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on the meeting of the 31<sup>st</sup> INF-FNI World Congress

held from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of September, 2008

in Tambaba Beach, Conde, Paraiba/Brazil

Commencing : Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at 10:40 a.m.

### PRESENT:

<b>INF-FNI</b> :George Volak	(GV)	President
Cor van Herp	(CvH)	Treasurer
Mick Ayers	(MA)	Committee member
Barbara Hadley	(BH)	Committee member (from Thursday)
Sieglinde Ivo	(SI)	Committee member
Roger Viola	(RV)	Committee member
René Nijhof	(RN)	President of the Legal Commission
Mieke Choin	(MC)	Secretary-General

Interpereters for the INF languages were provided from the FBrN

### EXCUSED:

Armand Ceolin (AC)		Auditor
Fritz Zaugg (FZ)		Auditor

The **federations** represented by their official delegates with the number of votes

AT	Österreichischer Naturistenverband (ÖNV)	Ladislav IVO	(LI)	6
AU	Australian Nudist Federation (ANF)	Werner JACOB	(WJ)	8
BR	Federação Brasileira de Naturismo (FBrN)	Elias Alves PEREIRA	(EP)	5
CA	Union FQN-FCN Union (FQN-FCN)	Karen GRANT	(KG)	6
CH	Union Naturiste Suisse/Schweizer Naturistenunion/ Unione Naturiste Svizzera (UNS-SNU)	Edith ZIMMERMANN	(EZ)	11
DE	Deutscher Verband für Freikörperkultur (DFK)	Kurt FISCHER	(KF)	28
ES	Federación Española de Naturismo (FEN)	Ismael RODRIGO	(IR)	7
FR	Fédération Française de Naturisme (FFN)	Louis COTARD	(LC)	20
GB	Central Council for British Naturism (CCBN)	Michael FARRAR	(MF)	18
HR	Drusto Naturista Hrvatske (DNH)	Davorin ZUGCIC	(DZ)	1
HU	Federation of Naturists in Hungary (FENHU)	Janos SANDOR	(JS)	4
IT	Federazione Naturista Italiana (FE.NA.IT)	Gianfranco RIBOLZI	(GR)	10+10
IE	Irish Nudist Association (INA)	Pat GALLAGHER	(PG)	2
LU	Fédération Luxembourgeoise de Naturisme (FLN)	Jean PETERS	(JP)	3
NL	Naturisten Federatie Nederland (NFN)	Bernd HUIJSER	(BHU)	37
NZ	New Zealand Nudist Federation Inc. (NZNF)	Brian WILLIAMS	(BW)	6
PT	Federação Portuguesa de Naturismo (FPN)	Laurindo CORREIA	(LC)	2
SE	Sveriges Naturist Förbund (SNF)	Eirik ISENE	(EI)	8
SI	Zveza Drustev Naturistov Slovenije (ZDNS)	Jože PUC	(JP)	2
<b>20</b>	<b>Federations Total</b>			<b>224</b>

**Excused:**

BE Fédération Belge de Naturisme/  
Federatie van Belgische Naturisten (FBN)

– Italy represents Belgium and carries 10 votes (from the 15) for the FBN.

**Absent:**

RU	National Federation for Naturism (NFFN)	Sergey MITYUSHIN	(SM)	2
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**Delayed:**

US	American Association for Nude Recreation (AANR)	Dean HADLEY	(DH)	30
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**01. OPENING OF THE CONGRESS AND WELCOME / REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD**

On Tuesday, 9th of September, 2008, at 04.30 p.m. GV officially opens in the presence of different dignities the 31<sup>st</sup> INF-FNI World Congress and gives everybody a hearty welcome.

**Wednesday, 10.9.2008, continuation of the 1<sup>st</sup> INF-FNI Congress**

GV welcomed the delegates and guests.

Remembrance of the dead:  
Trudy Mertz (CH)  
Dennis Palmer (USA)

## **02. TECHNICAL MEETING**

### **a) Authorisation and introduction of the delegates**

The official delegate Greg Serow from the Australian Federation could not be present. ANF informed us that Werner Jacob will represent Australia.

The authorization and introduction of the delegates was done by calling the list of the official delegates.

