EuNat will be continued for two years (final version please see the new point 5 c of the agenda).

#### **d3) TOP 7 D1**

The NZNF asks to delete point 7 D1 of the agenda.

#### **d4) TOP 4 + 5**

KF recommends discussing the reports directly after their presentation. Furthermore, one point is missing, ie the discussion and approval of the budget 2013 + 2014. Therefore the agenda will be amended as follows:

*Insertion: In the course of the discussion another point is mentioned to be included in the agenda: Now point 5 will be changed into “approvals and budget” and will be extended by point c “discussion and approval of the budget 2013 + 2014”.*

TOP 4: Reports and their discussion (all subitems as before)

TOP 5: Approvals and budget

a) + b) as before

c) Discussion + approval of the budget 2013 + 2014.

#### **d5) TOP 7 A**

JP recommends for TOP 7 A, to present the statutes first of all, then to work on the different motions and then to take the final vote, ie the new agenda of points 7 A + C is as follows:

TOP 7

A1: Presentation of revised statutes (CC/INF)

A2: INF single members (SNF)

A3: Amendment of statutes § 6 (FLN)

A4: Amendment of statutes § 9 I 6 (FLN)

A5: Amendment of statutes § 1, 2 (FLN)  
A6: Vote on new statutes (CC/INF)

C4: Committee members CC  
C5: Cancellation of PR jobs  
C6: ANF motions

→→ **Vote:** *Approval of the new agenda: Unanimously in favor (206 votes).*

**Australia:** Gregory Serow wants to know whether it is possible to print out the new version of the agenda. This will be distributed at the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> congress day in the three INF languages.

#### **e) Approval of the minutes from the 32nd INF Congress**

→→ **Vote:** *The minutes from the last congress are being approved with 15 abstentions (191 votes in favor).*

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### **04. Reports and their discussion**

#### **4 a) Reports EC and CC**

*(the corresponding authors of the reports are giving the answers).*

##### **Report president:**

##### **France:**

- Paul Rethore (PR) wants to know which authorities are being meant in the 3rd paragraph (new statutes). Here the Austrian authorities are meant due to the change of the INF seat to Austria.

- **Focus:** For forgetful people (such as the French ☺) it would be great if two months before the publication of a new focus the INF will recall the federations on the delivery of editorial pages.. SI recommends that upon receipt of the new issue of the Focus everybody should be reminded that we need new articles for the next edition. In this context, Canada could imagine a database for Focus articles

- MA is grateful for any contribution.

- **Fairs:** PR would like to know which fairs are being meant. Answer: trade fairs in Utrecht and Essen (in Essen there is only limited space available for the INF which represents all federations and is happy to receive information material).

- **Statistics:** When asked how many countries have submitted their statistics, SI responds that with a response rate of two-thirds unfortunately no efficient evaluation was possible. The creation of such a report on the basis of full information could be up to the new person in charge of public relations in the Central Committee. An exact schedule of the tasks within the CC will be distributed after the congress and sent to the federations.

**Italy:** Italy has demanded that the certified clubs and associations shall be included in the INF website; this will be realized within soon - Mick Ayers (MA) will give a presentation of the new website this afternoon.

Moreover, the website cannot be a replacement for the INF naturist guide that is no longer produced for some years already. This subject will still be mentioned under item 10 of the agenda.

**Switzerland:** wants to know if the INF has asked the clubs and holiday centres for their reasons being so "cautious" as far as their certification is concerned. SI: Small clubs are not sure of what they can offer. Large holiday centers fear losing guests. However, when all of them would require the INF card (to be honest this might take approximately 2 to 3 years) there would be no losses.

**Germany:** KF complains that the statistic sheets should be handled by the two PR people (Europe and overseas). This has not been done.

In view of the certification mentioned in SI's report KF indicates that most of the commercial sites in France and Croatia do not require the INF card. SI does not agree to that; according to her a rethinking has taken place.

## **Report from Mick Ayers**

### **France:**

Paul Rethore criticizes the bad French translations they get sometimes (eg motion BN) and asks what are the INF financial means for proper translations in all three INF languages.

MA and SI: some federations send us their reports already in all INF languages; only if these reports and texts arrive on time, they can still be controlled and – if necessary – translated again.

### **Switzerland:**

Edith Zimmermann (EZ) would like to know what is the exact role of the Focus? Should the federations send the focus to the clubs and then also to the members? For MA any form of sharing information is important, and the focus can make an important contribution to that - also for the clubs and members. Unfortunately, the federations do not send any reports at all.

In this regard KF (**Germany**) says that the DFK does not want to pass the Focus directly to all its members, since it's neither interesting nor informative. In Germany, the focus is being published for one month on the DFK website - so everyone is free to decide whether to read it or not. The DFK himself has two more publications and sees no need to send in reports for the Focus.

