

# Newsletter <sup>2/00</sup>

## European Federation of City Farms

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# News from the Board

## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event Brussels

Saturday 2<sup>th</sup> to Monday 4<sup>th</sup>  
December 2000

As requested by the Member Federations at the March 2000 AGM we have organised an Event to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the EFCF and to promote City Farms and their work to the European Parliament. We invite you to the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event of the EFCF. As agreed it is limited to two delegates per Federation .

You are invited to send two delegates to this Event. Please let us know as quickly as possible, to be able to book the hotel.

The full member delegates will have to pay 4600BEF (114,03EURO) each on the arrival towards the costs of hotel accommodation and catering. Associate member delegates 5200BEF (128,91EURO). The travel costs will have to be paid by your Federation.

### Programme

#### **Saturday 2<sup>th</sup> December 2000**

2pm - 4.30pm : welcome at "the Ibis Hotel" in Brussels  
5pm - 7pm : reception and briefing  
7.30pm -9pm : dinner  
9pm - ..pm : socialising: meet each other and exchanging of ideas

#### **Sunday 3<sup>th</sup> December 2000**

8am - 9.30am : breakfast  
9.30am -12.30am : visits  
12.30pm - 2pm : lunch at Het Neerhof  
2pm - 5pm : visits  
5pm - 6pm : break  
6pm - 7.30pm : general meeting  
8pm - 10pm : free in Brussels  
10pm - ...pm : social evening

#### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2000**

7.30am -8.30am - breakfast  
9am - 11am - visit to the European Parliament  
11am - 12.30am- meetings with MEPs and European Commission  
12.30pm - 1.30pm- lunch at the European Parliament  
1.30pm -3pm - report back, discussion and conclusions  
3pm -...pm - free time in Brussels and/or departure

## EFCF Board Meeting Saturday 23.09.2000

Present: Marc De Staercke, Marc Verachtert , Mike Primarolo and Pauline Wolters

### 1. Minutes of last meeting – correct

### 2. Matters arising from the minutes-Agenda Item

### 3. Finance and Funding Report

Still awaiting last payment for Good Food project  
EFCF current finances : we only have 2083EURO  
Funding :

EU Environment application turned down, invited to reapply in 2001

EU Youth Service application turned down

Three further applications were made :

- a) KBC- turned down
- b) Application to Flemish Minister of Agriculture – in negotiation
- c) Application to Brussels Minister of Youth – no reply to date
- d) Contact with Sabena – not willing to receive an application

### 4. Rotterdam Conference 19 to 23.9.2001

Dutch Federation meeting 9.10.2000

### 5. Torino

PW made presentation at the Torino Conference 17-21 September 2000. Delegates from all over the world attended. PW promoted City Farms, Federations and EFCF.

20 Blue Booklets were distributed and more were requested. Delegates raised questions about using urban derelict land and involving elderly people.

Actions:

PW – article for newsletter

MP – Adapt PW's presentation for use at other conferences

MD – to place picture presentation on Web site

### 6. Benelux conference in Luxembourg (8-11 November 2000)

PW and MD attended the fifth meeting on 5.7.00 in Luxembourg,. MD to speak at conference. Invitations have been distributed amongs Benelux partners.

### 7. Hannover, Bund Conference and the EFCF Board meeting. 25-28.06.00

MV and PW visited Stadtteilbauernhof Sahlkamp, Hannover 28.06.00.

Actions:

PW article for newsletter and photos for Web.

### 8. Training. Hippotherapy training courses in Spain

MD attended meeting in Barcelona 14.09.2000. The programme is being prepared by the Center for European Initiatives and Research in Mediterranean (CIEM). Walloon organisation "Le Centaure" to run pilot training

course followed by a conference in April 2001. MD's briefing to the Board led to the following actions:  
-E-mail to CIREM and copy to Miguel.

### **9. EFCF 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary activity Brussels Saturday 9.12.00 to Monday 11.12.00**

Please note the change of the dates!

