



# April 2022 Federations Focus

International Naturist Federation Newsletter

## Naturist Association Les ZAMIS Nat

“Les Zamis Nat” is an association but, first and foremost, a group of friends who often met up on a naturist beach to enjoy the sun and water where we shared our naturist values and chatted about our experiences. Some had grown up with naturism, while others had discovered it by a chance meeting or through simple curiosity.

The idea to create our own association at the end of 2020 sprouted from this small group.

Our Swiss-French cross-border association brings together naturists from both sides of a purely administrative boundary but because the original founders and the most active members live in the Swiss canton of Valais, it was only natural that this is where the association elected to have its headquarters, where our president resides. It was also obvious to us all that the more numerous we were, the stronger we would be to defend our values.

We were therefore eager to make ourselves known to the already existing associations. This goal was cemented in 2021 with our official affiliation with the Swiss Naturist Union and our partnership with the French Federation of Naturism. Our credibility has grown!



Alongside these partnerships, we are also constantly in search of political support to maintain and, if possible, officialise one or several naturist beaches in Switzerland.

Now strong with over 30 members, we are able to provide advice and support to those who are tempted by our lifestyle.

Our values are respect, solidarity, and non-judgement, to live in harmony with nature and to practise fun, recreational and sports activities in full nudity.



# EuNat Meeting in Serbia



From 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> February, the delegates of several European naturist federations met in Belgrade for the 12th meeting of the European Commission of Naturism.

We were very warmly welcomed by the **Naturist Organisation of Serbia**. Kindness, generosity and laughter were the weekend's themes. We visited the city of Belgrade and its emblematic sites as well as naturist locations in and around Belgrade (sauna, beach) and in Novi Sad, where the members of the association, which occupies the naturist beach on the Danube welcomes us with delicious homemade treats. We then went on to visit the world class spa complex, Hotel Fruske Terme.

The meeting was chaired by Armand Céolin, the exiting EuNat secretary, assisted by his sports officer Sook-Hwa Noh. Also present were the members of the Executive Committee of the International Naturist Federation, the president Sieglinde Ivo, the co-president Stéphane Deschênes, the treasurer Dominique Dufour and the secretary Jean Peters. The youth officer, Daniela Schleicher, was sadly absent.

EuNat is the organisation behind the big annual events like the youth meeting, Alpe-Adria, the pétanque competition, the Northern and Southern European gatherings, and the international swimming gala. We talked about the success of these events in 2021 in spite of the pandemic and we agreed on the budgets for those to come,



where we hope to see an increase in attendance. All of these events are open to naturists from all over the world. For dates and information, please check out the federation's website: <https://events.inf-fni.org/de/>

*Till next year in Bonn!*

Laurent Luft  
Europe Assessor





# Naturism in Novi Sad



On the river Danube, which inspired Johann Strauss Jr. to give the name to his famous Waltz „On the Beautiful Blue Danube“, two countries south of Vienna, at the 1262nd kilometre to the mouth of the Danube, there is a lovely naturist beach, tucked away on a sheltered part of the bank, not far from the outskirts of Novi Sad, the capital of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, the second largest city in Serbia.

The history of naturism and nudism in Novi Sad and its surroundings - if we are to believe the old texts from the press at the time - dates back at least a hundred years ago. In one of the daily papers there was an article which says that „in some circles of the rich youth, young men and women are engaged in a new kind of entertainment - they go in small boats to the nearby river islands, which are not accessible from the mainland, to bathe and sunbathe there stark naked!“

Of course, the omniscient journalist did not try to join the youth and make a report on the spot, but only made a sarcastic remark: “who knows what else is happening there besides sunbathing and swimming?”



## Focus June

**Deadline to remit articles:**  
20<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Release of Focus latest:**  
05<sup>th</sup> June 2022



According to an unconfirmed „urban legend“, the famous Novi Sad resident Mileva Marić, an excellent mathematician, later Mrs. Einstein, also went swimming and sunbathing there.