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

The numbers of votes are being checked; 194 out of a total of 224 possible votes were present at the moment.

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

Elected as scrutineers: Rosita Dal Soglio (IT) and Paul Kirby (GB)

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

SNF asked to put forward the motion about the chairman of the General Assembly. GV informed SNF that this is not possible because it is against the INF statutes. He will give further explanations when the point will be discussed.

### **e) Approval of the minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup>. INF-FNI Congress in El Portus/ES**

The report was unanimously approved

*GV informed the delegates about the recent situation of Wolfgang's health condition and the doctor reports a successful surgery. He thanked him for the time that Wolfgang dedicated to INF-FNI and said he knows that everyone joins him in wishing Wolfgang the best of health in the future.*

*RV read a statement from our honorary president Charles Obergfell.*

*A special thanks goes to Mr. Saulo Barreto, Secretary of Tourism of the state Conde, who made this congress possible. Our thanks goes also to Mr. Paulo Campo, President of the club Sonata, who did everything possible to make us feel at home*

## **03. SEMINAR PROJECTS FOR THE CONGRESS THEME:**

### **„worldwide naturism“**

MA presents a seminar paper written by BH and MA for the congress theme which you will find on the INF-FNI web.

*Before starting with the working groups, a poem from actor E. Dias, interpreting the poet Jomar Maraes Santos was performed.*

**04. WORKING GROUPS:**

3 working groups German, English and French, were asked to work on the future of INF with the question: "What would be the most important activity that federations would want INF to do?"

Europe with its 22 from the 29 federations worldwide have their own problems that lead us to three important points:

1. European Budget for events

30 – 40 % from the European naturist events budget should be used for youth, sports and family events, i.e. the survival of the European federations, clubs/centres. If money is left, it will be transferred to the reserves post. Activities for youth and sports must change, so that also young people get interested. Also young families should be attracted. This is an item that needs to be discussed at Interfederal Meetings.

2. Extra value of the INF stamp:

The CC must immediately undertake actions, so that the INF stamp in Europe regains its value, or more. INF can ask the federations for help. In case of problems between the federations and the commercials INF has the duty to insure the extra value of the INF stamp.

3. INF Website – Meaning and goals

First verifying how naturism can be improved on federation's level. The source of the naturist holiday makers should be known. This shouldn't happen over the INF webpage, but on the federation's webpages.

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INF should have direct contact with the federations to know what happens and to show their presence from time to time. INF should take care of the evolution of the law regarding nudity in Europe by making a synthesis of the law from different countries, by contacting European authorities. INF needs to help the support their federations at their own government by providing them important elements from other countries regarding the matter.

INF needs to be attractive to the commercial centres so that they will find it interesting to co-operate with their own federation. INF also should collect arguments that gives the federations the opportunity to be recognized by the ministry, i.e. youth and sports or tourism etc...

E

1) Commercial material should be available for the small federations. When big federations did use material and they have good positive experience with it, they should support the small federations by supplying their material.

2) INF lobby EU to establish standard laws about naturism would be a stepping stone for other countries.

3) Membership card more friendly: offer a discount to cardholders. Some centres in some countries do not even ask for the card.

4) International organisation Structure is not a democratic organisation, One vote per country is truly respectable, the biggest federations do not control EU this way. Need to become democratic naturist organisation

Discussion of the workgroups:

Starting with point 4 of the E group:

there is a double system: with a country vote for the motions there is always a country vote.

See art 6 and 7 of the statutes.

Question: is a big federation willing to support this? No, the system we have now is right. This is the way how it is also done politically in general.

Our goal is to end with good conclusions for all.

*GV closed the meeting at 04.00 p.m. and deferred the congress until the following day.*

#### **Thursday, 11.09.2008 – Continuation of the 31<sup>st</sup> INF-FNI-Congress**

GV called upon the delegates to continue the 31<sup>st</sup>. INF-FNI-World Congress and opened the meeting at 10.10 a.m.

Reflections on the points of the different working groups bring forward:

E speaking working group:

Help to smaller federations is a good idea and the supply of information, material etc. from bigger federations should indeed be worked out.

Lobbying EU is completely out of our financial means. Lobbying is very expensive because you need to contract a lobbying company. It is a great idea but financially impossible.

