From 14th to 17th June 2018 the Alpe-Adria Meeting of EuNat/INF-FNI took place again at the Naturist Resort Solairs-Valamar (near Poreč in Croatia).

This year, besides the usually present nations, a strong delegation from Serbia, headed by the INF-FNI CC Member T.S. as well as two participants from Switzerland - one of them as representative of the Naturist Association of Liechtenstein (LNV) - took their starting positions for the different disciplines.

For the two newcomers, A.H. + R.H. it was a pleasant beginning in that way that they participated at 3 disciplines, where they were rewarded with one silver medal (R.H. at Chess) and one bronze medal (A.H. at the Pedalo single women’s race).

All the participants were delighted by the nice and warm weather. And the sea had a pleasant temperature for swimming.

From the point of view of 2 newcomers this was a successful occasion, so we decided to participate again next year, whenever possible. As this will be during the Pentecost weekend (6th - 9th June 2019, not yet confirmed) one should hope that once perhaps some young families will also be present.

We do not want to omit to express our thanks: to Angela, Sieglinde and Jean of EuNat/INF-FNI as well as the Head of organisation, and to the Management and the staff of the Naturist Resort Solis Valamar for the friendly service, also after the event, given that we took the opportunity to spend some additional holidays there.

Not to forget the delicious dessert, in the form of a cake, which was served at the end of the gala evening and after the prize distribution.

Rolf Hostettler
Managing President of the Naturist Association of Liechtenstein (LNV)

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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.

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The idea was Márta Ladjánszki’s, who came into contact with one of the founding organisations of the Federation of Naturists in Hungary (FENHU), the Virtual Association of Naturists (NaVKE), more than 10 years ago. At that time, several successful dance performances were organised for a naturist audience.

Now, in 2018, the idea was taken up again and a series of three dance evenings was launched for a nude audience, as a cooperation of L1 Association and NaVKE, and hosted by the Bakelit Multi Art Center.

Márta Ladjánszki has studied classical ballet, artistic gymnastics, jazz and modern dance in Hungary and in Vienna, and co-founded KOMPmANIA Contemporary Dance Theatre, where she worked as dancer and co-choreographer. At present, she works as artistic director of the L1 Independent Artists Association, and as a creative artist in contemporary dance, an independent choreographer and a dancer in Budapest. She’s searching for ways to convey her art to all those who are interested in her work and in her way of thinking about the human body. Her inspiration comes from within the body and its inner thoughts, and she’s transforming these inner thoughts into visual information. She feels that this enriches our lives. This is why she celebrates the human body in each of her pieces.

I attended the second event of the “Dance evenings for a naturist, naked audience”, a performance entitled LetMeC by Márta Ladjánszki and Zsolt Varga, in May.

For me, this evening was particularly special, since a version of their piece was shown with both a naked public and naked dancers. It’s a really great moment in a naturist’s life to have such an extraordinary experience. I am very grateful to Márta and her co-artists for creating this exceptional event. The choreographer and the dancers have performed this piece for a professional (and clothed) audience as well as for a clothed audience abroad. We were happy to attend the first naturist performance of LetMeC.

The piece consists of an exciting and brilliant sequence of movements and of music composed on the spot, and what happened on stage assembled into an improvised plot. The experience could be described as if one begins to build a house while getting acquainted with the bricks and stones, touching and forming them, and finally a castle emerges, as some of the more brave spectators followed the performance sitting on the stage and became a part of the performance.

After the performance, artists met with the audience for a talk about the performance. It was impressive to see the faces filled with joy, the feeling of accomplishment, and the varying interpretations of a touch and of a set of movements. And that’s how it should be, that’s the thrill of a performance. This is Márta and her partners at their best: when they unearth from us those of our feelings we have not even known about and transform us into naked figures.

Anyone interested in sharing such an experience is welcome to join us at the L1danceFest on 6th September 2018, an event of meeting up, where Márta’s interest focuses on the interactions between people. While the first two naturist performances this year were private events, at this third event anyone who undertakes to attend the performance in the nude is welcome to join.

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SOUTH EUROPEAN FAMILY MEETING 2018
EL PORTUS, SPAIN

FROM FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21TH
TO SATURDAY 29TH

ACTIVITIES:

• Accommodation 8 nights (or less), Lunch or dinner, Naturist Boat excursion,
• Climbing for beginners
• Diving for beginners
• Water ball-games in swimming pool
• Daily pool gymnastic
• Wellness Massage
• Midnight Sauna
• One evening youth discotheque
• Petanque tournament
• Formula Karts Cartagena
• Treasure hunting
• Sight-seeing Cartagena City, museums, Liqueurs 43, Mazarrón market, bateria de tilitos...
• Spanish Culture: Gala Evening with Spanish live music (Flamenco), meals (Paella, Tortillas...), drinks (Sangria)
• Local beer and wine tasting

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A celebration of trust and friendship among international, national and local naturists took place in Zipolite, in the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca, on the first weekend of February 2018.