### **Ireland:**

Pat Gallagher (PG) refers to the last paragraph of MA's report (beaches) and wants to know what would be the best procedure here. MA recommends each federation who has to deal with such problems applying directly to the INF, as all legislative authorities react quite sensitive to pressure especially if it's being done on an international level (ie INF).

## **Report of the treasurer**

**England and France** want to know details about the new computer program MS-Lync being used by the CC members. MS-Lync is an internal communication program of CC and EC standing out due to its high voice quality and speed.

## **Report PR – Roger Viola**

(in absence of Roger Viola SI tries to answer the questions)

**Germany:** KF wants to know the reasons for holding the CC meeting at the isle of Gran Canaria.

SI: The CC is composed of members from different countries, who meet at a location that is easily accessible for all, by providing free accommodation this meeting was cheaper than those in Austria. The CC always tries to find the best cost-performance ratio.

## **Report Overseas**

Despite asking her several times, we did not receive a report from Barbara Hadley.

## 4 b – Financial Report

RH: As you can take from the report, it has been possible in two years to deport a net profit and still put some reserves aside.

**Germany and Switzerland** are asking to use one currency unit only (not € and TEUR). According to RH in Switzerland you put the annual financial reports in TEUR, but purely tabular records in €. SI recommends leaving this decision to the treasurer.

**Luxembourg**: The EuNat takes over the cost for the simultaneous interpretation, JP asks for the reason of the amounts mentioned for this. The amounts were recorded as reserves for a possible future hiring.

**Switzerland**: The amount mentioned on page 4 under "David" refers to the interpreter.

Travel and meeting costs (page 8): EZ says that in the budget 2010 and 2011 an amount of 20,000.00 € each was foreseen for travel and meeting costs, but in fact more than a total of 65,000.00 € was spent. How can you explain the difference? RH cannot overtake responsibility for exceeding the budget as the 2010 and 2011 budgets were still done by Cor van Herp. However, since the INF realized that we will have problems with the amount of € 20,000.00 p.a., this amount was increased to € 30,000 p.a in the budgets of 2013 and 2014 respectively.

**Luxembourg**: The budget passed by the congress should be binding for the Central Committee for the next two years. If the budget is exceeded, an additional credit would be applied.

KF: Only if the total budget is exceeded, this must be done - otherwise, shifts within the budget are possible.

**Germany**: KF recommends listing "fairs" as a separate accounting position. This proposal will be gladly received. **Britain** is concerned about the high costs of trade fairs as they cannot understand the whole purpose of it.

KF: The figures given on page 9 are the figures of the EuNat: 40% of INF budgets are reserved for the EuNat budget, since we only have one treasurer, these numbers also have to be included. For SI exhibitions are the only mouthpiece available for us to carry out information into the whole world.

**Luxembourg**: The EuNat budget can always be downloaded from the EuNat download center on the EuNat website.

**France**: Page 5 - Provision Development Fund: PR wants to know how much was spent from this account. This amount of € 63,880 dates back to the balance sheet of Cor v. Herp – so far nothing was changed.

## 4 c) Report of the auditors

**Great Britain**: Nick Caunt (NC) wants to know whether all invoices have been verified or whether this is just a "check"? In the UK then you would not call it "audit" but "checking of the account".

Armand Ceolin: Both auditors are accountants and perform the audits as volunteers. They can only check if revenues and expenditures have been properly accounted. Everything else is checked at random, as further tests won't be possible within only one and a half days.

If someone demands a 100% audit, this should be decided by the congress, and is certainly very expensive.

#### **4 d) Report of the president of the Legal Commission**

We have not received a report. Christoph Thomann will not run again for this position.

### **05. Approvals and budget**

#### **a) Motion to approve the EC/CC:**

→→ **Motion unanimously passed (206 votes).**

#### **b) Motion to approve the finances:**

→→ **15 abstentions and 191 votes in favor. Motion passed.**

#### **c) Discussion and approval of the budget 2013/2014**

*RH:* In accordance with the auditors I worked out a budget being slightly positive. The budget figures 2013 and 2014 have been increased a little bit: For 2013 this is TEUR 194 and for 2014 TEUR 190. The expenses for 2013 have been scheduled to TEUR 194 (ie black zero) and for 2014 to TEUR 189,5 which would mean a small net profit.

*France:* How can you explain the decrease of the advertising expenses from TEUR 8,5 to TEUR 3,0 in 2013 + 2014?

In 2012 new INF brochures e.g. have been printed for the next few years and have been invoiced in 2012.

→→ **Vote on the budget: unanimously (206 votes) passed.**

After the lunch break, the delegates have got the chance to get a first impression of the new INF website, as it should be released in a few weeks. Then the pros and cons of a forum are being discussed. The INF rejects a forum, as this can be easily manipulated, and then all the information would be available immediately worldwide.

