
Report of the 45th INF-FNI - EuNat Alpe-Adria Sport Event
14th until 17th June 2017 at Solaris, Croatia

The 45th **Alpe-Adria** sport event was held again at the VALAMAR-SOLARIS campsite as many years before and could start with excellent weather conditions that lasted the whole competition weekend.

On Tuesday morning, Sieglinde and Jean had an appointment with the director Danijela Zgrablic of SOLARIS and a member from the animation team to discuss the installation of the facilities for the competition.

Given the absence of the sport officer, Isabelle Hoffmann, interim sport officer joined us from Wednesday on and then took over the surveillance of various competitions where a responsible of a federation was not available. A big thank-you!

Unfortunately, only the registration lists of FENHU and ÖNV were received in time and therefore quite a few participants had to enroll on Wednesday afternoon with Jean. That's why the participations lists could only be handed over to sport responsible just before the start. A few also added later manually by the sport responsible on the lists making the execution not easier at all.

A meeting with the sports officials was held on Thursday morning around 10 o'clock and we had to realize that there was no official participation from the big federations. (FFN, DFK, NFN)

Given the low participation, SOLARIS had launched an appeal to the attending campers via email and several additional participants from various federations enrolled and told us that they had never received information about this event from their federation!



The official opening of the competitions took place on Thursday at 12:30 with the presence of the Director of Solaris, the INF-FNI President Sieglinde and many participants and was held on the terrace of the SOLARIS restaurant.

Meanwhile, the helpful animation team from Solaris had prepared the individual sports grounds perfectly and the competition could be started.

The participating federations were: FENHU with some Ukrainians, FLN, ÖNV and ZDNS. About 85 participants were present to play the games.



After the official opening on 26th May, the various competitions began under excellent weather conditions around 14:30 o'clock: **Chess**, Table Tennis, Badminton, Cross for Children and Adults, Tug of War and **Bike-Cross**. Some games had to be cancelled due to lack of participants and consequently all the games ended on the same day.



On Friday 15th June, the Volley-Ball tournament started at 09:15 o'clock. As for the beach volleyball tournament only 1 participant was registered, he agreed after consultation, to participate in the volley-ball tournament.



In the afternoon around 14:30 the "PEDALO" competition was launched with 22 registered participants and finished the same day in the late afternoon.



On Saturday around 09:30, « Pétanque » tournament started under the aegis of Michael Hoffmann (*replacing Isabella Hoffmann*) and went smoothly with 5 games for each team up to the end. The ranking of all competitions (places 1,2,3) was already online in the evening on our download and accessible to all.

The gala dinner in the evening was, as already in previous years, excellent. The awards ceremony with cups and medals for all competitions was again celebrated after the dinner in the SOLARIS restaurant.



Many thanks also to our "Cup-Master" Janos who had brought along all trophies and medals from Hungary. The respective trophies and medals were handed over by the INF-FNI President Sieglinde with the presence of Jean and Janos.



After the award ceremony, SOLARIS offered us a "meringue" as a dessert.

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The final meeting was held on Sunday, 17th June, at 10 am in the presence of the Director of Solaris, the Animation Manager, Sieglinde, Jean, Isabella and the sports responsible of the federations.

At the beginning, Sieglinde handed flowers to the Solaris Director, representing the Solaris Reception and the Animation Manager, and thanked all participants for their collaboration.

The next date for the 46th A-A meeting is set to **14th** til **17th** June 2018. The Director reminded Jean that all preparatory work (invitations, discounts, etc.) must be coordinated in advance with Mr. Alan Muhek of VALAMAR like this year.

Generally, the low participation was criticized and seems to be due to the fact that some federations do little or no advertising for EuNat events in their magazines or on their Internet pages.

The following change was proposed by Janos: (FENHU)

Since many of the participants in the tournament have won a lot of medals each year, Janos is proposing to award cups for the first 3 places for next year. (Large, medium, small) Janos will take care of the purchase of these cups for next year.

(ZDNS) Because the distribution of the cups takes a long time, it is proposed to make a partial price distribution for already finished competitions at the volley-ball field near the restaurant. (*Depending on weather conditions*). The delivery of the cups during the dinner would therefore be limited to those of the pétanque. To do so, this competition should start on Friday afternoon and end on Saturday morning. A program change must be made.

The Volleyball (and Beach-Volleyball ??) should then also start on Friday afternoon. (*Possible conflict with pétanque???*)

The announcements by microphone were difficult to hear in certain parts of the room, as the loudspeakers were level with the floor. Will be adapted.



FENAIT as well as the ENC sport officer have nothing to add.

Concerning advertising, the director of Solaris further stated that the A-A program was displayed on all of the Camping's billboards one week before the event in 6 languages.

The Solaris Director presents gifts to all participants of this meeting. She thanked the participants for their presence and hoped to see a larger group again in 2018.

Sieglinde offered an INF-FNI world crystal globe to the director of Solaris and thanked all members for their active participation, wished them a good homecoming and "goodbye" until 2018.

End of the meeting around 10:30 hours.

(NB: High resolution pictures are available from Jean)

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Nice greetings,

Jean

(INF-FNI Vice-president)

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jean', written in a cursive style.