

## 42. Konvencija FECC u Luxenburgu 22.-29.05. 2022.

Protekle dvije godine kao da nam je netko rukom oduzeo pravo na život na koji smo navikli, a zapravo se desilo puno lijepih stvari koje možda još nismo osvijestili: više smo se posvetili sebi i odnosima s najbližima, više vremena provodili s obitelji, više vremena smo imali za razmišljanje o nekim novim životnim idejama i poslovnim pothvatima.

No, nedostajala su nam naša karnevalska putovanja i druženja. Zato smo nestrpljivo očekivali Konvenciju FECC-a u Luxenburgu i susret s dragim prijateljima. Pristiglo je oko 120 naših članova iz 20 država iz cijeloga svijeta. A domaćini FECC Luxenburg su uložili veliki trud i sve organizirali izvrsno i vrlo profesionalno.

**22.05.2022.** – Putovanje do Petangea u Luxenburgu, smještaj u Hotel Threeland. Omeđena Njemačkom, Francuskom i Belgijom, **malena država Luksemburg se smjestila točno u samo srce Europe**. Poznata je po svojim srednjovjekovnim dvorcima, predivnom krajoliku i dolinama na kojima raste grožđe od kojeg se radi jedno od najfinijih vina na svijetu. Šume čine čak trećinu države. Luksemburg je jedino Veliko Vojvodstvo na svijetu u kojem živi više od 170 različitih narodnosti.

U Hotelu Threeland održana je večera dobrodošlice na kojoj je senatoru Jurgenu Smithu iz Njemačke uručena nova FECC kapa.

**23.05.2022.** - Nakon Sastanka Internacionalnog Borda, ručak u Cafe Am Home i parada zastava država svih sudionika Konvencije ulicama Petangea. Gradonačelnik Petangea Pierre Mellina sa suradnicima održao je prijem svih sudionika Konvencije u A Rousen. Koncelebriranu Svetu misu na kojoj smo se na 19 jezika prisjetili svih naših članova koji su nas napustili od protekle Konvencije predvodio je Kardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich. U Cafe Am Home održana je oficijelna večera uz sudjelovanje Gradonačelnika Petangea sa suradnicima. Domaćini su podjelili velike medalje svim sudionicima Konvencije. A mi smo se zahvalili prigodnim poklonima i suvenirima iz naših zemalja.

**24.05.2022.** – Putovanje vlakom iz 1900. godine, posjet Minettspark u Fond de Grass, ručak u Hall Paul Wurth, povratak u Petange i Presidium Meeting u Hotelu Threeland gdje su nacionalni FECC predsjednici iznijeli svoja izvješća o radu. Tom prigodom promoviran je novi časopis FECC- a. Večerali smo u Restaurantu Belerhaascht u Bascharage i zabavili se uz izvrsnu glazbenu grupu na Noći u bijelom.

**25.05.2022.** – FECC Generalna skupština u Chambre de Commerce u Luxenburgu. Tom prigodom promovirana je knjiga o našem osnivaču i dugogodišnjem predsjedniku Henriju van der Kroonu i povijesti FECC-a. Prve tri knjige dodijeljene su obitelji našeg Henka. Ručali smo u Parc Merveilleux Bettembourg i razgledali mali zoološki vrt. Karnevalska noć uz ples i pjesmu održana je u Restaurantu Beim Kueb, Pontpierre.

**26.05.2022.** – Izlet u Luxenburg i razgledavanje glavnog grada uz stručno vodstvo. Glavni grad države je **grad 'na dva kata'**, sa Starim gradom koji je iznikao iz utvrde iz 10.stoljeća, dok se danas nalazi na visokoj stijeni iznad zelenila koji ga okružuje. Mi smo izabrali najbolji način da razgledamo ovo područje. Dvosatnom šetnjom uz povijesne bedeme i znamenitosti, kroz kamene ulice s crkvama i tornjevima. Posjetiti smo i **Place d'Armes**, maleni trg s

pješaćkom zonom, **Chemin de la Corniche**, najljepši europski 'balkon' – točnije, riječ je o šetnici koja gleda na dolinu i Bock kazamate, tunele prokopane kroz klisuru. Ipak, najveći vrhunac je spektakularni **Luksemuburški dvorac**, koji datira još iz ranog srednjeg vijeka.

Ručak u Restorantu LOrchidea, Rodange. Povratak u Petange i prezentacija budućih organizatora Dies Natalisa FECC-a – Šoštanj od 9.-11.10.2022. – Slovenija i kandidata za organizaciju 43, Konvencije FECC-a Cali – Kolumbija i Leskovac – Srbija 2023. godine.

**27.05.2022.** – Posjet vinariji i degustacija vina u Domaines Vinsmoselle. Nakon toga zabavili smo se i rasplesali na izletu brodom. Navečer je održana Gala večera na kojoj je Internacionalni Bord dodijelio 3 plakete Memoriam vivat i to Gradu Petange, FECC-u Luxembourg i KaGePe Luxembourg te FECC MERIT AWARD dugogodišnjem potpredsjedniku, a sada senatoru FECC-a Rolandu Breyeru.

**28.05.2022.** – Ujutro smo uz stručno vodstvo razgledali pivovaru Bofferding Brewery gdje smo degustirali njihovo pivo i bili počašćeni i odličnim ručkom. U centru Petangea navečer je kao finale Konvencije održan veličanstveni Karnevalski Show.