### **06. Discussion of the reports of the federations**

*(Here only the countries are listed where other delegates were asking questions to)*

#### **ANF – Australia**

*Germany* wonders why it is not possible to file motions on time. He also criticizes the lack of statistics (this also applies to other reports). Greg Serow (GS): Due to a serious illness of the ANF secretary, the motions could not be submitted on time. Statistical data were sent back by means of the requested formula.

*France and New Zealand* also suggest a common structure for these reports, perhaps based on a form.

*SI:* In this context, SI reminds everybody again of returning the completed statistic questionnaires (2009 - 2011) until the end of November 2012.

#### **BN – Great Britain:**

*Germany:* KF refers to the first two sentences of the report. Taking into consideration that the whole INF team is working as volunteers, he warns against overestimating themselves. The INF should find groups and organizations showing solidarity in our fight against prudery.

*Great Britain:* In contrast to Germany, there are significant problems in the UK with prudery. A minority spreads that naturists have to be detained and arrested, and this minority has a great influence.

The website of the British naturists can only be opened if one agrees to accept the sexual contents. The BN wishes to work together with sports organizations or hostels. This requires, however, a lot of volunteers supporting us. Some members demand the withdrawal from the INF, but the Board (and 63% of the members) believes it is better to stay in the INF.

*Croatia:* new prudery is also available with us - the INF should use their influence here. Under the pressure from the government you can reach quite a lot as for example done with the same-sex communities.

*Canada:* The naturists should support their national federations and defend their values.

MA: In the past the INF has been in contact with the EU lobbyists in order to use their influence here. The European Commission requested specific examples, but except for one case of Spain, we were not able to mention anything. We need your exact info!

*Germany:* DFK has not replied to Mick's call because these problems do not exist in Germany. Only 0.0002% of the population are organized naturists - that is a minority. The niche nudist sport helps the naturist movement in Germany and enjoys the protection of this end.

### **DFK – Germany**

*France:* PR thanks for the interesting report – especially as far as the points of environmental protection and sports are concerned. He wants to know what were the first steps for the good cooperation with the non-organized naturists (such as walkers, horsemen or nude hikers).

*Germany:* In the past the so-called „free naturists“ were quite progressive – this has been improved in the recent past. Now these people are staying together with us on the trade fairs – but actually a lot of single contacts always need to be cultivated.

*Great Britain:* sees a problem as the young people are ashamed of their nakedness.

KF: Today young people define themselves by means of their profession and their outfit – they do not accept the naturist slogan „naked people are all the same“.

### **FCQ-FCN – Canada**

*Germany:* KF wants to know more about the youth in Canada. Karen Grant (KG): You always get the best access if you are in contact to their families – there is no naturist youth organization in Canada.

### **FENAIT – Italy**

*Germany:* The INF guide was replaced by local national guides. The INF guide simply does not exist anymore. A new edition of the INF handbook is certainly difficult - this is supposed to be discussed later.

*Italy:* websites are not enough. For Italian nude beaches there is a list, but it needs more. For opening a naturist camp it's only required to comply with the camp rules - at nude beaches, this looks different. Many naturists in Italy do not pay membership fees.

### **FPN – Portugal**

*Germany:* KF has got some problems to understand the information given about the membership stamp. SI explains that last year the Portuguese federation printed its own cards and stamps.

*France* recommends asking for money from the Development Fund for Portugal. In France they ask the clubs to present their full financial records and then decide what kind of help can be granted.

SI + RH: Basically the CC agrees to help, but only in case the emergency is not self-inflicted. The INF had already offered Portugal a repayable loan, but Portugal itself does not like to take the INF help. This should be respected.

### **INA – Ireland**

*Germany:* wants to know if the minister of justice and reforms has answered to the INA letter?

PG: We only received an acknowledgment of receipt of this letter. The Minister is aware of the situation, but the INA's request is certainly only at the end of his list of priorities.

### **NFN - Netherlands**

Henk Smeeman (HS) presented the statistics distributed by him; he sees great potential in the information about the type of recreational activities. The study comes to the following conclusion: Nudism is a lifestyle being on the decline. We should especially woo the members exercising naturism only from time to time. Non-members are mostly young people. Direct members are mostly over 55 years old. Perhaps the information of the statistics may be helpful for other federations, too.

### **NZNF – New Zealand**

Additional information: The magazine of the NZNF will be continued.

*France* asks how the naturist park "Katikati Naturist Park" has received an environmental award. Kay Hannam (guest) reports that they were in competition with large commercial companies, but their focus of environmental protection, such as water conservation and recycling of water has been decisive. They see themselves as pioneers of environmental protection.