F speaking working group:

It would be very useful if federations could search for the national law regarding naturism and send it to the General Secretariat who will gather all information.

Internal PR is very important.

#### **05. REPORTS:**

- a) report of the Executive and Central Committee members
- b) financial report
- c) report of the Auditors
- d) Report of the President of the Legal Commission

#### **06. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THESE REPORTS**

- a) no further questions
- b) the budget will be discussed after the motions  
further information about profit-and loss from 07.05.2008

were explained. Balance and profit 2006 and 2007 were accepted. CvH answered the questions from FENAIT about some posts out of the provided balance information.

SNF asked how meetings are being dealt with:

- GV stated that more than 8 000 € was saved by use of Skype tel. Conversations for the EC meetings in 2008.

DFK asked what will happen with the mentioned reserves:

- these will be transferred to the following year.

c) the reports were accepted

d) there were no further comments

## **07. DISCUSSION OF THE REPORTS OF THE FEDERATIONS**

DFK complained that only 3 federations had responded within the time-limit and a further 4 after the deadline. They asked for all federations to ensure that in future reports are available to a congress and in good time as these can be of great interest and a source of information to other federations.

## **08. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS:**

### **a) Motions concerning the Statutes**

#### **A1. INF-FNI – CHANGE OF SEAT**

The Central Committee proposes to change in article 1 of the INF-FNI statutes the seat of the INF-FNI from Bonn to Glan-Münchweiler (both in Germany).

#### **a) REASON:**

Because of the retirement of Wolfgang Weinreich as the contact person of the INF-FNI, we need a new contact person in Germany because the INF-FNI is an organisation according to German law.

We found Christoph Thomann, Vice-President of the INF-FNI Legal Committee who is willing to serve.

CC proposes therefore to change the (formal) seat of the to the location in which Christoph Thomann lives.

The secretariat however remains in Antwerp (Belgium).

Withdrawn as it was no longer necessary. Agreed.

#### **A2. INF-FNI – INDIVIDUAL DIRECT MEMBERSHIP**

The Central Committee proposes to change article 3, paragraph 2 under a. of the INF-FNI statutes as follows:

“a. individuals from countries that have no national federation or that don't want to become a member of their national federation or of an organisation affiliated to this federation.”

#### **REASON:**

After the decision of the last General Assembly to do a proof to give individuals a possibility to become an extraordinary member of the INF-

FNI without the right to vote we can now say that this proof is a success. For this reason we feel the need to give this possibility a more permanent character. We therefore propose to change article 3, paragraph 2, under a. of the INF-statutes.

In the proposed formulation is implied that individual persons should in the first place be a member of their national federations or of the clubs that are a member of these federations. If certain persons however don't want to become a member of their national federation or of the clubs that are members of this federation they should have a chance of becoming a direct member of the INF. The secretariat shall in these cases undertake a thorough investigation for the reasons why these people don't want to become a member in their own country and try to persuade them to become a member of their national federation or of a member-club. Only after this investigation they can become an extraordinary member of the INF."

It was hoped that this would be a means of increasing income and safeguards and statistics were presented to the congress. Delegates however felt unable to approve this resolution giving numerous reasons for their oppositions.

Votes:

64 for, 156 against and 4 abstentions. The motion was lost.

**A3. INF-FNI – LIMITED RE-ELECTION PERIOD FOR CC MEMBERS**

The CC proposes to change the second sentence of article 7, paragraph 3 as follows: "Members may be re-elected in the same position in the CC for one period of four years."

**REASON:**

For the renewal of ideas in the Central and Executive Committee it is necessary to bind the term a person can serve in the same position in these organs of the INF-FNI to a maximum of 8 years in total."

Several delegates expressed concern that this motion would limit their choices Votes 77 for, 132 against, 15 abstentions  
This vote was lost.

**A4. UNS-SNU – 1 VOTE PER COUNTRY/FEDERATION**

The UNS-SNU proposes following motion:

**Each country/federation has one vote.**

Items 6 and 7 of article 6 of the articles of association are to be scrapped. Item 8 is to be rewritten as follows: voting rights shall only be exercised if the membership dues set have been paid until the end of the past business year.

