

**Report of the 44th INF-FNI - EuNat Alpe-Adria Sport Event
25th of Mai – 29th of May 2016 at Solaris, Croatia**

The 44rd 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.

An additional sport was added (Bike Cross). Jan Paashuis, ENC Sport Officer, was invited to the meeting to support Sieglinde and Jean. Unfortunately he had to cancel for personal reasons. When asked by the ENC secretary, Michael Hoffmann, Roger Viola agreed to replace him. Thank you Roger!

Unfortunately, only the registration lists of FENHU, ÖNV and ZDNS were received in time and therefore quite a few participants had to enroll on Wednesday afternoon with Jean. Many were also later added manually by the sport responsible on the lists making the execution not easier at all.

On Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, a meeting was scheduled with the sport responsible, but only the sport responsible of FENHU was present. We had to note with regret that the FENAIT was not present at all and that from the DFK/BNV, only one member had enrolled on Wednesday afternoon.

Given the low participation, SOLARIS had launched an appeal to the attending campers via email and about 12 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, Jean and Roger 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: DFK, FENHU, FFN, FLN, ÖNV and ZDNS. About 75 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 as well as Tug of War. Some games had to be cancelled due to lack of participants and consequently all the games ended on the same day.

In the afternoon around 14.30, the new bike cross-country race started with mountain bikes provided by SOLARIS. It should be mentioned here that the little 6-year-old Darina Sandor (FENHU) defeated several elder participants in the race!

On Friday 27th May, the Volley-Ball tournament started at 09:30 o'clock. As for the beach volleyball tournament only 2 participants were registered, they agreed, after consultation, to participate in the volley-ball tournament.



In the afternoon around 14:30 the last year newly introduced "PEDALO" competition was launched with many participants. Since the entertainers had set the turning point at about 50 meters into the sea this year, it was a very sporty performance to cope with these 100 meters at "full throttle".

Since all competitions were completed during the previous day due to low participation, Volleyball and Pedalo were the only competitions on Friday and so all participants could enjoy the sun for the rest of the day.



On Saturday around 09:30, « Pétanque » tournament started under the aegis of Roger Viola and went smoothly with 5 games for each team up to the end.

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.

The individual rankings are visible in the INF-FNI DOWNLOAD under « EuNat Forms and Events.... - > Alpe Adria ». It also shows what kind of sport was cancelled due to a lack of participants. And only due to the appeal to the attending campers by the call via email of SOLARIS, the attendance of about 75 could be maintained as last year.

After price giving, SOLARIS donated a giant cake for dessert.

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On Sunday, 29th May, the final meeting was held at 10 o'clock and attended by the Director of Solaris, the animation team leader, Sieglinde and Jean (INF-FNI), Roger (FFN) and Janos (FENHU).

At the beginning, Sieglinde handed over flowers to the director of Solaris, representing the reception desk people and to the animation responsible and thanked them for their valuable assistance.

Not much to say to the tournament itself, it went smoothly thanks to the "Last Minute" help of Roger Viola.

Generally, the low participation was criticized and appears to be due to the fact that different federations publish little or no advertising for the EuNat events in their magazines and websites.

At the last EuNat meeting 2016 in Laborde, some improvements have been promised by various delegates and we hope that they will do so when they already provide a budget for these events!

It was followed by some thoughts how we could improve advertisement for Alpe-Adria in cooperation with SOLARIS, but we depend mainly on the help of the federations.

A proposal from SOLARIS was to present registration lists for INF-FNI members 14 days before the start of the tournament at the reception desk and to stimulate the arriving guests to participate was also retained and might be promising.

The SOLARIS Director offered presents to all participants at this meeting. She thanked the participants for their visit and she hopes to see more participants 2017 to celebrate the 45th anniversary of Alpe-Adria together.

The date for next years A-A is set on: 15th to 18th June 2017.
(Already publicized in our event calendar in our Download)

Sieglinde thanked the participants for their active presence and wished them a safe trip back home and "goodbye".

(PS: High resolution pictures are available from Jean)
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Nice greetings,
Jean
(INF-FNI-VP-secretary)
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