*Great Britain* compliments the NZNF on their excellent website.

### **SNF – Sweden**

The question given in the SNF report „*Is nude recreation the same as naturism when there is no pronounced respect for equality between sexes, respect for the fellow man or woman regardless of skin colour, political opinion, religion or sexual inclination?*“ is discussed in detail and controversially between the different federations. In the following minutes you'll find a short collection of opinions of the single federations:

*Australia* asks for the philosophy of „consumers“ and of „naturists“

*Netherlands*: People coming to the public beaches and parks are doing that because it's a nice way of pastime for them. However, this does not mean that these naturists haven't got respect for nature and their fellows. Each federation should have clearly in mind which target group is important for them. The NFN wants to be the representative of every naturist.

*Croatia* makes a difference between nudists and naturists. For Davorin Zugcic the term „naturism“ is much wider.

*Germany*: The characteristics of naturism are mentioned in the SNF report. Naturism: Nudism - the German word "Freikörperkultur" is as simple and clear. The founding fathers 100 years ago have made it very clear - enjoying nature – giving sun to the body. In Germany such people who just spend their holidays naked are called "nude tourists", but not "naturists".

*France*: the word naturism contains the word "nature", which clearly shows the respect for our planet. In France, we strive to reach a wider audience by emphasizing this alignment.

*Italy and France*: If you want to be a naturist, you have to be naked. If someone comes to us, then it is not difficult to explain naturism to him - he only has to take off his clothes, then he realizes what it is. The older term is nudism. Nowadays the values of naturism help people in our society. They recommend simply keeping the term "nudism" as it is.

*Belgium*: For Paul Lambrechts a "Naturist" is a "Nudist with added value." These values were established long ago by us and we should still respect them.

*SI and MA*: In Europe, naturists are declared as such (club members) - nudists are the ones that are just nude in their holidays - but we'll also need these people in the future, as the nudist group is the bigger one.

*Sweden*: After sending the SNF report to the INF, the homepage has been changed: EI asks for correction of the address, the current new address is: [www.scandinavianaturist.org](http://www.scandinavianaturist.org)

## DNH - Croatia

As the report was sent in too late, it's now only available in English and cannot be discussed.

## 07. Consideration of motions

### A) Motions concerning the statutes

A1: Presentation of revised statutes (CC//INF)

A2: INF single members (SNF)

A3: Amendment of statutes § 6 (FLN)

A4: Amendment of statutes § 9 I 6

A5: Amendment of statutes § 1 – 2

### A1: Presentation of revised statutes (CC/INF)

SI explains the reasons for working out new statutes: When changing the club seat, the previous statutes only apply up until the first General Assembly – certain paragraphs must be included at any rate. With regard to this regulation KF, Jean Peters, Christoph Thomann and SI have revised the existing statutes. If we do not want to adopt these new statutes right now, then the old German statutes do not remain valid, but the authorities will determine what will be our statutes. SI recommends taking a clear decision here. The new draft was sent to all federations in due time. SI gives the delegates the opportunity to ask questions:

*France* has about 10 questions for the last version dated 10.07. – these questions can be included when reading out the statutes, e.g. several problems with the terms used such as the question of when the EC and CC abbreviations are explained in the text.

SI: The association authority determines the order of the single paragraphs – the explanation of EC and CC is given in article 8.

After a long discussion of almost all delegates *Germany and Luxembourg* propose to extend the § 8.2 as follows: "*The Board consists of Executive Committee (EC) and Central Committee (CC).*"

Further discussion of the statutes on the next day as the interpreters clock off on time.
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## **Saturday, 15th of September, 2012**

Resumption of the session at 09.00 a.m.: SI asks for a speedy treatment of the remaining points, as the interpreters might leave again on time, otherwise we won't be able to finish our agenda.
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SI reads out the revised statutes paragraph by paragraph – part of the FLN amendments is already included. The SNF motion will be discussed later.

*(The minutes will only mention those paragraphs having included amendments and/or those being subject of discussion.)*

### § 1: Name, headquarters and scope of activity

added: has its seat in „Europe“ (amendment FLN)

### § 2: Purpose

*New Zealand* advises to take the definition of naturism (as used in the INF brochures) word by word. The congress does not comply with this proposal as the statutes are not meant for the public.

## § 5 Extraordinary Membership

The last sentence of paragraph 2 must be put to the left margin as it belongs to both points.

## § 6 Terminating membership

JP criticizes that up to now the FLN motion to amend § 6 has not been included.