**REASON:**

At each INF-FNI congress we see that the large federations, carrying a large voting weight, are able to turn all votes and elections to their own

advantage. To do justice to all countries and federations, be they large or small, we submit this motion:

This motion was received too late. Motion withdrawn.

**b) Motions concerning the Regulations**

**B1. INF-FNI - CHANGE OF ARTICLE 5, PARAGRAPH 2**

The Central Committee proposes the General Assembly to change this paragraph as follows:

“Motions must be sent to the secretariat 4 months before the General Assembly. They must be written – if possible – in the 3 conference languages followed by a short explanation and a statement about the financial consequences of the motion.”

**REASON:**

Financial impact for INF-FNI  
Help from INF-FNI Treasury is available.

Votes 134 for, 11 against, abstentions 79. The motion was passed.

**c) Motions concerning finances**

c1) was moved to the end of the motion  
Budget 2009/2010

**C2. DFK – REORGANISATION OF THE BUDGET IN THE INF-FNI  
FINANCIAL ORGANISATION  
(Item 2 of the financial organisation)**

The budget is the financial management tool.

**The budget shall be organised in three pillars:**

**1) The INF-FNI budget – worldwide**

The budget submitted by the EC to the CC shall be communicated to the federations.

The budgets for the next two financial years shall be submitted for approval to the general assembly.

**2) The European events Budget (youth, sports, families, etc.)  
The non-European events budget**

The federation membership dues shall be distributed as follows over the 3 budget pillars:

Pillar 1: 60% of the European membership dues and 50% of the non-European ones

Pillar 2: 40% of the membership dues of the European federations

Pillar 3: 50% of the membership dues of the non-European federations.

The budget pillars 2 and 3 are to be managed by the federations themselves.

Together with the budget pillars **1 to 3**, the membership dues payable by the federations are approved as well

**REASON:**

Restructuring the finances will not change the contribution system applicable to federations worldwide. However it will establish a balance, between European and non-European federation, with respect to financial administration. Outlays for European events shall be agreed and distributed among all European federations at their annual interfederal meetings.

This platform shall take care of budget management and administration, which has already been established practice outside Europe for decades. In future, world congresses will only discuss and approve "world" budgets but European Budget will also be included.

During discussions it was agreed that column 2 should be amended to read a minimum of 30 % and a maximum of 40 % and column 1 will read 60% to 70%. And all expenses involving sports and youth and other European National Events, including travel and other costs, will be deducted from the European Budget.

Votes: 191 for, 15 against, abstentions 18. The motion was passed.

**C3. DFK – SUBMITTING THE BUDGET TO THE INF-FNI CONGRESS**

To enable federation delegates to vote on the INF-FNI budget with thorough factual knowledge the budget proposal submitted by the INF-FNI Treasurer should cover all budget items, including income and expenditure, to be foreseen based on Congress decisions. This should involve estimates of new budget headings, made to the best of the Treasurer's ability and conscience.

**REASON:**

This would allow federations to have the budget proposals approved by their own domestic decision-making bodies on the basis of factual information, which would lead to clear decisions when voting on proposals at the congress.

Motion was withdrawn as it was overtaken by motion B1.

**d) General motions**

**D6. FQN-FCN UNION – SUPPORT TO THE NATIONAL FEDERATIONS**

Be it resolved:

that the INF-FNI Central Committee initiate a project to review how it can support national federations in their efforts. Projects to include but not be limited to:

- 1) Organisational support
- 2) Marketing support
- 3) Advertising sales support
- 4) Nativist photo library
- 5) Publishing support

After some debate, and several ideas expressed by delegates, it was considered that this is a possible concept to initiate support to federations. Some items are already available and on being put to vote,

Votes: For 178, against 0, abstentions 46, the motion was passed.

**D1. SNF – SECRETARY OF THE INF-FNI CONGRESS**

“The Swedish Nativist Federation proposes that

- The General Assembly should elect a Secretary of the INF-FNI Congress.
- The elected Secretary of the INF-FNI Congress should specifically represent the General Assembly and should not be allowed to be influenced by the INF-FNI President, EC or CC.
- The minutes of the meeting should be scrutinized by two elected people that should not be INF-FNI officials in any way. This is already practice.