All the same, it is definitely certain that the grandfathers of today's Novi Sad naturists loved and enjoyed the freedom of exposing their body to the sun and water without the „stupid wet cloth“ („Blödes nasses Ding!“) as Otto von Bismarck, Chancellor of Germany called the swimming suit, jumping into the river in Adam's costume.

The roots of today's club could hardly be directly connected with the „crazy party of fashionable youth“ from the early 1920s (although we have second and third generation naturists), but the writer of these lines can confirm from personal experience that fifty or more years ago people enjoyed the benefits of nudism almost at the same place where they do it now. The Danube is a powerful river, so the coast is constantly changing and taking on new forms. In the beginning, the social nudity was practised without organization, spontaneously, similar to the GDR, without a fence, without a club, even without the obligation for everyone to be naked.

The beach at that time was more than a kilometre long at summer water level with wide sand coast, with summer water temperature of the main course of the Danube 21-24°C. On hot summer days, over 1000 bathers would come, of which at least 950 were completely naked. The remaining 50 were gradually adapting, getting over shame and embarrassment, and many of them would join the fashion of „local folk costumes“ on the second or third occasion: Adam's / Eve's costumes.

Since this island, a nudist paradise, which had already been connected to the mainland in the last century, found itself closer to the new residential areas due to urbanisation, at one point it became clear that naturism / nudism could only survive if we built a fence around the space we used. Given that, we founded the Association of Citizens called Naturist Club Kamenjar, which is the toponym of the place where the beach is located.

As urbanisation came closer and closer, our fence grew higher; at first it was small and weak, but a few years ago it was replaced with a new one, with serious pillars and a new gate – the circumstances forced us to



separate, not for our sake, but for the sake of those „outside.“ Of course, the club is open to all those who share and accept our worldviews, it is non-political and gender-neutral: whoever starts a story about politics, pays a fine to the „coffee pot“, and whoever

violates the norms of decent behaviour in any form - is removed from the beach and asked not to come again. Fortunately, the latter is very rare, and the „coffee pot“ has been empty lately.

Our club has developed ties with the club „NaVKE“ from Budapest and „Sziki Naturista Club“ from Szeged (Hungary), which is reflected in occasional visits in both directions, and among the members of the NKK are all peoples of our multinational local community (Serbs, Hungarians), Germans, Croats, Slovaks, Romanians) but we also have foreigners: Italians, Poles and even a member from a Middle East „country, who can only dream of naturism at home ...

Time will tell what future holds for the Kamenjar Naturist Club. In the third decade of the 21st century, the city is all around us, a magnificent (fourth) bridge over the Danube is being built a kilometre away, (construction just started three days after the INF-FNI delegation visited our beach) which will make it easier to reach us (which we are not so happy about). There are plans in the long run to build a sports and recreational park-forest in that area, and whether there will be good will (we are negotiating with the city) for our beach to fit into that and become the first state-recognized, fenced and official naturist beach in Serbia - the younger will see, it may take many more years.

For now, we are on our own and no one is forcing us out of here.

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## Events

**30.04. - 01.05.2022**

**Skiki Opening Weekend**

Sziksósfürdő Naturist Beach, Hungary  
Info: Diana Katona, Camping manager, +36202498616



**05.06. - 12.06.2022**

**50. Alpe Adria Meeting**

Solaris Camping Resort, Porec, Croatia  
Registration forms and Program are now available in our open EuNat Download from March 2022 on. <https://downloads.inf-fni.org/eunat/>



## LE BETULLE Villaggio Naturista

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

**Sights:** Venaria Royal Palace and Park, St. Michele Abbey, Rivoli Castle, Mole Antonelliana, Egyptian Museum, Piazza S. Carlo, Basilica of Superga.

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## NATURIST MEETING

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### 05.-12.06.2022



For the 50<sup>th</sup> time, naturists from all over the world gather to participate in sports competitions. Table-Tennis, Pétanque, Chess, Pedal boat, Beach Volleyball, Cross....

Yoga, Sound meditation, Qui Gong and Creative Dance are again offered as exciting workshops this time.

We are expecting numerous registrations, exciting games and live common days under the sun of Croatia.

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