Amendment as follows – according to the FLN motion

*Article 1: It is necessary to state the reasons for the withdrawal of members.*

*Article 2: The defense must take place within two months after receipt of the decision.*

*NEW Item 3: The decision to exclude an ordinary member shall be submitted to the next General Assembly for the purpose of voting.*

## § 8 Organs of the association

§ 8: 2. *The Board consisting of Executive Committee (EC) and Central Committee (CC)*

## § 9 General Assembly

§ 9 I.6: *„During the General Assembly every ordinary member has one country vote and as many membership votes as he received INF-FNI stamps during the two years prior to the INF-FNI General Assembly. The amount of votes is calculated so that the number of stamps is divided by one hundred and from the result, the square root is calculated. Each ordinary member has at least one vote.”*

*Great Britain* criticizes not having a chance to discuss the amendments in detail – so he cannot take a vote.

SI: The statutes have been sent out 4 months ago – corrections of the French translation were sent on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July, 2012.

## A2 Motion Sweden

Up to now the Swedish motion has not been included in the revised statutes.

Eirik Isene (EI) explains his motion which was already presented to INF congresses several times. The motion was presented on the basis of the old version of the statutes – in the new statutes it refers to § 5.2.

*Croatia*: We already discussed this subject with the single members before – the Congress in Brazil clearly voted against this motion.

Vote motion SNF: in favor of: 38      against: 124      abstentions: 44

→→ **Motion rejected.**

## A6 Vote on the new text of the statutes:

in favor: 179      against: 15      abstentions: 12

→→ **Motion passed.**

The new statutes were adopted. The German text is binding; professional translations will be ordered directly upon receipt of the approval from the club authorities and sent to the federations afterwards.

## B) Motions finances

**B1: Cash payment from subsidies and travel expenses (INA)**

**B2: Retroactive subsidies from congress 2012 (INA)**

Pat Gallagher (PG) presents his motions.

*Germany:* The travel allowance, currently € 750, - for Ireland, would then be omitted, which might have negative financial effects for them.

*Ireland:* PG does not know the amount of € 750, -. RH explains the transfer procedure by means of a credit note – up to now smaller federations might have waited up to two years to get the money. Only a federation is entitled to get money which has taken part in the INF congress - from now on a surplus will be paid to the federation directly after the congress. The travel costs were calculated based on the actual mileage. This is the reason why this year Croatia is not getting anything. The auditors have recommended in their last report to the treasurer to balance the accounts of the federations at the end of the year.

*New Zealand and Croatia* require that the money shall be transferred prior to the Congress. This would need a separate motion for the Congress, addressed to the CC.

→→ *The motions B1 + B2 are withdrawn by the INA.*

## **C) General motions**

### **C1: 3 years plan**

*Great Britain:* Nick Caunt (NC) reads out and explains his motions taking the BN as an example (aims). Such a plan could be of great use for the responsible people in the INF.

*France:* also agrees to work out such a plan. Upon receipt of the concept we can then decide which aims will have top priority.

SI asks NC to create a concept that can be forwarded to the federations afterwards (might be necessary to add a few points). The PR managers in Europe and overseas in the Central Committee can deal with this in future and forward their drafts to the federations, which could then in turn react, for example, within half a year.

She asks to take out the period of 3 years.

*Netherlands:* wants to know if the responsibility for preparing the schedule will now be transferred from the INF to the BN. SI affirms it.

### **Vote on the motion (text as presented)**

in favor: 171                      against: 08                      abstentions: 27

→→ **Motion passed.**

### **C2: Prosecution of naturists (BN)**

NC presents the BN motion. Closer cooperation with UNESCO would facilitate the fight against prudery.

*Germany:* How should the INF take steps for something they do not know explicitly? KF recommends to the federations describing the national problems to the INF in time – only then they can react (eg France: Cap d'Agde, unfortunately, we received no response to the intervention of the INF).

SI: websites that cannot be opened in the UK might be easily accessible in Germany and Austria.

*Netherlands:* This problem could be included in a 3-year plan. NC agrees.

Mutual communication is of utmost importance for this subject.

### **Vote:**

in favor : 105                      against: 0                      abstentions: 101

→→ **Motion passed.**

### **C3: Support of free beaches (FCN-FQN)**

Canada: →→ Karen Grant withdraws her motion as she knows that she'll get every help from the INF in case they are having problems. Here communication is of utmost importance.

### **C4: Committee members in the CC (NFN)**

*Netherlands* Henk Smeeman (HS) explains his motion – *Germany, Belgium* and *Great Britain* would also like to see two more people could be elected to the Central Committee.

*New Zealand*: Wants to delete the term "PR".

SI: Additional people could be designated as "committee members" in the future.

→→ **Vote : unanimously for (206 votes)**

### **C5: Cancellation of PR jobs**

→→ The DFK withdraws this motion.

### **C6: ANF motions**

→→ Motions 2 + 5 are being withdrawn by the ANF.