The secretary elected may be the INF-FNI Secretary but in such a case it is in a completely different capacity and with different principal, i.e. the General Assembly.

**REASON:**

To possibly achieve minutes from the INF-FNI Congresses that truly reflect the actual proceedings. We have no complaints about previous minutes but we would like to secure the quality of the future minutes from the INF-FNI Congresses. Also it is general practice to have an elected secretary in these kinds of meetings”.

This motion was withdrawn by the Swedish federation.

**D2. SNF – CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

“The Swedish Nativist Federation proposes that

- The General Assembly should elect a person outside the EC or CC to lead the formal part of the INF-FNI World Congress as from the “Technical Session” through “Any other business” in the Congress agenda. The Congress should not be chaired by the INF-FNI President.
- The INF-FNI President should perform the opening and the closing of the Congress and take care of greetings and remembrance of

deceased naturist friends etc. prior to the formal General Assembly proceedings.

- Welcome speeches by organizing federation and/or authorities should be done before the formal General Assembly meeting starts.
- Gratitude speeches for a well performed congress, excellent food and lodging etc. should be done when the formal proceedings has been closed or outside the agenda.

The chairperson elected should (preferably) have experience in chairing international meetings with complex voting procedures and be fluent in the English spoken language.

**REASON:**

To achieve a neutral, non-prejudice control of the meeting procedures and possibly a more effective meeting. Also, it is general practice to have a neutral chairperson in these kind of meetings.”

This motions was against the statutes and was ruled out of order by the president.

**D3. SNF – A NEW INF NATURIST PORTAL**

“The Swedish Naturist Federation proposes that **An INF-FNI Naturist Portal**, should be developed based o a multi site and multi language solution that should replace the existing INF-FNI Home Page. The INF-FNI Naturist Portal should fulfill the following set of requirements:

- The INF-FNI Naturist Portal should deliver correct, fact based, dependable and up-to-date information about the **Naturist Resorts an facilities as well as Nude Beaches** of the world.
- The INF-FNI Naturist Portal should deliver **news** about events and activities related to naturism and nude recreation. The INF-FNI Naturist Portal should be the one and only really dependable web site related to “The naturisme in the world!

The INF-FNI World Naturist Portal should be the place where businesses related to naturism will feel they will get the best exposure for advertisements. The INF-FNI Naturist Portal should attract advertisers and advertisements should generate a solid income for INF-FNI way above of the costs of the INF-FNI Naturist Portal.

**Regarding the contents The INF Naturist Portal should contain the following (as examples):**

The INF Naturist Portal should contain a web site for all about Naturism as such and all about INF as an organisation with all its member organisations incl. statutes and rules for internal communications and news about naturism and nude recreation etc.

- **Web sites for each of the national federations and their clubs** that would like to use the INF Naturist Portal as base for the information about them and their activities etc.
- A web site for all **Naturist Resorts** in the world
- A web site for all **Nude Beaches** in the world.
- A web site for other types of nude recreation

- A **calendar** for naturistic events and a **search function** to be used within the INF Naturist Portal.

**Regarding the Web Design:**

- The information presented to visitors are more important than flashy design and animated objects. Time to load a page is very important (typically <3 sec.).
- The web design will have to allow even older PCs and older version of browsers to view the pages.
- The web design will have to accommodate any browser to view the information in an adequate way - no need for plug-ins.
- The web design should provide possibility to present advertisements in a way that will not disturb or upset the visitor - discreet.
- The web design should provide visitors a possibility to select the language of his/her choice
- Native language + a selected number of languages for the federations or the clubs web sites.
- Perhaps 20 - 30 languages for presenting the Naturist Resorts and The Nude Beaches etc.

**There should be an Administration Tool that will allow maintenance and updating the information in the INF Naturist Portal :**

- The administration tool shall allow several people to manage several web sites through assigned privileges. Several selected users per country that can update information about nude beaches and naturist resorts.
- The administration tool shall provide possibilities for updating and maintenance in several languages.
- The administration tool shall provide intuitive wysiwyg-type ability for users to manage update and maintenance without any programming/html knowledge.
- The administration tool shall be adapted to the database structure for intuitive usage.
- The administration tool shall allow different roles: web master/site manager, author, publisher, advertisements mgr. etc.

