



## December 2022 Federations Focus

International Naturist Federation Newsletter

# Naturists want to do more than cause a stir



Followers of naturism from 37 countries have met at the airport Findel at Luxembourg. They want to fight the dirty image.

Among the guests on this Friday morning nobody is nude. "During our meeting in Serbia a few years ago we had decided to appear nude at the congress. But at the end one third was naked, two thirds were dressed." Wilfried Blaschke, Mullet hairstyle type, is the President of the "Deutscher Verband für Freikörperkultur"- DFK (German Naturist Federation) and represents Germany during this week at the congress, to which the International Naturist Federation (INF-FNI), covering about fifty countries, had invited. "Ultimately, however, we do not want to focus on showing off, it is about being united with nature. For that reason, I do not go shopping all nude, I do not want to explain ten times to people in the supermarket what I am doing here."

Blaschke, coming from Bonn, wears Jeans, a T-Shirt and striped socks in bathing slippers. "Germany is probably the country that, politically speaking, demands next to nothing", he says, sitting on the sofa in the hotel lobby. "We have our peace and quiet, are allowed as clubs and be naked as long as we do not disturb public order, and as long as being nude is not associated with sexual activity." Blaschke, who presides over the only association of its kind in Germany, must nevertheless sigh. "Unfortunately, being naked is still being equated with exhibitionism."

(about 10 acres) near the capital to its members. The exact location is known only to the initiated. In summer, people barbecue there, play petanque or volleyball, chat with friends, spend a normal day outdoors – but just undressed. "We are geared towards families", Ceolin clarifies. "If someone comes here with other intentions, we see it immediately, he never will come back." Ceolin, who grew up in a conservative Luxembourgish family, first came to naturism through his French wife. Viviane Tiar, on the other hand, has lived naturism since birth. She is the President of the French Federation and does not dress at home on any occasion. The children also live this model. "At my work in the municipality everyone knows it, too, I even say it openly, it is my philosophy of life."

As she regularly appears in reports on television or in magazines, this openness is probably inevitable. Meanwhile, nude visits to the museum are now also a regular occurrence in Paris. "France is the world's first destination for nude people", she says with pride. After the Corona lockdowns, the demand for holidays at the textile-free centres has skyrocketed. People wanted to finally feel really free after being locked up.

by Franziska Jäger, Source: Luxemburger Wort,  
(Luxembourg's largest daily newspaper),  
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### BARBECUE, PLAY VOLLEYBALL AND GOSSIP

In contrary, for naturists, it is about being connected with nature, it is no less than a philosophy of life. The federation meets every two years, to reflect on current challenges. "We demand that naturism be recognised and get away from the grubby image," says Armand Ceolin, who had founded the first naturist club in Luxembourg in 1980, which offers a four-hectares clearing

# Edwin Kilby

## New Vice President of the INF-FNI

I feel humble to have been trusted by the Federations making up the INF-FNI to serve as the Vice-President and I hope I can live up to everyone's expectations. I'm writing this just a few days after the election. I know I have a lot to learn and big shoes to fill.

I first began enjoying Naturism at a club in north London sometime in the 1980s, and soon afterwards my partner and I discovered our shared enjoyment of Naturism on nude beaches in the Greek Islands during our many holidays there. I joined British Naturism in 1990.

Until early 2016 I worked on European and international affairs in a UK government department. I am a passionate internationalist, and I believe strongly in the need for interest groups in different countries, including Naturists, to work together for the common good. That's why I became so interested in the INF-FNI. In 2018 I became British Naturism's International Director, largely so I could learn more about the INF-FNI and work with other Naturists from around the world.

I firmly believe in the INF-FNI's aims, but I think we can do more together. The 2022 meeting of the INF-FNI's World Congress took some important decisions which will help our organisation become even more visible and effective. For example, it adopted a new and ambitious mission and vision statement, and it decided to launch a series of international conferences on matters affecting Naturism worldwide.

It also agreed to examine its rules for membership so we can see how best to bring more Naturist voices within the organisation's embrace. I hope we can attract new members from parts of the world where Naturism is developing actively, such as Latin America.



And I hope we can also reach out to those federations who have left recently and encourage them to return to their rightful places within our worldwide Naturist family. That would help the INF-FNI become more globally representative. That's important, because by strengthening our membership we also strengthen our voice. We will become better placed than ever to work with the Naturist federations to promote Naturism as a popular and healthy lifestyle and philosophy.

The 2022 Congress was an excellent meeting which I thought demonstrated a renewed determination among the Naturist federations to work together towards our common goals. This can give us new confidence as an organisation.

I'm looking forward to working as a team with the other members of the Central Committee. As the INF-FNI looks forward to marking its 70th anniversary in 2023, it's a really exciting time to be involved.

## 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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# Thank you, Jean Peters

A Vice-President who has left his mark

The famous painter Salvador Dali once said: "Farewell is the birth of memory". I may extend this quote and say that this farewell is also the start of a new phase in Jean Peters' life. He once said a sentence that is very valuable to me:

*"I always wanted to leave traces, not dust"*

That impressed me very much. And, of course, he did leave traces.

Jean has done his various jobs with great sensitivity, whether it was translating, writing circulars to the federations, or editing the website, he strengthened the relationship with the federations and was available almost 24 hours a day for all questions and assistances. He knew that he could rely on the ladies in the office, and he had colleagues in the CC who appreciated and supported him.

Jean worked for the INF-FNI for more than thirteen years, first as EuNat Secretary and from 2014 as Vice-President/Secretary in the CC.

We say goodbye to a man who can be sure of our respect and appreciation. We wish Jean happiness, health, and contentment. Thank you for having been an example of energy, fairness, and sense of responsibility for so many years as an employee.