### **Motion1: Venues INF Congress naturist friendly**

Gregory Serow (GS) explains this motion, for example, he criticizes the wearing of clothing in stores, restaurants and bars. With regard to the presentation of the congress theme, it should be our endeavor to be naked as much as possible, everybody should have the choice to be naked or not.

SI: Global setting is difficult simply because of the weather.

*Germany*: For the DFK, the rule is "not to be naked obsessively" but to be naked if it makes sense (eg, air, sun, temperature).

*Austria*: nudity in restaurants and stores is unhygienic, since you work with open food and fruit.

MA + SI: One condition for hosting an INF Congress is that delegates have the opportunity to be naked.

With a smaller federation hosting the congress we have to take what we get and what is available (eg

hotel). Due to the size of the INF the INF Congress relies on commercial naturist sites to host a congress

– here the local rules of the host country apply.

→→ *Australia* approves this and thanks for the discussion. The motion was not submitted on time, so a vote is not possible.

### **Motion 3: Better support for delegates to submit a motion (ANF)**

GS: There should be clear guidelines on the form in which motions should be submitted in order to avoid misunderstanding and a false form of writing.

SI: These regulations are available, such as application on the original letterhead of the federation and explanation why the request is made and what financial resources are needed to achieve this.

*Germany*: This information has been sent out to all federations at the beginning of the year.

*England*: It would be great if the INF will send back the motions not corresponding to this form.

MA: We always like to help, but this cannot apply to applications received on the last day. We will not grant any further deadlines.

→→ No vote possible due to the late submission of the motion.

#### **Motion 4: Complaints to government authorities for censorship on the Internet for nudist groups (ANF)**

GS: calls for a joint letter to the big companies like Apple, Google and Yahoo, censoring pages in the Internet containing the word "naked".

SI: Again, it requires accurate information from the federations to the INF in order to act accordingly. In addition, each federation should begin in its own country with the pressure on companies and authorities.

*Germany*: KF shows an article in the "Bild" newspaper dated 09/11/12 saying that suits against Google rarely are successful. Nevertheless, he – as well as *France* - recommends intervening.

*England*: Warns that such a behavior of the big companies will certainly harm our youth.

The meeting is continued at 02:00 p.m. after the lunch break.

#### **Insertion: travel expenses**

SI gives the floor to Rolf Hostettler (RH): Information on the small papers being distributed during the lunch break: They mention the present status of each federation's account of travel expenses: a plus sign means cash, a minus sign means payment of the federation. RH asks the federations to tell him their relevant bank account. Should a federation do not want to be balanced (eg Croatia), then please send an appropriate email to RH. Any questions can always be directed to RH.

*Germany*: asks to discuss point 08 elections now in order not to get into time trouble.

*France*: sees no reason to change the agenda again. If we move the discussion, we have no time and no more interpreters - that would be very unpleasant. The discussions could be abbreviated, so we remain on schedule. SI takes the French proposal - discussion points must be completed at the latest by the beginning of the coffee break.

#### **D – Points of discussion**

##### **D1: Support of official and unofficial beaches (NZNF)**

→→ This motion was already withdrawn yesterday.

##### **D2: Cooperation of the federations (FFN)**

Paul Rethore (PR) explains that this point is very important for the FFN, it has already been placed several times at congresses. Already this morning we said that is very important for us to define a joint action plan, a plan that is also included in the budget.

#### **Theme 3 - Legislation**

The committee members in the Central Committee could take over the coordination between the federations to draft a new bill.

SI: This bill may however have to be introduced by each federation at their highest authority.

*France*: PR proposes to set up a group – he will also take part as a member in this group. Besides France also *Canada, UK, Italy, Portugal* and *Luxembourg* support this measure.

→→ The two CC committee members (who will be elected later on) will also be members of this work group (with Paul, Gianfranco and Karen) – first contact by e-mail done by Paul in order to collect ideas.

#### **Theme 1 - Youth:**

PR: asks if we have a youth organization in our ranks - may be within the EuNat – which we would like to support? *Germany*: This theme will be discussed at the next EuNat meeting 2013 in La Betulle (European "Youth" until the age of 27 - 29 years).

SI: After the point of the agenda "elections" we can come back to the issue of "youth". One should not wait until 2013 and waste valuable time.

#### **D3: Cooperation of the federations with campuses in other countries (NFN)**

Henk Smeeman withdraws this point of discussion. Prior to a serious discussion we have to talk to the federations.

#### **D4: PR candidates**

→→ This point of discussion has been done in the meantime.

#### **D5: Definition of naturism (NZNF)**

*New Zealand:* June Campbell-Tong (JCT) likes to verify that the definition of naturism as printed in the NZNF brochure is correct and asks at the same time if the translations are ok in German and French.

*Germany:* The text of the ANF is not congruent with the definition of naturism from 1974 being read out by KF in German.

