



GOOD TO KNOW – OCTOBER 2020

NEW F.I.C.C. COUNCIL for 2020 to 2023

The F.I.C.C. General Assembly 2020 took place in the Secretariat in Brussels on 2 September 2020.

Because of the COVID 19 pandemic, there were no club or federation delegates present. The 77 member clubs and federation were asked to exercise their vote in writing having received all of the relevant documents beforehand.

45 clubs/federations forwarded their votes on time and these were counted and witnessed in the presence of a representative of the firm SOGEX and a lawyer from EY LAW.



The Council comprises the following members for the next three years:

PORTUGAL	João Alves Pereira
FINNLAND/FINLANDE/FINLAND	Olli Rusi
SCHWEIZ/SUISSE/SWITZERLAND	Fabien Produit
FRANKREICH/FRANCE	Gérard Couté
POLEN/POLOGNE/POLAND	Marcin Zaradkiewicz
DEUTSCHLAND/ALLEMAGNE/GERMANY	Dieter Albert
GROSSBRITANNIEN/GRANDE-BRETAGNE/GREAT-BRITAIN	Norman Taylor
SCHWEDEN/SUEDE/SWEDEN	Lars Häll
TAIWAN	Johnny Cheng
NIEDERLANDE/PAYS-BAS/NETHERLANDS	Tjabel Nieuwenhuizen

Mr. **Joao ALVES PEREIRA** was re-elected President of F.I.C.C.
His Vice-Presidents are Mr. **COUTE** and Mr. **TAYLOR**.



SAVE THE DATE

28th and 29th OCTOBER 2021

IN VERRIERES-LE-BUISSON/Paris - France



You can find the link to the Congress website under www.ficc.org and congress.ficc.org gives you all the information you need about the programme, booking arrangements, hotel details etc.

The website will be updated regularly.

<https://congress.ficc.org/>



**70th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY from 1 to 5 April 2021
in COIMBRA/PORTUGAL**

**90th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY from 18 to 27 June 2021
in A GUARDIA-Galicia/SPAIN**



The F.I.C.C. Rally Commission carried out a rally site inspection on 17 August 2020. Commission Chairman, Mr. Norman Taylor, was unable to participate because of Covid 19 restrictions. The Santa Tecla campsite in A Guarda is very well signposted and the access road is wide enough for caravans and motorcaravans. There is a special entrance at the back of the campsite for extra wide motorcaravans. The campsite has a restaurant, a cafeteria, a supermarket, swimming pool and various accommodation options. In addition the campsite has its own aparthotel on a hill about 5 minutes' drive away. Bookings should be made via the rally organiser. The campsite is surrounded by a fence. Electricity: 6 amp with special amperage (3 x 16 amp) at the power distribution panels. The campsite has a charging station for electric vehicles (takes all types of plug) and provides washing facilities for cars and motorcaravans. There are two coin-operated (€) clothes washers and two dryers. It is possible to arrive early before the rally begins officially and also to stay on after the rally. The extra cost is 18€ per outfit per day. The Opening Ceremony is on Sunday 20 June with the usual Parade of Nations. The organisers are planning a shuttle bus between the campsite and the town of A Guarda. There are three large supermarkets not far from the campsite: Eroski, Lidl and Mercadona. The booking deadline for this event is 25 April 2021.

Planned excursions

- ° O Grove La Toja plus boat trip
- ° Vigo and Cies islands
- ° Ribeira Sacra route plus boat trip
- ° Santiago de Compostela
- ° Pontevedra

All are day-long trips. Prices include transport, lunch and an English-speaking guide.

The evening entertainment programme is currently being worked on.

The F.I.C.C. General Assembly will be held at 9 am on Thursday 24 June in A Guarda's Cultural Centre.





**NORDIC CAMPING RALLY from 5 to 9 July 2021
in Rauhalampi (Kupio) FINLAND
under F.I.C.C. patronage**



Further information at www.nct2020.fi www.visitrauhalampi.fi www.kupio.fi

**91st INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY from 29 July to 7 August 2022
in MOSCOW/RUSSIA**

F.I.C.C. Rally Commission is in regular contact with the Russian organisers.
The rally site inspection and all other meetings with the rally organisers have had to be postponed because of travel restrictions resulting from the Corona pandemic.

**92nd INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2022 from 18 to 27 September
in CHINA**

**93rd INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLYE 2023 from 23 JULY to 7 AUGUST
at KOZIENICE/POLAND**

The 2020 General Assembly elected Polska Federacja Campingu e Caravaningu as organizer of the 93rd International F.I.C.C. Rally 2023. The rally place is a camping site (14,5 ha), which can accommodate about 1000 units. It is a modern, well-equipped site with a swimming pool, sports facilities, a hotel and bungalows that can accommodate 200 guests.



KOZIENICE



Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

Cleaning tents and awnings – What needs to be cleaned, when and how?

Water won't shift any of the marks or stains listed below – a strong cleaning agent is needed:
Green growth (algae, moss, lichen or other chlorophyll-containing micro-organisms that grow and spread over the canvas or tent fabric);
Mildew (dark spots caused by moisture damage that appear if the tent/awning was damp when stowed; usually accompanied by a musty smell);
Mould (fungi that often go hand in hand with mildew and proliferate readily in damp conditions).

For the above you need proper tent fabric cleaner. It exists in liquid form and can be sprayed on or applied. But do not use a brush with synthetic fibre bristles to clean the fabric because it could scratch and damage the coating. It is best to use a soft cloth, a special brush for tent fabric or a soft brush with natural bristles.