The third of three annual nudist festivals in a row, it has grown exponentially in attendance and fun activities to choose from.

Completely free nude beach Yoga allowed both newcomers and experts to participate at their own level, ably led by Nallely, one of the leaders of the Federación Nudista de México (www.federacionnudistademexico.org)

Starting out with just a few dozen nude participants on Saturday, the numbers grew to well over a hundred on Sunday morning. After the free naked Yoga, a nude breakfast was on the schedule both days at different restaurants located directly on the nude beach. From the restaurant, a nude snorkel and ocean wildlife watching tour left via group taxis to a nearby port. Four boats took the naturists to several bays, where they could snorkel and swim nude in the warm, inviting ocean, and discover lots of fish. The huge native sea turtles were impressive!

Free live music on a concert stage on the nude beach got many to dance the night away naked.

Tastings of the local drink Mezcal from Oaxaca created a happy party atmosphere.

Mexican nudists from all over the country travelled by bus, car, plane, collective and individual taxi, to get to Zipolite, the place to be on the first weekend of February. An estimated crowd of three thousand descended on this nude beach paradise, leading to a 100 per cent occupancy of the hotel and hostel rooms, spreading out into the neighbouring villages.

Body painting was very popular, followed by volleyball, soccer, theatrical presentations, and just living together for a long weekend!

The central location of the festival in the nude beach village of Zipolite allowed all travellers to pick their own mode of arrival and type of accommodation according to how much they wanted to spend: waking up in a rented hammock on the beach, tent cities, shared hostel rooms, shared and single rooms or modern hotels with their own pools, everyone was equal as a naturist on the beach.

The restaurants on and off the beach offered fresh local and international fare at very inexpensive prices to naturist travellers from Europe, Canada, Latin America, all over.
Many are repeat visitors to the beach, returning decade after decade to this well-known old nude beach.

Zipolite saw its official designation as Mexico’s first legal nude beach in January 2016, as the culmination of the VI Latin American Naturist encounter (ELAN), celebrated every two years (See report in the last edition of Focus).

The next ELAN took place in Brazil just outside Brasília, from 30th March to 1st April 2018, now history, with the creation of a new Latin American naturist association, Confederación Latinoamericana de Nudismo, CLANud, full of enthusiasm for the future of social family nudism.
Finca Granja Cauayan is a new naturist resort in the Philippines and the first on the main island of the country only a short flight from the capital Manila.

The owner, Dominga “Cherry” Elmes, a young Filipina, presented this spring her plans to the local City Council of Cauayan.

“I was standing there at a big table in the City Hall presenting my proposals to the Board,” Cherry says. “It was so scary, but they were all very lovely and the Vice-Mayor who is a relation of my Grand Mother has offered any help and assistance with the project and building permits, as long as he gets a discount when he and the City Mayor and their families come to stay with us at the resort,” Cherry laughs.

She was encouraged by friends after visiting several of the naturist resorts in Thailand to realize the dream.

**RESORT LOCATION**
Finca Granja Cauayan will be located within Cherry’s own farm situated in Barangay Cabugao, on the outskirts of the City of Cauayan. The farm covers a total area of 2.5 Hectares so the neighbour on all four sides of the resort will be Cherry herself.

The Resort is approximately 15 minutes’ drive from Cauayan Airport, which is served daily by flights from Manila on Cebu Pacific. Currently the flight from Manila to Cauayan is an early morning departure but there has historically been a seasonal mid-day departure from Manila.

**RESORT DESIGN AND FEATURES**
The Resort will initially consist of 12-14 studio bungalows, built on the upper level of the land with a row of bungalows looking directly over the farm and the local countryside. One or two of the bungalows might be fitted with a separate bedroom. There will be a swimming pool and Jacuzzi behind these bungalows with another row of bungalows the other side of the pool.

“The basic layout is the same as Eden Bungalow Resort in Patong, Phuket, where we have stayed before and where I lived while at Thai Language School in Patong in 2014,” Cherry explains. “The size is small - 5.5m x 3.6m - but big enough I think,” she adds.

The Resort will also have a restaurant specializing in Thai food, as Cherry is a trained Thai cook, having spent a lot of time attending different Thai Catering schools as well as one-to-one sessions with the Head Chef of the Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Bangkok.

“We will provide other food varieties on the menu, both Asian and Western. We will also construct a Sunset Bar above the pool directly above a swim-up pool-bar. The Sunset Bar will be elevated with views over the pool, resort, farm and surrounding countryside into the distance looking over open farm land, facing the sunset,” Cherry elaborates on the plans.