SI: The definition of 1974 is being used by many countries in the three INF languages. The definition given in the new INF brochure is currently valid and is accepted by all federations in the three languages. An amendment would require an official motion to Congress.

*France:* would like to discuss the term "common nakedness" later on, especially for those not having to do with naturism so far. It remains unclear what role the sexuality plays in this expression.

*New Zealand:* wants to delete the word "common".

*Germany and SI:* In German the term is absolutely not ambiguous. If you would delete the word "community" from the German text, the meaning of the statement would be falsified.

*Croatia:* naturism is one of the fundamental rights - this addition should also be included in the definition.

*Luxembourg:* At this stage, it is not advisable to talk about translations. This could be prepared carefully until the next Congress.

→→ SI takes up this suggestion: In collaboration with Jean the EC will work on a formulation until the next Congress so that this sentence makes the same sense in all three INF languages.

## **08. Elections**

SI gives the floor to MA.

#### **a) President (for 4 years) – nomination Sieglinde Ivo (ÖNV)**

SI: When she was elected INF President four years ago, she had made a huge package for herself which could not be realized by 100%. She takes over the responsibility for mistakes occurred in the past 4 years but will be ready to stand as candidate for the position of the INF president once again as she thinks that she also did some good things in this time.

There are no other nominations – the election can be open.

→→ **Vote: unanimously in favor of SI (206 votes).**

SI is elected for 4 years and accepts the election.

#### **b) Vice-president – treasurer (for 4 years) – nomination: Rolf Beat Hostettler (UNS-SNU)**

RH accepts the nomination. Following Cor van Herp's resignation, it was a lot of hard work to cope with

the double burden of profession and INF. RH apologizes for any errors and looks forward– especially in view of his scheduled retirement - to be a "journeyman" now after his time of "apprenticeship". No other nominations.

→→ **Vote: unanimously in favor of RH (206 votes).**

RH accepts the election.

**c) 1 Committee member Europe (for 2 years)**

*Germany:* Nomination of Henk Smeeman (HS) – For the time being HS does not accept this nomination – he would like to discuss this first of all with his own federation and then inform the INF.

*New Zealand* asks why the committee member must necessarily come from Europe, in view of two non-European candidates; we could agree to elect these two.

*MA:* It's simply more efficient to take someone for Europe who lives in Europe and is familiar with the local situation.

→→ In case HS should not accept his nomination, further consideration in the CC.

**d) 1 Committee Member outside Europe (for 4 years),  
Nominations Kay Hannam (NZNF) and Stéphane Deschenes (FQN-FCN)**

We have two nominations; Stéphane has already presented himself to the delegates the day before as he had to leave earlier due to the wedding of his sister.

Kay Hannam gives a presentation of herself now.

No further nominations.

**Secret ballot: in favor of Kay: 68, in favor of Stéphane: 138**

→→ **Stéphane Deschenes is elected committee member of the CC.**

MA thanks Kay for her nomination.

**e) President Legal Commission (for 2 years) – nomination: Hervé Begeot**

France: Hervé Begeot (HB)

HB gives a short presentation – no further nominations.

→→ **Vote: unanimously in favor of Hervé (206 votes).**

Hervé accepts the election.

**f) 2 auditors (for 2 years) - nominations: Dominique Dufoure (FFN) and Armand Ceolin (FLN)**

Both candidates accept the nomination – no further nominations.

→→ **Separate vote, first of all for Dominique Dufoure: unanimously in favor (206 votes).**

→→ **Separate vote, then for Armand Ceolin: unanimously in favor (206 votes).**

Both accept the election.

**g) 1 substitute auditor (for 2 years) - nomination: Paul Lambrechts (FBN)**

No further nominations.

→ **Vote: In favor: 191 votes, against: 0 abstentions: 15**

Paul accepts the election.

#### **h) 1 member for the development fund (for 2 years)**

MA: The responsibilities of this position will be limited to the management of financial resources. We have noticed in recent years that this post is not strictly necessary. There are currently no nominations.  
→→ The CC proposes to dispense with a nomination for this post. The delegates do agree to this suggestion.

After the coffee break and when the congress photo has been taken SI restarts the meeting at 04:15 p.m.

### **09. Location and date of the next congress**

The INA has invited the INF to come to Ireland for the 34<sup>th</sup> INF congress 2014. There are no further invitations.

Pat Gallagher and the INA would be delighted to host the next Congress. The Irish Tourist Authority has asked the INA to bring the congress to Ireland - then the invitation was submitted. A professional company will help with the organization. The INA has made a provisional booking at a hotel on the River Shannon being situated in a rural area, about 100 km from Dublin, good infrastructure (air connections with Ryan Air or by boat) - you can walk to the next village. Clothing is optional at the hotel. A framework program for guests and a gala dinner will be organized. 5 km from the hotel there is a campground and an Irish pub. Interpreters can be arranged at agencies.

