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Presentation and explanation of the IVV Event Portal „www.ivv-online.org"
in Aix-en-Provence (France)

Present:
a) Working Group
   Michael Mallmann (DVV) – Walter Motz (IVV) – Graham Fawcett (IVV) –
   Georges Kintziger (FLMP) – Emil Dannemark (BVV) – Guy Borsenberger (FFSP) –
   Tanja Müller (IVV)
b) Associations
   Rudolf Bräuml (ÖVV) – Roger Baker (BWF) – Jiri Broz (Czech Republic) –
   Marta Votavová (Czech Republic) – Joseph Derclaye (FBSP) –
   Gunner Faarup Nielsen (DMF) – Vibeke Kjestrup (DMF) – Lembe Laas (Estonia) –
   August Alloert (Estonia)

Giuseppe Colantonio, President of the IVV, welcomed all the associations present and thanked everyone for their work. He apologized for not being able to attend personally because of other obligations and pointed out that the IVV Presidium was represented by Messrs Graham Fawcett and Walter Motz.

Graham Fawcett explains that he joined the working group in 2018, where good work had already been done. The computer scientists had to overcome some hurdles and the cooperation required some knowledge about the IVV events. A lot of data had to be converted into Excel files. Some problems, especially with the geolocalization data, unfortunately delayed the start date for some time.

Walter Motz confirms that the cost estimate for the creation of the website was 24.000.- € in addition to the value added tax, so about 30.000.- €. Monthly costs of approximately 300.- € develop up-to-date for the evaluation of the number of visitors as well as for the graduation of the side with Google, etc.

Afterwards the leader of the working group Michael Mallmann gives some information about the foundation and work of this team. In the beginning the working group consisted of Michael Mallmann (DVV) - Walter Motz (IVV) - Georges Kintziger (FLMP) and Fabrice Wagner (FFSP). After Fabrice Wagner left the FFSP, the working group was extended with Graham Fawcett (IVV) - Emil Dannemark (BVV) and Guy Borsenberger (FFSP). Mr. Mallmann sees the project of the new event portal as one of the most important of the last 20 years. If this portal works properly, it will be the biggest progress of the last years. For the current youth, we are practically a generation too late. The IVV makes a platform available, which must be used however now by the federations.

It follows a conception with explanation of the new IVV event portal www.ivv-online.org of Michael Mallmann.

The portal exists up-to-date in 3 languages (E - D - F). These are to be extended however by additional languages, like e.g. Italian - Danish - Dutch/Flemish. However, the countries concerned must provide the translations of the keywords. Proper names, such as

town or street names, are not translated. Translation programs are practically inaccessible, as some of our technical terms are translated incorrectly. Participation in this event portal is free of charge.

The selection list shows events and walking trails. If a desired city is entered, the portal displays all events and permanent walking trails within a radius of 50 - 200 kilometers, depending on the setting, across borders.

When the event data appears, for the first time there is a short information, by a further click you get additional information. Photos can be added by the respective federation to the meetings in a maximum size of 5 MB whereby however the personality and copyright must be respected. Each association is responsible for this.

Tanja Müller, from the IVV Head Office, then gives the necessary explanations on the back end.
There are two ways to enter the data:
a) Direct input for a few events
b) The input via an Excel table for many events, which can then be integrally adopted. In this table also possible changes can be made.

Each country has its own data forms. Unfortunately, the IVV cannot offer a separate import option for every data form. Therefore there is only the Excel data list provided for this purpose.

The individual Excel fields must be filled out, some of them are mandatory fields. The Excel lists have very specific fields for each piece of information. These must be used absolutely and only in this form. In the field "Description" additional information can be entered which is not provided in the Excel table.

The file of the organizer must be fed only once with all data and can then be used again and again. The Excel tables can be imported by each country itself. For the first time an import shall be simulated to detect possible errors. If error messages occur, these errors must be corrected. If no further error messages appear, the definitive import can be activated.

The desired publication time before the event can be set at the IVV head office if desired (e.g. maximum 3 months before the event date).

During the final discussion some questions were asked. There seem to be problems with the manual input of GPS data. In addition, it was asked to add a category for marathon events. Because only a very specific target group is reached here, a simple possibility is to be created where a desired hiking distance can be entered.

The next update will also publish the finish date of each event.

Graham Fawcett regrets that practically only 35 % of countries are currently involved in this portal. They are aware that many countries have to process their data twice, which is probably the biggest problem. In order to increase the number of participants, a paper documentation will possibly be produced or another workshop will be held at the next IVV Congress of Delegates in Ostende to promote participation.

Finally, the IVV Vice-President thanked the participants for their participation and emphasized that he was available at all times. The IVV as well as the working group will do everything to satisfy all associations.