#### **Theme/title: City Farms working together in Europe for sustainable development**

Dates: from the evening of Friday the 9.12. to the afternoon of Monday 11.12.00, the Monday date coincides with the EU Parliament and the EU commission meeting in Brussels. The Board is currently arranging meetings with the EU and accommodations for the delegates.

#### **10. Information and PR, Web site and Newsletter.**

##### **A) Web site.**

Still to be updated. Request to Federations and City Farms to sending photographs and pictures for the EFCF-Web site.

##### **B) Newsletter.**

Please send in your articles and information to the Bund for the next issue.



#### **11. Future Conferences**

UK 2002 .

#### **12. Strategy 2000 – 2003** (see separate updated paper and programme)

excluding fundraising all actions are on target.

Draft Sustainability Green Paper to be send to all Federations by the end of September and to be discussed at the anniversary activity. Please send comments and proposed changes to EFCF by Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2000.

#### **13. Proposal from Wageningen University, Netherlands**

For an organisation for the social care of disabled people on farms. MD to request Dutch Federation to represent EFCF at future meetings.

of sustainable techniques. Practical experience will show how matters such as separation of garbage, saving electricity, warmth and water and the reuse of materials and waste water can be handled best. How do the different techniques harmonize with the daily life of citizens? And, even more important, how do you show what is possible? Involved in the project are a housing estate with 104 housing units, a church, a primary school and a brand new city farm. The farm is one of the registered projects of the EXPO 2000.



#### **Habitat - International Housing at Kronsberg**

### **Stadtteilbauernhof Hannover-Sahlkamp and the EXPO 2000**

The Stadtteilbauernhof Sahlkamp on the Rumpfelstilzchenweg 5 in Hannover is part of the Eco technology park in the suburb of Sahlkamp in Hannover. The aim of this long-range plan, which was started in 1995, is the research of the value and practical usefulness

### **14th Benelux environmental conference, 8 – 10 November 2000 in Luxemburg**

The fourteenth Benelux environmental conference is organized by the 'Service National de la Jeunesse and the Centre d'Écologie et de la Jeunesse de Hollenfels in

Luxemburg. This year the subject is: 'Educational farms and sustainable development'. The conference will deal with possibilities of co-operation between city farms and commercial working farms with a visitors programme.

## European IFPRA (International Federation of Park and Recreation Administration) Congress, 18-21 September 2000 in Turin

This year the European IFPRA congress was organized by the city of Turin. The subject of the conference was: 'Parks and gardens as instruments of information, participation and education'. Pauline Wolters was requested to deliver a presentation about city farm work. There were about 200 delegates from all over the world. Delegates raised questions about using urban derelict land (Turin), involving elderly people (Singapore) and the school programme by mentally handicapped people (many countries). About 20 Blue Booklets were distributed and more were requested. The congress programme included visits to the green areas of Turin, including the city farm 'Cascina Falchera'.



## New Publikation

### Adventure playgrounds and city farms in Europe and what they contribute to sustainable urban development

Contains results from empirical surveys among 90 projects in 6 countries

Being the predominant human habitat in the 21st century, cities will be in the focal point of action to achieve a sustainable development. So far the play needs of the upgrowing generations: children and young people have been harshly neglected, but also their right to participate in the forming of their immediate environments.

A hope for change lies within the rediscovery of communitarian concepts in city planning, awareness of the very importance of versatile playscapes and with local initiatives, that have a global vision. Due to their integration of intercultural, ecological and community work adventure playgrounds and city farms have an important part in the strategy to translate the global agenda 21 into local action.

A more precise profile of their services and equipment will help to develop adequate guidelines in city planning. It is even more important to support such projects and sharpen public awareness of the value and potentials of these land based community projects. Last not least it is necessary to spread information on concepts and design of adventure playgrounds and city farms. This comparative study among European projects tries to contribute to that aim.

You will find the whole comparative study at the Bund der Jugendfarmen und Aktivspielplätze e.V. webpage: <http://www.bdja.org/oli/index.html>



## Next Newsletter

**Copy dead-line** for the next newsletter is **1.2.2001**

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