A sponge is of limited use only. Dirt can accumulate on a sponge which, because of its closed pores, cannot be disseminated and absorbed inside the sponge.

Don't even think of using soft soap. It is made from vegetable oils and these are not easily eliminated from tent fabric. They leave behind an oily residue on and in the fabric and this oily layer is the perfect breeding ground for mould and algae. Also, a waterproofing agent does not work if it comes up against an oily layer.

Source: Extract from Camping, Cars & Caravans (D)

The Netherlands: Younger people are discovering camping

The number of motorcaravan owners under 35 years of age has shot up by 17.2% during the corona pandemic.

Source: Bovag (NL)



Practical tips – for campers too

To find out whether **eggs are still fresh enough** to eat, put one in a glass full of water. If it sinks it is edible but if it floats do not even think of eating it.

MISCELLANEOUS

Culture and other curious facts

We are all using emojis: there are currently approx 3,200 of these brightly coloured ideograms or smileys. They are used mostly when chatting, one favourite being “Laughing with tears in your eyes”.

According to DESA (the U.N. Department of Economic and Social Affairs), there are currently 573,000 **people who are 100 years old** on the planet.

Denmark: The biggest royal hall of the Viking period has been faithfully reproduced and reconstructed in the Sagnlandet Lejre open air museum on the island of Seeland. The building stands on 600 sq.m. and is a living showcase of the exceptional arts, crafts and architecture of the Danish viking culture. Altogether 1,000 tonnes of oak were used in reconstructing the hall.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

Belgium: The Van Eyck Year in Ghent has been extended until 24 June 2021 because of the Corona epidemic.

Great Britain: Heather Phillipson’s sculpture entitled “The End” will remain in place for all to see in London’s Trafalgar Square until the spring of 2022. It is a huge blob of whipped cream topped by a cherry on which a real drone is resting that transmits live pictures from one of the busiest squares in Europe.

Germany: Steiff, the most famous soft toy brand in the world (button in the ear) is celebrating its 140th anniversary. The company’s motto: Only the best is good enough for children! Today Steiff bears and other soft cuddly animals are much sought-after collectors’ items.

Italy: Thanks to Corona, an age-old tradition has been revived in Florence – the wine window. In 1630, during the plague, these windows were used for contact-free sales of wine. People left their bottle or glass in the window recess and the landlord filled it by means of a pipe. Money was handed over in a bowl containing cleaning vinegar.
In 2020 it is ice that is bought and sold in window sales.

World: 12 September was **World First Aid Day**.



Environment/Science

Researchers at the University of New York have discovered that **people who work from home** not only concentrate better and are more efficient, but on average work approx. 50 minutes longer every day.

Turtledoves (also known as love birds!) are under threat. They like to eat wild flowers that are becoming increasingly rare these days thanks to the use of pesticides. In southern Europe approx. 1.5 million of these birds are shot every year.

People do not appreciate **molehills** in their garden. These creatures are about 15cm long, dig everything up and leave small mounds or molehills on your lawn. A gardener's nightmare! They excavate tunnels and can cover up to seven metres in an hour. Nevertheless they do have their uses and are good at devouring insects.

Reindeer's eyes change with the seasons, from gold in the summer months to blue in winter – it all depends on the amount of light reflected in their eyes.

The world

**We fell asleep in one world and woke up in another
Suddenly Disney is out of magic
Paris is no longer romantic
New York doesn't stand up anymore
The Chinese wall is no longer a fortress and Mecca is empty.
Hugs and kisses suddenly become weapons
and not visiting parents and friends becomes an act of love.
Suddenly you realize that power, beauty and money are worthless
And can't get you the oxygen you are fighting for.
The world continues its life and it is beautiful:
It only puts humans in cages.
I think it is sending us a message:
You are not necessary
The air, earth, water and sky without you are fine
And when you come back remember
You are my guests not my masters.
Source: Unknown (received from Libanon)**



INTERESTING NEWS FROM F.I.C.C. AND F.I.C.C. MEMBERS

The **Automobilclub der Schweiz (Swiss Automobile Club - ACS)** and the **Schweizerischer Camping- und Caravanning Verband (Swiss Camping and Caravanning Federation – SCCV)** want to capitalize on the available synergy between them and have entered into an interesting partnership. In practice this means that members of ACS and SCCV can enjoy the membership advantages of each other's club/federation.

Source: Auto (ACS-CH)

EXHIBITIONS

Austria: Ferienmesse Vienna 14 - 17 January 2021

Belgium: Salon des vacances 4 - 7 February 2021, in Brussels

France : Salon Mondial du Tourisme 18 - 21 March 2021, in Paris

Germany: CMT in Stuttgart 20 – 31 January 2021

Caravans & Camping 21 - 24.1.2021, in Hannover

Reise + Camping 24 - 28 February 2021, in Essen

Freizeit, Touristik & Garten 3 - 7 March 2021, in Nürnberg

Great Britain: Caravan & Motorhome Show 14 – 17 January 2021, in Manchester

Caravan, Camping & Motorhome Show 20 - 28 February 2021, in Birmingham

Italy: Turismo & Outdoor 4 - 7 February 2021, in Parma

Netherlands: Caravana 21 – 26 January 2021, in Leeuwarden

Portugal: Nauticampo 20 - 24 February 2021, in Lisbon

Spain: FITUR 20 – 24 January 2021, in Madrid

Caravanning 4 - 7 February 2021, in Alicante

Sweden: Elmia Camping & Caravanning 8 - 12 September 2021, in Jönköping

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