



FSUE Public Informal Meeting 20 May 2007, LETMATHE, Germany

start: 09:30

FSUE Bureau:

Juan Carlos Lopez Casas, ES; Jean-Claude Thies, LU;
Olivier Vidal, FR; Ged Campion, GB

Audience:

Bärbel Vogel, Vorsitzende (president) VdHKF; Stephan Marks, German
Delegate; Fadi Nader UIS General Secretary;
plus 17 attendants mainly from Germany

Olivier Vidal, General Secretary of the FSUE introduces the Bureau to the audience. He makes a small introduction about the purpose of the Public Meetings held by the FSUE. These meetings are held in different countries and give the cavers the opportunity to know the FSUE better and make it accessible to every caver. Everyone will have the possibility to ask questions. Following him the president of the FSUE speaks.

Juan Carlos Lopez Casas, President of the FSUE, thanks the German VdHKF, especially Bärbel Vogel as their Vorsitzende (president), for the kind invitation to assist their national congress.

This is Juan's third Public Meeting and he thanks the actual Bureau for all the work. To be able to organise much more Public Meetings Juan encourages all national delegates for ideas and help. All comments are most helpful.

Unfortunately due to travel arrangements Juan has to leave immediately after his speech and apologizes not being able to stay until the end.

Jean-Claude Thies, Treasurer of the FSUE makes a presentation of the FSCE-FSUE history in German language. From the very early years in which the FSCE was born out of ideas in the eighties, to the most recent time with all conferences and EuroSpeleo Activities, such as Projects, Newsletter, Forum,.....

This presentation is a constant upgrade and lives with the time and with FSUE Activities.

Olivier Vidal, EuroSpeleo Projects

Hereafter Olivier presents the EuroSpeleo Projects. It's ways of funding and the rules to apply for a financial help.

The first Part of the support brought to the cavers and European projects is the actual website, "www.fsue.org" with

Info at the website

Agenda on the website

Dictionaries of caveexpressions

Presentations of all Projects

The second part of the support is the financial help on it's own.

The most important condition to apply for a financial help is still the condition of the need to be 5 European countries involved.

All documents may be found on the FSUE website, application forms included.

Currently there are 3 projects which had been voted and which are granted financial help.

Also this three Projects are presented at the fsue website.

BSC - Baltic Speleological Congress 2007, 13-15 August 2007 in Visby, SE

Thomaz Gustafsson apologizes for not being able to be present at this congress himself, but business obligations made it impossible to travel. He had asked Jean-Claude Thies to help out.

Jean-Claude reminds the audience that the BSC Congress is being held in Visby on the island of Gotland in Sweden. All information is on the website.

Following some troubles with the professional organiser team, which was not flexible at all, the Swedish Speleological Federation- SSF cancelled the contract and is doing the registration now by it's own means.

Everyone who has already paid the Stockholm Convention Bureau will be refunded totally, and it is important to register once again via the online form, and to pay the registration fee again!

Everyone previously registered will be contacted separately by the SSF on this behalf.

In the name of the SSF, Jean-Claude apologizes for this inconvenience but despite this fact he hopes that the congress will be a great success.

The pre-booking period has been extended to the end of may 2007.

Also during the BSC will be the FSUE-GAM 2007 at which important changes will be decided and voted. It is important that all FSUE member organisations are present at this meeting.

Vercors 2008, in Lans-en-Vercors, FR 4th European Speleological Congress

Olivier Vidal makes the distribution of the first circular with a registration form attached.

He makes a brief description on what will be organised and a description of the cave trips that are possible. He reminds that all the information is available on the website "www.vercors2008.eu".

To be noted also that the time for the pre-registration is nearly at it's end and Olivier invites everyone not to wait too long before registering for this big European event.

End of the meeting at 11:00