Reforming the INF-FNI’s Statutes and Rules
What this presentation covers

• The working group
• Aim of the statute review
• Timetable
• Main proposed changes
Working group

• Established following the World Congress in Slovenia, 2021
• Members are:
  • Hervé Begeot, president of the INF Law Council
  • Leslie Rabuchin, vice-president of the Law Council
  • Harald Seiss, Austria
  • Edwin Kilby, UK, INF-FNI Vice-president
Aim of the review

• To update and modernise the language of the INF-FNI’s governing documents and make them fit for many years to come

Language

• Working language of the group is English
• Proposed new Statutes and Rules will be professionally translated before being submitted for adoption
Timetable

• Draft statutes and rules were circulated in July 2023. Comments requested by 30 September

• A further redraft will be circulated in the autumn

• If there is interest, a videoconference in early 2024

• Motion for the World Congress to be circulated in spring 2024

• Decision to adopt at World Congress in Mexico, October 2024
We need your input!

• We need feedback on the draft in good time, so the version taken to Congress is agreed by the Federations.

• We cannot do it on our own!
Significant proposed changes

• One document incorporating Statutes and Rules for General Assemblies
• Drafting points:
  • New definitions section
  • “Extraordinary members” become “Associate members”
  • “Account checkers” become “Auditors” (English only)
  • “INF-FNI” referred to as “the Association”
Significant proposed changes

• Extended “purpose” section
• Explicit reference to correspondents
• New sections on failure by members to meet obligations, and on conflicts of interest
• New sections dealing with appeals to the Law Council
• Rules explicitly apply to other bodies within INF-FNI, like EuNat
• Clear procedure for Law Council in dealing with disputes
Other content of the Statutes

- The draft Statutes also include
  - The General Assembly and its functions
  - The Central and Executive Committees and their functions
  - The Auditors and the Law Council
Purpose of the INF-FNI (1/3)

1. The purpose of the Association is to promote Naturism.
2. To that end, the Association
   a. supports and facilitates cooperation among its members and associate members
   b. promotes the international cooperation of all Naturists.
Purpose of the INF-FNI (2/3)

The Association strives to achieve its purpose by:

a. Supporting the worldwide recognition of Naturism, among other things by campaigning and lobbying national and international authorities and, where expedient, working with other organisations towards its goals

b. Working to protect naturism from threats

c. Encouraging and facilitating the foundation of naturist federations and organisations

d. Representing its members

e. Publishing information about Naturism
Purpose of the INF-FNI (3/3)

The Association strives to achieve its purpose by:

f. Promoting the organisation of events, social activities, sport and youth work

g. Promoting body positivity

h. Encouraging a healthy lifestyle

i. Promoting the protection of nature and the environment

j. Taking other actions that promote Naturism.

QUESTION: Is anything missing?
Membership and Financing

• Being considered by a separate working group led by Christo Bothma

• Its recommendations will be included in the proposed new Statutes
Members’ rights and duties

1. Members are expected
   a. to support the aims of the Association
   b. to support the Association’s activities
   c. to pay their membership fees promptly
   d. to act in accordance with these Statutes.
Failure to meet obligations

• A new provision sets out clearly what should happen if a member (Federation or associate member) fails to meet its obligations

• It also provides a clear route for complaints and appeals to the Law Council
Conflicts of Interest

• All officers of the Association must declare any business or other interests that could influence their duties; these must be recorded in a Register

• Members of the Executive Committee (president(s) and vice-presidents) cannot represent their Federations at meetings
  • Question: should this be extended to the entire central committee?

• Federation representatives must declare any conflict of interest at meetings
Languages

• No change to the three official languages
• All three language versions of the Statutes would be equally valid.
Rules for General Assemblies (1/2)

• Rules become explicitly part of the Statutes

• Deadlines for submitting motions etc to be examined – some are thought to be too long (for example 4 months for motions)

• Explicit reference to discussion points

• Proposals for the location of future meetings must be submitted as motions, including financial impact etc

• Matters raised at the meeting may be discussed and voted on if a 2/3 majority agrees they are urgent
• New provision proposed stating when motions agreed at the Assembly should come into effect. Options:
  • Immediately after the close of the meeting, or
  • After the minutes have been agreed by the Federation
• Chair may impose time limits on interventions
• The rule that allows only one person from a federation to speak is omitted
Questions/comments?
Thank you!