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# **April 2021 Federations Focus**

International Naturist Federation Newsletter



# Sook-Hwa NOH New EuNat Sports Officer

Born in Seoul, Sook-Hwa has lived in Spain for almost 35 years. She has a degree in Hispanic Philology from the Korea University and Complutense University in Madrid, received a doctorate in Modern and Contemporary Literature from the Complutense with Summa cum Laude, completed a Teacher Training Course for Teaching Spanish as a Foreign Language at the Menéndez Pelayo University and has had numerous publications in literary magazines.

She is fluent in Spanish and English and enjoys playing piano. Sook-Hwa has worked as an interpreter at the International Film Week in Valladolid "Seminci", as a teacher, lecturer, translator, tour guide, actor and more. She has held the responsibility of International Relations Officer of the FEN (Spanish Naturist Federation) and ADN (Association for the Development of Naturism in Madrid) since 2003.

She is a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Human Rights Foundation, the first Spanish NGO on Twitter with nearly 700,000 followers (@Declaracion).

She has attended all the INF-FNI World Congresses and all the EuNat Meetings (previously Interfederal) since 2003, as well as some Swimming Galas and Alpe-Adriatic Meetings.



She participated in the organisation of the Interfederal Meeting in Vera, World Congress in Portús, Swimming Gala in Gijón, Spain in 2006, and has participated in the organisation of the Southern Europe Meeting since its inception at Arnaoutchot (France) in 2010.

#### **Focus June**

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# Laurent Luft - European Assessor

I have thrown myself into the role of European Assessor over the past six weeks and it's with a huge honour that I have accepted the position.

Having always been a naturist, I adhere totally to this philosophy. I don't restrict my naturism to a few weeks of summer holidays; I practise it all year long and am always on the lookout for new opportunities, always within the respect of naturist values.

As big fan of travel, I am familiar with naturism in all shapes and forms, from small rustic grounds right up to the biggest resorts with all comfort. As president of the Paris Naturist Association, I am very active in the organisation of urban naturism - pool, gym, restaurants, cultural visits - and as international relations officer for the French Federation of Naturism, I am lucky enough to have met a lot of important figures of the international naturist movement, many of whom I count as friends.

I have noticed on social media this year that many naturists hesitate to purchase their licences from their national federations and ask what the purpose of it is. Each federation offers certain benefits to its members, thanks to partnerships, but instead of asking what our federation gives us, we should be asking what we can give to our federation.

Sometimes I hear, "The licence doesn't concern me, as I'm just a beach naturist" but your beach exists thanks to your federation! In each country, the number of public spaces granted to naturists corresponds to the number of licences sold by that country's naturist federation. If we all stop buying our licences, everything that our predecessors obtained for us will disappear bit by bit. If you're a regular at a beach, you are actually directly concerned by the licence.

So, contact your federation today to order your licence! As naturists, we are part of a huge family. Of course, in any family there are disagreements, but we are connected by values that are held in the heart of each and every naturist at any moment in life, most notably that of respect. As in any area of society, naturism must evolve, and we must be open to new ideas so that naturism constantly moves forward and remains attractive to a new generation. Discrimination must absolutely not be tolerated in the naturist movement and we should be blind to the skin colour, race, sexuality and gender of the person standing in front of us; all that matters is the respect of naturist values.

Laurent Luft



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## **British Naturism** Sunfolk



While COVID-19 limited the activities of most UK clubs during 2020, there were some enormous changes behind the scenes, with British Naturism acquiring the location that has become Sunfolk. The Sun-Folk Society was one of the oldest clubs in the UK, but falling membership numbers and inability of remaining members to keep up with the maintenance tasks meant that it faced closure.

It is essential that we secure the legacy and ongoing Naturist use of the oldest clubs if we are to protect and promote Naturism. It was these objectives that caused British Naturism: Sunfolk to be acquired and founded. The intention is that the Sunfolk location will be regenerated over the coming years to retain the history while delivering up-to-date services that will set the standard for what is possible at a Naturist site.

The greatest immediate change is that rather than being a member's club, the Sunfolk site will be available to all Naturists and better still provide an opportunity for the wider community to come and have a have a first taste of social nudity.

By delivering an easily accessible, high-quality first experience we are certain that we will attract many to Naturism.

The first year of ownership has been productive; overgrown woodlands have been reclaimed, new facilities such as cooking areas and outdoor showers installed and accessibility for the differently abled improved.

Although COVID-19 restricted the use of the site in 2020, the impact is already being seen.



In 2019, the year prior to acquisition by British Naturism, only 30 individuals used the site, compared to over 500 visits in 2020. The enormous expansion in numbers was achieved despite the narrow operating window and restricted capacity, and shows how attractive Naturist facilities can be and what can be achieved when we open our doors to the world.

www.sun-folk.org.uk



### 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. Cario, Basilica of Superga.

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### **PPNP** Naturist association



PPNP stands for "Pourquoi Pas Nu Provence" (Why Not Nude Provence) and is a naturist association in the department of Vaucluse, in the PACA region (Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur) of southeast France, celebrating its first birthday this year. The club promotes naturism in the respect of the definition established by the International Naturist Federation.

Affiliated with the French Federation of Naturism and the PACA Regional Union of Naturism,



PPNP organises year-round naturism and not just periodic.

Nude restaurants, bowling, escape games, themed dinners and naturist drinks are our preferred winter activities while nude hikes, beaches and rivers, camping, body painting, cave visits and museums are our summer pleasures.

For PPNP, naturism is a philosophy and a way of living that provides wellbeing.

#### **PPNP Naturist association**

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# WapiNat Naturist association



It was over a discussion that our idea was born. The desire and will to promote naturism were strong that the idea became a project. After hours of discussions and research, we were ready to pass to the decisive stage. That is how our story began.

It didn't take us long to get started. We wanted a young, dynamic and modern thinking team and we have exactly that! And, finally, the association's name started forming on our lips. A place was created for us.

All of this involved a lot of concentration, patience and reflection, but the pleasure to do what we were creating never left us. We have met some wonderful and talented people and we've discovered a surprising mutual support between Belgian and French associations.

And that is how WapiNat was born!

Despite COVID-19, we have put together a calendar of activities: swimming sessions, bowling, interclub gatherings with Originelle, Athena Helios and many others, not forgetting other future projects!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people for their help and precious advice: Vianney from Athena Helios, Laurent the president of the ANP, Régis the president of PPNP, the Natmur trio of Alain, Benoît and Jacques, Mark from the FBN and finally everyone who supported us in some form or another from Day 1.

#### A BIG THANK YOU FROM DAMIEN, CHARLES, JIMMY AND HENRI, THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF WAPINAT!



## 49th ALPE ADRIA CAMPING RESORT

**NATURIST MEETING** 

**C**MPING by Valamar

06.-13.06.2021

For the 49th 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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