INA is very proud to be a member of the INF and – as a small federation - would like to be the host of an INF congress. This will attract a lot of publicity for naturism in Ireland.

→→ **Vote: unanimously in favor (206 votes); the INF congress 2014 will take place in Ireland.**

PG: A specific date is not yet available - the end of September would be good – it'll be good weather in Ireland ☺, and after the school holidays, hotels are empty and cheap. Once the INA has fixed the date, the EC will inform the federations accordingly.

SI: Applicants for 2016 can present their offers under the item “miscellaneous” ...

### **10. Miscellaneous**

*(In the order of seating at the conference table every country has got the opportunity to speak again. Only those are being mentioned in the minutes that wanted to give a comment... ☺)*

**Germany:** We already hosted 5 congresses in Germany – so KF does not feel addressed as a potential host for 2016.

#### **Luxembourg: Youth**

The ENY (European Naturist Youth) was founded in Laborde, but up to now they haven't got any statutes. The former youth representative within the EuNat, Daryl Jones, unfortunately has announced his resignation shortly after the foundation. The current youth board only consists of two young French women, Alexandra and Tisiana, seeking urgent help. As secretary of the EuNat JP has asked all European federations for help. Except one negative reply JP hasn't received any answers so far. Daryl Jones had signed a pledge before his resignation that the next youth meeting will take place in Broadlands Naturist Camp / GB.

SI could win a young man (Luca Crobu) from Italy who is willing to cooperate. SI asks Gianfranco to contact Luca assuring him his support and that of the Italian federation. GR will be happy to do this as he knows Luca well and thinks he is very suitable for this task.

*England:* NC reports that two teenagers have been involved in the organization of the youth meeting. For further planning, it would be important to know how many young people are participating, respectively which financial means will be available.

According to SI, the financial framework was strictly defined at the last EuNat-meeting. The INF secures NC the necessary financial support. The youth meeting will be held in Broadlands.

*Germany:* The DFK has a generation problem - the former students are in work now, study or have their own family. Outside their own federation the DFK can unfortunately not rely on young people for the organization of international events.

*France:* Paul Rethore has read in the Dutch report of a very dedicated group of young people and asks HS why these young Dutch people are not working in the European youth team so far. HS will inquire here accordingly and inform the INF accordingly.

#### **Switzerland:**

- EZ asks for the precise date of the World Nativist Day. SI will inform her accordingly.
- EZ has read somewhere in the correspondence received in the last few months that George Volak became honorary president of the INF. She wants to know whether this can be done without the consent of the General Assembly. According to the new statutes the General Assembly must agree. MA promises that in the future they will follow the rules given in the statutes.
- EZ wants to know what is the amount of fees for extra-ordinary members. RH: € 320.00 p.a.

#### **Brazil**

José Antonio Tannous from the Brazilian federation reports that according to the World Congress in Brazil in 2008, the number of naturists could be increased from 1,200 to 2,000, ie an increase of 70%. They signed an agreement to cooperate and exchange ideas with Chile and Argentina. Thus, the naturist movement in South America could be considerably strengthened.

Definition of naturism: Here he wishes the word "transcendental" to be included. The definition should then be translated into Spanish (the main language of South America), too.

José Antonio Tannous invites the INF Congress in 2016 to Rio or Sao Paulo.

*Germany* points out that according to the list provided to us in 2011 in Brazil 1400 stamps were sold (not 2,000). The correspondents in other South American countries have not yet become federations.

#### **New Zealand**

Is a congress desirable outside Europe? SI: That is possible especially if there won't be any other European hosts.

#### **Belgium**

Paul Lambrechts kindly asks the EuNat not to bombard us with terms and votes.

#### **Italy**

Gianfranco Ribolzi will propose to his federation to host the congress once again in Italy – this could help the FENAIT in solving so many problems.

Naturist Guide: In Italy there is a travelling naturist guide with all the necessary information.

#### **France**

Paul thanks all federations who have sent their reports – at least already 66% - hopefully we are on a good way to reach 100%. He thanks the INF team for their good work.

Sieglinde Ivo gives some instructions for the presentation of a travel guide directly after the congress, for our common gala dinner as well as for the boat trip on the next day.

She thanked everybody for their excellent work in the past two days, special thanks must be given to the partners of the delegates who have held out here without any supporting program and have to miss their partners very often during the year.

Sieglinde already wishes everybody a safe journey home and looks forward to seeing them again either in Ireland 2014 or perhaps already 2013 in Le Betulle.

End of the 33rd INF World Congress at 05:00 p.m. on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September, 2012.

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Helga Panglisch  
Minutes

19<sup>th</sup> of September, 2012