**Regarding the quality of the information presented:**

The information has to be up-to-date at all times – no delay. If a visitor has visited a page two or three times over a few weeks and nothing has changed, he or she may not visit that page ever again!

- The visitor should be allowed to select a suitable language. The number of available language will depend on which web site is visited, i. e. The INF International Naturist Guide, The INF Web site, a national federations Web site, A club Home Web site etc.
- The traditional symbols in the guide should be replaced by textual information in the language selected.
- There should always be a printer adapted version of the information presented.
- Information shall be possible to search by indicating key words. All information on the INF World Naturist Portal shall be indexed when information is being updated. Hits should provide links to the pages and documents found.
- It should be possible to announce events in a calendar that can be accessed visitors and that can be retrieved by indicating which "area" the visitor is interested in, i.e. INF, The World, Europe, Sweden, Southern Sweden, SNF, The club Bergslagens Solsport, etc.

**Regarding advertisements on The INF-FNI Naturist Portal:**

- The advertisements should never be presented as pop-ups windows covering the information searched for by the visitor
- The advertisements should not be changed while a visitor is reading a page. The change should occur when the visitor opens another page or scrolls to the next page of a document.
- The advertisements should not be "aggressively animated", i.e. intended to aggressively calling for the attention of the visitor in a disturbing way.
- The advertisements should be kept in line with the contents of The INF-FNI World Naturist Portal as far as possible regarding layout and choice of colours etc.
- The advertisements should be paid for per expected times shown over a defined period and should be omitted automatically when the period ends.
- No obscene advertisements should be allowed. Careful screening should be applied.

The costs for developing The INF Naturist Portal may be high and outside the possibilities of the INF Budget. However, we feel confident that it should be possible to raise the necessary capital within the organised naturist movement.

**NB!** INF and the national federation will have to maintain a solid grip of what is being published on the web site in order to avoid chaos and disaster information wise. There are too many who will want to publish matters that we will not support from a naturistic view. Information about Clubs and Resorts will have to be controlled nationally by the federations.

The motion is based on a solid conviction that it is absolutely critical for INF to develop and maintain such a web-solution. INF will not survive long without it.

The motion is based on a detailed requirements specification that can be found on the following URLs for the few that are interested:

- The Requirements Specification (verbal description in English): [http://www.naturistforbundet.se/snf/reqspec\\_inf\\_web\\_site.pdf](http://www.naturistforbundet.se/snf/reqspec_inf_web_site.pdf)
- A PowerPoint presentation of the ideas and the requirements: [http://www.naturistforbundet.se/snf/new\\_webstructure.pdf](http://www.naturistforbundet.se/snf/new_webstructure.pdf)

Malmö March 24, 2008

[Hand-written signature] Inge Gullander,  
President of the Swedish Naturist Federation

*PS : This motion is a later version of the motion delivered fall 2007. "*

After some discussion on the merits of the new naturist portal the motion was withdrawn by the Swedish federation.

**D4 DFK - CANCELLATION OF THE BY THE INF-FNI  
PROPOSED TRIAL FOR INF-FNI DIRECT MEMBERSHIP**

The DFK proposes the following:

The promotional memberships of the INF-FNI introduced on a trial basis shall be abolished, with the attracted members remaining within the INF. The promotional memberships for businesses shall still be allowed.

**REASON:**

Attracting people (families and individuals) is only feasible in Europe for the INF, and only with a certain measure of success. However such memberships give rise to competition with the federations, which should not be allowed to happen.

The promotional business memberships, on the other hand, matter very much to the INF, as they may pave the way to the granting of discounts on the price of the INF-FNI membership stamps.

“Cancellation by the INF of the proposed trial for direct membership.”  
This motion had been overtaken by the vote on motion A2 and withdrawn.

**D7. FQN-FCN UNION – AVAILABILITY OF ARTICLES, ARTWORK AND PHOTOGRAPHS TO FEDERATIONS**

Be it resolved:  
that the INF-FNI make available to the federations, 4 times per year, articles, artwork and photographs targeted at individual naturists, in electronic format, for the federations to publish in their national publications.