Next year, there are already plans to start expand immediately behind the resort with a further cluster of bungalows. They will be built in a courtyard setting for longer term guests who may wish to stay at a cheaper rate, but slightly removed from the bungalows that have direct access to the pool or enjoy panoramic rural views.

The majority of the farm will continue to be as it is now, a working farm but with additional features including areas set aside for:

- Small scale Market Gardening for the growing of vegetables to be used primarily for the resort restaurant. Excess production will be sold at local markets.
- Ducks, chicken and geese, which will be kept for onsite or outside catering but not for commercial farming.
- A large fish pond where we will farm tilapia fish for restaurant use and for selling at the market.
- A hydroponics project for growing such as tomatoes, lettuce and other salad vegetables in addition to flower growing via hydroponics, all for use for the benefit of the Resort.
- The rest of the land will remain as it is currently used, as open corn or cassava fields or used for further production of market garden food.

We will also be 100% Eco-friendly as we will be entirely solar-powered. We are in discussion with several Solar Power providers in The Philippines for this feature of the Resort.

Water supply will be by a deep well, which will employ a solar powered pumping system to provide fresh well water to the resort areas, future residences and for farm and garden irrigation and to refill the tilapia pond and duck pools.
PLANNED ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF THE RESORT

“Finca Granja Cauayan will attract Western and Asian tourists to the area, therefore we will be organizing tours to local attractions and to the beautiful beaches in Isabela. It is also our hope to increase the profile of the City of Cauayan and to work with the owners of local attractions via an increase in the number of overseas tourists,” Cherry explains.

“We have such attractions in the area and can offer river tours, waterfalls and local Historic Buildings from the Spanish Colonial period, including the Hacienda de San Luis Eco-Tourism Park in Cauayan City.”

There is currently under construction a road from Cauayan to an area called Palanan, which is to the east of Cauayan and is home to Palanan Bay, an as-yet almost uninhabited beach, which can be seen in Google Images as being of great natural beauty. Cherry will meet with local area officials in due course with a view to opening a small villa directly adjacent to the beach. While beach Naturism is not permitted in The Philippines, this would give guests access to some beach time during their visit to Finca Granja.

“We also plan to promote smaller businesses within Cauayan City by aiming to sponsor local music bands and create or upgrade a potential venue for Live Music to promote and aid the future of promising musicians and vocalists from Cauayan.” It is also the intention of Finca Granja Cauayan to use its farming facilities to benefit the opening of Cherry’s own Thai Restaurant in Cauayan City, in addition to providing local outside catering services.

RESORT PRIVACY POLICY

Finca Granja Cauayan aims to ensure total privacy to both visitors and to members of the local residential and farming community. This Privacy Policy will be ensured by the following methods:

• The perimeter of the farm will be made up of 3-meter-wide cassava shrubs grown to a height of approximately 2.5 meters with a low-level fence outside of the cassava to prevent stray animals from entering the Resort.
• The Resort area itself will not be visible externally to people passing by or by local farm workers. There are no residential areas within direct vision range that would be affected by our Resort from the standpoint of disturbing our neighbours’ existing views.
• All staff will be issued with a cell-phone with no photographic capability and will be required to leave their own cell-phones at the Resort reception area while on duty for the benefit of privacy to our customers.
• Deliveries or collections to the Resort will be via an external Reception office such that the inside of the Resort and also the Farm’s land would not be visible to outsiders.

RESORT STAFFING

It is the intention that Finca Granja Cauayan provides its staff with salaries and benefits higher than the average offered in the fields of cooking, waitressing and housekeeping within the Province of Isabela. Our expected staff will include a Receptionist/Duty Manager, housekeeping, kitchen and waitressing staff, a barman and Resort greenkeeping and Market Gardening staff.

Staff will be issued with a Company Uniform to consist of a polo shirt and shorts or trousers. Although Finca Granja Cauayan will be a naturist/clothing-optional Resort, the staff while on duty will be expected to be fully clothed in Company work wear with no variation of this policy permitted or expected.

All staff will be offered the full benefits of The Philippine Social Security System. They will also be offered on-site housing in bungalows located immediately outside of the resort area. All staff working hours, conditions and privileges will be similar to those found in European countries. All potential staff candidates who apply to work at Finca Granja Cauayan will be fully informed of the Resort’s ‘clothing-optional’ policy prior to interview.

RESORT PUBLICITY, PROMOTION AND CONTACT

Finca Granja does as of April 2018 not yet have a Website or promotional activity via Social Media. But several friends of Cherry are willing to help her and working on this for her. A Skype profile is already open, named Finca Granja Cauayan.

“We have also contacted INF-FNI – the International Naturist Federations - and hope that our membership of the Naturist Association of Thailand (NAT) will help in promoting the resort,” Cherry says. Corporate logos, artwork and design themes are currently under development.