EUROPEAN FLY FISHING ASSOCIATION

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Newsletter 2024

A lot has happened in the recent months in regards to the future of EFFA.
First things first:

Membership Secretary on the Board
Ferdy Geerdink will step down as Secretary at the end of his term of office in April 2024 and has found a designated successor in Tibor Busi from the Netherlands.
If he is elected, which we currently expect, he'll be personally inducted into office as Ferdy's successor in the course of 2024. Ferdy will not remain inactive in the future and will stand for election as the Dutch national representative alongside Otto Verhoef in the upcoming elections.

President
What's next for the President.
I will therefore be standing for re-election as President for the next term of office. However, with the central aspect of transition and knowledge transfer. I will support any candidates, such as Massimo Matteuzzi at present, for as long as necessary to help them settle into their new role and then hand over the presidency completely during the course of the term. This will be done by means of an extraordinary election at the appropriate time. Massimo is currently the only candidate and will therefore take over certain tasks from me as Vice-President with immediate effect. These include chairing meetings, organizing events, etc. This will ensure that the future president slowly grows into his role. As soon as the castling can take place, we will propose suitable candidates for the resulting vacancy as Vice President. Interested candidates regarding the office of President and Vice-President are still welcome to contact me at any time.
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Country representatives
After 6 years of being active representatives the resignations of Marco Flury and Fredi Illien from Switzerland have been received.
Christoph Netzer and Stefan Schramm are standing for election for the next term of office.

There are no changes in the other countries.

Thank you Ferdy, Marco and Fredi for your commitment and the many hours you have put your heart and soul into the association! None of this can be taken for granted in this day and age, especially as today's professional life is increasingly demanding. Sacrificing what little free time you have for EFFA deserves a lot of respect. Without people like you, associations would not work!

Webmaster
Kari will continue to help us.
We are always on the lookout for a future successor and would be happy to receive your application, as we would also like to recast this position in the next few years.

Statues
The passage that allows us to elect a president from outside Switzerland has now also been prepared.
We have received broad support for this idea on the boards and are convinced that the change will be accepted.

The new passage reads:

The European Fly Fishing Association (EFFA) is a non-profit organization according to Art 60 ff of the Swiss Civil Code.
The registered office of the association is in Switzerland, which is why at least one Board member must be resident there. The residential address of the Swiss Board member is deemed to be the registered office of EFFA for tax/legal purposes.

If you have any objections, please send them to my email address by 20.01.2024.
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This change will be put to the vote in February. This will also pave the way for future candidates outside Switzerland. This was previously not possible.

Membership fees
The fees remain the same as before
The following adjustments were decided by the Board.

a) Members who are elected to an office (Board/Head of a Department/Country Representative) or to staff positions (such as Marketing Manager/Home Page Manager) are exempt from the membership fee.
b) Board members who have rendered outstanding services to the Association during 3 full terms of office (9 years in total) are exempt from paying membership fees for life.

c) Members up to the age of 18 (end of the year on 31.12.) are exempt from paying membership fees, but are excluded from voting rights.
d) Members who are older than 75 years and have belonged to the association for more than 5 years become non-contributing members of the EFFA.

However, the fees for appearing on the list of instructors as a guide/instructor must be paid without exception.

Further news:
Massimo is planning an international EFFA event in Austria. He will provide us with more detailed information in January. The provisional annual schedule is also available on the internal homepage. You can find the discount list under Tackle Discounts. The Board has also decided to support a project by Thommy Mardo https://www.thommy-mardo.de/leopold. We think this project serves our cause and we'd like to help making it a success. A beautiful picture book for fly fishermen/-women of all ages.

Fairs you can meet us at:

January 12-14 Duisburg https://www.angelmesse-duisburg.de

February 3-4 Vicenza https://www.pescareshow.it/it/

February 10-11 Zurich https://schweizersportfischermesse.ch/

February 24-25 Lingen https://www.angelmesse-lingen.de/

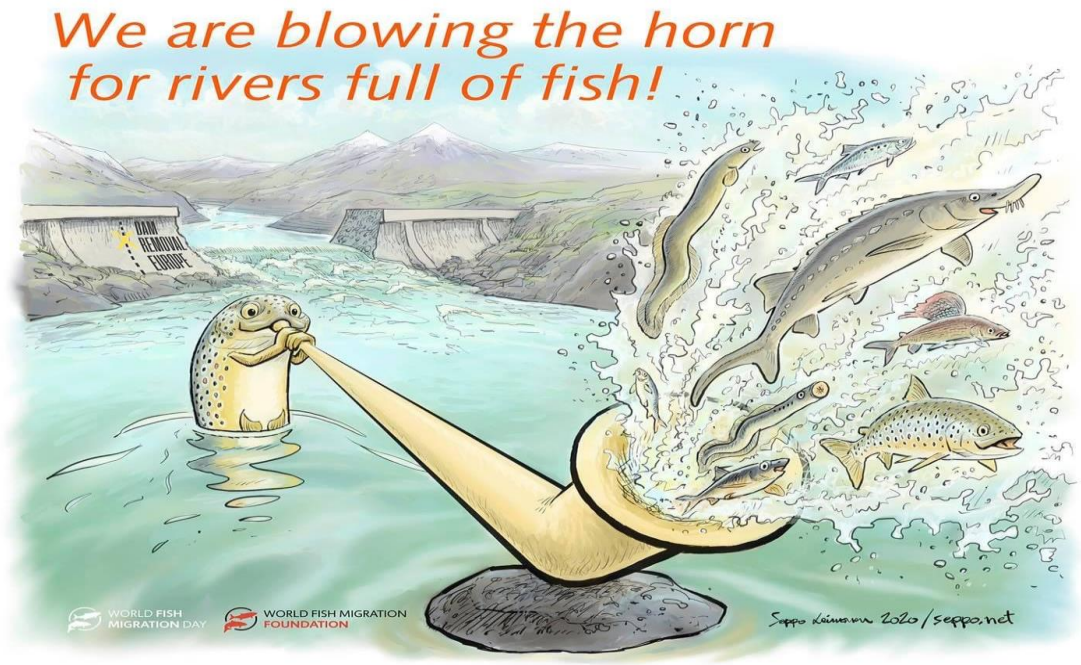
March 8-10 Friedrichshafen https://www.aqua-fisch.de/

The payment reminders for the membership fees due for 2024 will be sent by e-mail in January 2024.

Thank you very much for the support you always give us. It helps us immensely to always be able to count on your solidarity. I would especially like to thank all those, who helped us organize an event throughout the year or who supported EFFA in other ways. Community works together, as the word implies - but let us also always look at what has been achieved with appreciation and be grateful for it. This way, EFFA will continue to be supported and will bring joy to everyone! In 2024, we will also endeavor to drive forward further projects and innovations in the field of fly fishing.

Now I wish you all a good start into the new year, good health and great shared experiences with other fly fishers on the water. I look forward to meeting some of you again in person at our events.

✳ Happy New Year! ✳



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