This motion was considered to have numerous problems and on being put to the vote  
Vote: 48 for, 78 against, abstentions 94  
The motion was lost.

**D8. FQN-FCN UNION – COLLECTING STATISTICS**

Be it resolved:  
that the INF-FNI begin collecting and aggregating statistics on naturism around the world and that the results be summarized once per year for each federation to use. Statistics should include but not be limited to:

- 1) number of naturists
- 2) number of clubs
- 3) number of resorts
- 4) financial impact of naturism

Delegates considered having statistical information was important to federations and whilst some of the information was already available on the website, the financial impact is also important to them.  
Vote:  
For: 204, against 11, abstentions 9  
The motion was passed.

**D9. FQN-FCN UNION – ESTABLISHING A BULLETIN**

Be it resolved  
That the INF –FNI establish a regular bulletin for the directors and officers of national federations and that this bulletin include information, ideas and advice on how to grow and expand their federation as well as regular information of the services available from the INF-FNI.

**REASON:**

Given the challenges that many of the national naturist federations face, Canada's FQN-FCN Union is concerned that the INF-FNI has not focused enough of its efforts on supporting federations through this time of transition.

We believe that many of the INF-FNI federations will need to reinvent themselves over the coming years in order to ensure that they maintain their roles as leaders in the naturist world.

Influence is directly related to revenue. Maintaining a steady revenue stream will require new ways of thinking and new methods of operating and marketing naturist organisations. As the acceptance of naturism grows, individual naturists no longer need to belong to a naturist organisation. As such, federations must now demonstrate the value of membership in order to convince naturists to join.

Now more than ever, the need exists for strong naturist organisations. However, the purpose has changed. Naturists in many countries now need federations to help them sort through the many options available to them. A national federation can be a very valuable guide in a world of varied and conflicting naturist ideals.

It seems clear to Canada's FQN-FCN Union that the INF-FNI was formed as an association of federations. Evidence:

- 1) the bylaws only give votes to national federations and
- 2) individual members can only exist (without a vote) when no federation exists or
- 3) individual members are permitted with the permission of the national federation.

Therefore, the INF-FNI's primary goal in supporting naturism must be to support its member federations. We believe that all activities and initiatives done by the Central Committee, Executive Committee, and General Secretariat should be evaluated against the potential benefits and/or harm to its member federations.

The INF-FNI is uniquely positioned to help guide and evolve federations by leading, educating and supporting its member federations. As such, Canada's FQN-FCN Union proposes the above mentioned motions.

It was made clear that federations themselves must supply articles for the Bulletin and several delegates urged federations to send more information to the INF. The Bulletin will have to be in electronic form.

For 176, against 6, abstentions 42. The motion has passed.

#### **Proposal SNF:**

##### **Equipment SNF**

"The Swedish Naturist Federation proposes the acquisition of adequate conference equipment to allow all delegates and other participants to follow the proceedings in an effective way and to improve the democracy in the General Assembly.

The "small" nations delegates have always been seated next to the interpreters in the previous INF Congresses. Sitting two – three meters

from the interpreters makes it literally impossible to follow the proceedings. We are apt to guess about what is being said and may be voting contrary to what we actually intend. The "hearing aid" we have been equipped with so far is actually adding to the bad situation. Also very often there are other people present in the background who cannot be silent.

In order to achieve INF Congresses where all delegates will have the same possibility to follow the proceedings and hear what is being said, we propose that adequate conference equipment should be available for the next INF Congress in Brazil.

At the INF Congress in Spain our request were briefly rejected as too costly?

Therefore, we also propose that the federations should contribute separately to the acquisition of the conference equipment.

We propose that the federations make a single contribution of €0,10 per member in each federation. That should be enough!

We feel that it is a pre-requisite to provide good conference equipment for simultaneous interpretation if we shall send delegates to the next INF Congress. The situation for our delegate in Spain and in Croatia was not acceptable.

The proposal being based on the earlier congress.

The treasurer estimated that the cost of buying the equipment would be between 40 and

50 000 Euros. And therefore it was more cost effective to rent every two years.

Votes:

No delegate approved purchase of the equipment but in respect of renting the motion was carried unanimously.