Velike pohvale i čestitke organizatorima 42. FECC Konvencije FECC Luxembourg i koordinatoru senatoru Rolandu Breyeru na izvrsnoj organizaciji svih tjedan dana Konvencije. Neizmjereno HVALA svima – bilo je profesionalno, besprijekorno, uspješno i nezaboravno. Vjerujem da će mnogi od nas ovu 42. FECC Konvenciju pamtili zauvijek.

A sada slijede fotografije ovog prekrasnog tjedna. Naša nasmijana lica govore više od tisuću riječi.

**Josip Silov.**

**Internacionalni FECC potpredsjednik**



## **42nd FECC Convention in Luxemburg 22.-29.05. 2022**

The past two years seem to have taken away our right to the life we are used to, and in fact a lot of beautiful things have happened that we may not have realized yet: we are more dedicated to ourselves and relationships, more time with family, more time for some new life ideas and business ventures.

But we missed our carnival trips and socializing. That is why we were looking forward to the FECC Convention in Luxemburg and meeting dear friends. About 120 of our members arrived from 20 countries around the world. And the hosts of FECC Luxemburg invested a lot of effort and organized everything excellently and very professionally.

**05/22/2022** - Travel to Petange in Luxemburg, accommodation in Hotel Threeland. Bordered by Germany, France and Belgium, the small country of Luxembourg is located right in the heart of Europe. It is known for its medieval castles, beautiful scenery and valleys where grapes grow, which is one of the finest wines in the world. Forests make up as much as a third of the state. Luxembourg is the only Grand Duchy in the world with more than 170 different nationalities.

A welcome dinner was held at the Threeland Hotel, at which Senator Jurgen Smith from Germany was presented with a new FECC cap.

**05/23/2022**.- After the Meeting of the International Board, lunch in Cafe Am Home and in the streets of Petange parade of the flags of the states of all participants of the Convention. Mayor of Petange Pierre Mellina and his associates held a reception for all Convention participants at A Rousen. The concelebrated Holy Mass at which we commemorated in 19 languages all our members who have left us since the last Convention was presided over by Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich. An official dinner was held at Cafe Am Home with the participation of Mayor Petange and associates. The hosts distributed large medals to all participants in the Convention. And we thanked for the appropriate gifts and souvenirs from our countries.

**05/24/2022** - Travel by train from 1900, visit the Minettspark to the Fond de Grass, lunch at the Paul Wurth Hall, return to Petange and the Presidium Meeting at the Hotel Threeland where the national FECC presidents presented their work reports. On that occasion, a new FECC magazine was promoted. We had dinner at the Belerhaascht Restaurant in Bascharage and had fun with an excellent music group at Night in White.

**05/25/2022** - FECC General Assembly at the Chambre de Commerce in Luxemburg. On that occasion, a book about our founder and longtime president Henry van der Kroon and the history of the FECC was promoted. The first three books were awarded to the family of our Henk. We had lunch at Parc Merveilleux Bettembourg and toured the small zoo. A carnival night with dancing and singing was held at the Beim Kueb Restaurant, Pontpierre.

**05/26/2022** - Excursion to Luxemburg and sightseeing of the capital with expert guidance. The state's capital is a 'two-story' city, with the Old Town emerging from a 10th-century fort, while today it stands on a high cliff above the greenery that surrounds it. We

chose the best way to see this area. A two-hour walk along historic ramparts and landmarks, through cobbled streets with churches and towers. We also visit the Place d'Armes, a small square with a pedestrian zone, the Chemin de la Corniche, the most beautiful 'balcony' in Europe - more precisely, it is a promenade overlooking the valley and Bock casemates, tunnels dug through the gorge. However, the biggest highlight is the spectacular Luxembourg Castle, which dates back to the early Middle Ages.

Lunch at Restaurant LOrchidea, Rodange. Return to Petange and presentation of future organizers of FECC Dies Natalis - Šoštanj from 9.-11.10.2022. - Slovenia and the candidate for the organization 43th FECC Convention - Cali - Colombia and Leskovac - Serbia in 2023.

**05/27/2022** - Visit to the winery and wine tasting at Domaines Vinsmoselle. After that we had fun and danced on a boat trip. In the evening, a Gala Dinner was held at which the International Board awarded 3 Memoriam vivat plaques to the City of Petanga, FECC Luxembourg and KaGePe Luxembourg, and FECC MERIT AWARD to longtime FECC Vice President and now FECC Senator Roland Breyer.

**05/28/2022** - In the morning, with expert guidance, we visited the Bofferding Brewery, where we tasted their beer and were honored with a great lunch. A magnificent Carnival Show was held at the Petange Center in the evening as a finale of the Convention.

Big compliments and congratulations to the organizers of the 42nd FECC Convention FECC Luxembourg and the coordinator FECC Senator Roland Breyer for the excellent organization of all week of this Convention. Immeasurable THANKS to everyone - it was professional, flawless, successful and unforgettable. I believe that many of us will remember this 42nd FECC Convention forever.

And now follow the photos of this beautiful week. Our smiling faces speak more than a thousand words.

**Josip Silov,**

**International FECC Vice-president**

