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Report: 44th INF Swimming Gala from 23rd to 25th October 2015

(Responsible organizer: Mrs. Jacqueline Bohain on behalf of the French Naturist Federation (FFN))

After arrival of the participants and visitors in the 2 different hotels in Mulhouse (FR) on Friday, we noticed that a total of 106 swimmers from the following **nine** federations were present: BN (10), DFK (30), FENAIT (14), FFN (37), FLN (1), PL (1), SNF (1), FEN (4), SNU-UNS (8). Together with the visitor and the German technical team (DFK). Together with the visitors, the competition team of DFK and many helpers more than 200 people were present during this tournament. The INF was represented by its President Sieglinde IVO. As the ENC-Sport Officer Jan Paashuis could not be present and its representative Michael could not replace him due to a short notice, the ENC Secretary Jean took over this task.

On Saturday morning after breakfast, all participants drove by bus to the swimming hall "Piscine des Jonquilles" in Mulhouse- Iltzach.

Since no important questions were raised during the meeting with the sport responsible, the competition started as scheduled quickly and easily after the official opening by the INF President Sieglinde IVO around 09.30 o'clock under the sovereign guidance of the German technical team.

Since there was confusion last year due to the photo-video shooting of a French TV station and other unknown photographers in the morning without prior notice, this problem was solved provisionally between Jean (ENC) and Armand Jamier (FFN-President). During the next Pétanque tournament held in UK from 2nd September to 4th September 2016, the related text in our ENC Sport Rules 2015 should be revised again by the federation's sport responsible.

At 11 clock, the first part of the competitions have been through and the medals were immediately handed over in the swimming pool because it always takes a long time when it's done during the gala evening.

Meanwhile, the meals had arrived, lunch was offered from 11:30 o'clock and the continuation of the competitions was set at 13:30.

After a frictionless flow of the 2nd part, the remaining medals were hand over by Gianfranco Ribolzi, President of FENAIT. He took the opportunity to invite all participants to the swimming competition in 2016, which will take place in ANDALO in Italy from 21st to 23rd October 2016. (As decided during EuNat 2015 in Luxembourg)

Further information about ANDALO will soon be displayed in our INF- ENC Download.

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The ranking list of the Swimming Gala 2015 is already published in our Download. (See: EUNAT EVENT REPORTS/RANKINGS)

After driving back to the hotels we were picked-up by bus at 19 o'clock to the gala dinner in the restaurant "La Guinguette du Petit Bois at STAFFELFELDEN"

During the appetizers, Armand Jamier (FFN) and other local personalities held their speeches and presented their welcome wishes and the President of the INF-FNI handed over some cups donated by the INF-FNI to the eldest and youngest participants: (*age in parentheses*)

- Seniors: Marie-Jeanne (72-FLN) und Arnold (74-FFN)
- Youngsters: Sahra (11-DFK), Clelia (11-FFN) und Kjell (10-DFK)

Then, a first dish, consisting of different local specialities was presented to the participants, followed by a main dish and a dessert, accompanied by different types of wines, soft drinks and discreet music played by the orchestra "Magic Night".

To decrease the calories, the versatile orchestra played dance music until the early morning up to 1 o'clock, where the participants were brought back again to the hotels.

To allow participants with children to return home at an earlier stage, the organizer of had also planned a bus transfer by 23 o'clock. Laudable initiative and very much appreciated by the participants.

The participants, due to the time switch to winter time, had one hour more sleep and a very interesting visit of the museum for printed fabrics " Musée de l'Impression des Étoffes " was organized at 09.30 on Sunday morning. The Director of this Administration explained to the 87 visitors the history of this printing art during the past centuries.

Overall, it was a successful event and our "Thanks" goes to all participants, organizers and all volunteers for this wonderful weekend.

Goodbye, and see you again 2016 in ANDALO, Italy!

Jean Peters
(INF-ENC-Secretary)
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