#### **D5. UNS-SNU – REGULATIONS OF THE PETANQUE TOURNAMENT**

The UNS-SNU proposed the following:

The INF-FNI should organise sports events in a family-friendly way. The tournament shall be played with doubles, independently from player age and sex.

Art. 3, point 3.1 new: The tournament shall be played with doubles (2 players with 3 Pétanque balls each).

In view of the earlier decision of the sports and youth budget transfer, it was agreed that the motion be remitted to the European sports organisation.

Budget B1 (see enclosure)

Following figures were adapted and the amended budget

Internal PR :

Sports and Youth heading change into European naturist events

Provision travel costs was altered.

Contribution for individual members

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Following the decision to cancel the individual membership this lower figure remains valid as it was agreed to retain those already recruited.

**POINTS FOR DISCUSSION**

a) INF-FNI Youth politics

The youth officer informed delegates that at present it had not been possible to find locations for future events. She asked all federations to cooperate as a matter of urgency.. Such events have a positive PR for the federations. Although some delegates explain problems in finding volunteers and locations, she confirmed that it was essential for federations to come forward with venues for 2009 events.

b) INF-FNI Sports

RV reported of the Family event in Germany. He was surprised at the way which the activities were organized, where people could chose their own activity, which was an excellent idea.

He also reported on Pétanque and Swimming for 2009.

A photo was sent to the INF website.

c) INF-FNI Webpage (Database)

BH explained her plans about the webpage and the database.

Delegates were concerned about the way in which the INF site and their own could be interlinked. Several suggestions were put forward. All of these could be acceptable.

Federations were asked about the method of collecting data of the inf database. With the exceptions of the SNF and DFK all agreed to their clubs being contacted by the INF. FCN-FQN Union wish to be the first point of contact and agreed to a deadline for return of information and the DFK and SNF would initiate the data base information themselves.

It was hoped to use the database for the production of a possible future INF guide. This could be in CD or Hardback form. SNF Indicated that as soon as the INF data base was of an acceptable standard they would be happy to transfer all of their information.

**10.**

**ELECTIONS:**

a) President for 4 Years

Presentation given by Sieglinde IVO, the only nominated candidate.

In answer to a question, the legal adviser indicated that should a delegate write in the name of an alternative candidate on the ballot form then this was valid. Whilst there was some discussion on this advice, he confirmed that under Germany law the advice he had given was accurate.

As the debate dragged on for some time, a delegate asked for an immediate closure of the debate.

This was agreed by a majority of those present.

There being no further nominations, a call was made by the Dutch federation for a secret ballot.

Result of the ballot: Sieglinde Ivo was elected as president for 4 years. 139 in favour, 26 against, 59 abstentions.

b) Vice President-treasurer for 4 Years

Being no further nominations, a call made by the Dutch federation for a secret ballot.

Result of the ballot: Cor van Herp was elected as treasurer for 4 years. 187 in favour, none against, 37 abstentions.

c) 1 Assessor for PR Overseas for 4 Years

Being no further nominations, a call made by the Portuguese Federation for a secret ballot.

Result of the ballot: Barbara Hadley was elected as PR Overseas for 4 years. 224 in favour none against

d) 2 Auditors for 2 Years

Fritz Zaugg and Armand Céolin were elected by acclamation for 2 years

e) 1 Auditor Substitute for 2 Years

Jean Peters from FLN was elected by acclamation for 2 years

f) 1 member development fund for 2 Years

Adolfo Sanz was nominated by the Spanish Federation and was elected by acclamation for 2 years.

**11. PLACE AND DATE OF THE NEXT INF-FNI CONGRESS**

32<sup>nd</sup> INF-FNI Congress in the year 2010

The application from Italy for 2010 was confirmed unanimously with unconfirmed dates of the first full week in September.

33<sup>rd</sup> INF-FNI Congress 2012

DNH proposed Koversada in Croatia as a venue for 2012 this was agreed unanimously.

The president in closing the meeting thanked the translators, waiting staff and scrutineers together with all those who had worked hard to make this congress a success. He wished everyone a good return and hoped to meet them at the Gala Evening

The meeting closed at 16:30

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Tambaba, 13.09.2008

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President

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Minutes