The whole CC team and the office staff Mireille and Simone would like to thank you for your work as Secretary and Vice-President of the INF-FNI. Thank you for all your time, your effort, your help, and your friendship! Together with all your colleagues, you have kept the INF-FNI functioning over the past years.



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## Events

**04.12.**  
**World Naturist Day**

Southern Hemisphere



## Focus February

**Deadline to remit articles:**  
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05<sup>th</sup> February 2023

# Luxembourg hosts International Naturist Congress for the 1<sup>st</sup> time



Luxembourg will host the international congress of the International Naturist Federation (INF-FNI) for the first time from 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022; this congress will bring together about 50 national federations at Hotel NH Luxembourg.

Speaking to Chronicle.lu ahead of this gathering, Armand Ceolin, member of Sports et Loisirs Naturistes, Luxembourg a.s.b.l. (SLNL) and auditor of INF-FNI, explained the origins and activities of both the INF-FNI and the Luxembourgish Naturist Federation (Fédération Luxembourgeoise de Naturisme - FLN), as well as what topics will be addressed at this international congress.

**Chronicle.lu: When was the International Naturist Federation created and what is its main mission? How many „members“ or federations does it include?**

**Armand Ceolin:** The International Naturist Federation (INF-FNI) was created on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1953 in Centre Helio-Marin Montalivet (France), mainly based on the initiative of the French Naturist Federation (Fédération Française de Naturisme - FFN) as well as the German Naturist Federation (Deutscher Verband für Freikörperkultur - DFK). The INF-FNI represents nowadays 37 national federations as well as fourteen official correspondents all over the world. Thus, the INF-FNI stands today for around 450,000 individuals.

**Chronicle.lu: When was the Luxembourg Naturist Federation set up? What sort of activities do you organise here in Luxembourg?**

**Armand Ceolin:** The Luxembourg Naturist Fédération (Fédération Luxembourgeoise de Naturisme - FLN) was founded in 1984 and represents the two naturist campsites in Luxembourg: De Reenert - part of Camping Fuussekaul in Heiderscheid, as well as the naturist site of Camping Blesbréck close to Diekirch. The third member is the naturist association Sports et Loisirs Naturistes, Luxembourg a.s.b.l. (SLNL), a family-oriented non-profit organisation that exists since 1980 and is the proud owner of a 4 ha large naturist site near Luxembourg City. The association counts around 300 members and is the only naturist club in the Grand Duchy.

All members can participate in the international sport events and meetings that are organised by the INF-FNI: a yearly international swimming gala that will take place

beginning of November 2022 in Belgrade (Serbia), a yearly international petanque tournament, youth meetings, family meetings in Northern and Southern Europe, and many others.

SLNL in Luxembourg offers to all its members the possibility of nude recreation on its fully equipped naturist site. Different sports can be practised on this site, like archery, swimming, bowls, volleyball, etc. Not forgetting, of course, the relaxation and seamless tanning surrounded by luxurious nature, far from the smell and noise of the city.

**Chronicle.lu: Is this the first time that Luxembourg is hosting the international congress? Why was Luxembourg chosen this year (is the event held annually)? Does it rotate between the different federations?**

**Armand Ceolin:** It is the first time that the Luxembourg Naturist Federation has the honour to organise this congress, that according to the statutes must be held every second year and rotates among the different affiliated federations. Every fifth congress shall be organised according to internal regulations on another continent than Europe.

**Chronicle.lu: What are the main topics to be discussed at (or the main goals of) this international congress?**

**Armand Ceolin:** The main topics at every congress are the preparation of the budget for the coming years, elections of board members and auditors, discussions on the reports of the different national federations that communicate their successes but sometimes also their failures.

The exchange between the national delegates is a very important factor where experiences and advice are shared.

Amendments to the statutes and regulations proposed by the different federations are also discussed and put to vote mainly to consider the technological and socio-cultural developments of society.

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# INF-FNI Petanque Tournament Sonnensee 2022



From Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September, the International Naturist Federation celebrated the 41st edition of its Pétanque tournament at the awarded naturist Campingpark Sonnensee (among the 100 best campsites in Europe in 2020 according to the guest reviews on camping.info), containing a big, wonderful lake near Hannover.

We were around 120 people among whom 50 pairs formed the competition: even though 40% of the players were Germans from the DFK, members of the NFN (the Netherlands), BN (United Kingdom), FFN (France), FBN (Belgium), FEN (Spain), INA (Ireland), SNU-UNS (Switzerland), and ÖNV (Austria without players, but as presidency of the INF) were present. Each pair played 8 times. The exchange of small gifts between the competitors every match added more joy to the tournament. Finally the Nation Cup went to the DFK.

And the NFN as well as the DFK displayed an outstanding level: three top teams received the prize of a big towel; the last place (50th), the consolation prizes (very elegant Sonnensee T-shirts), were given to Ismael and me; a jar of honey was also offered to every participant. The organisation provided us with rich and varied food.

Special thanks to the organisers: Andrea, Pétanque Officer of the DFK; Jan, Chairman of the BffL Hannover; and Ralf, in the picture with the microphone, among others, for having looked after us very nicely from the preparation stage until the end and more.

Sook-Hwa Noh  
Sports Officer of the INF

## Gregers Moller

Our assessor for the Overseas Federations, Gregers Moller, has been replaced by Gustavo de la Gazza (Mexico) and Christo Bothma (South Africa)!

Gregers has worked hard for his area, but bridging the great distances to the individual areas of responsibility was not an easy task.



*We thank him for his efforts and his good cooperation in the CC.*