



GOOD TO KNOW – JANUARY 2018



68TH INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY FROM 29 MARCH TO 02

APRIL 2018 IN Campsite Terme Tuhelj – Zagreb – Croatia

Organisation: Udruga Kampista Hrvatske

The Rally fee is 65 Euro per person for 4 nights at the campsite, free entrance to the Water Planet (Wellness Center), folder of brochures, Easter meal or Easter breakfast, 1 bus trip to Terme Tuhelj to visit the attractive old town. All Youth Rally participants must pay the rally booking fee.

In case participants want to stay in the hotel, the cost will be 180 Euro per person in a double room (65 + 180 = 245 Euro) or + 192 Euro for a single room (65 + 192 = 257 Euro) for the 4 nights. All participants can have breakfast in the Hotel Well restaurant for 7 Euro per person per day. Lunch costs 15 Euro per person.

Deadline for bookings 01.02.2018.

Campsite Avtokamp Terme Tuhelj is situated on a nice grassy area, shaded by trees not far from Zagreb (57 km). Campsite guests have free access to Vodni Planet, the largest swimming pool resort in Croatia.

In this small, quiet campsite you can entrust the preparation of meals to others i.e. Hotel Well or any of the restaurants in Vodni planet. However, if you wish to prepare your own meals on a barbecue, then in the campsite there are two grill spots for this very purpose. The campsite has proper sanitary installations with showers and a dishwashing space. Further information:

http://www.terme-tuhelj.hr/gb/accommodations/campsite-terme-tuhelj-14557?_ga=2.69078745.950108200.1503929119-1063443765.1503929119



RALLY PROGRAM

Thursday 29.03.2018

12.00 – 19.00 Participants arrive
21.30 - ??? Disco

Friday 30.03.2018

09.30 Delegates' meeting
Sports competitions
11.00 – 18.00 Outing to Zagreb (Guided city tour – optional) Euro 12
18.30 Parade of the Nations
19.00 Opening ceremony
20.00 Disco

Saturday 31.03.2018

10.00 – 14.00 Outing to the Kumrovec ETNO village
14.00 – 18.00 Free time, sports competitions and other activities
18.00 Youth Commission's annual general meeting
20.00 Masked evening: karaoke & disco

Sunday 01.04.2018

10.00 – 19.00 Sports competitions
19.00 – 21.00 Announcement of the winners, closing ceremony and evening meal (drinks not included)
21.00 Disco

Monday 02.04.2018

11.00 Participants leave and rally site closes



87th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY from 27 July to 4 August 2018 in Paaren–Berlin/Germany



The rally brochure and booking form for the 87th F.I.C.C. Rally in Paaren/Berlin are available and can be obtained either by contacting the Deutscher Camping Club e.V. Mandlstrasse 28, D-80802 München or downloaded from info@ficcrallye2018.de or from the DCC homepage www.camping-club.de following the link to www.ficcrallye2018.de

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During the 2018 rally, a special beer will be brewed exclusively for the F.I.C.C. event in the newly built brewery pub on the rally site. The brew will be limited to 1,300 litres.

Tip from the F.I.C.C. Secretariat

LEIPZIG on the R. Pleisse (one of the excursion destinations on offer)

Leipzig is the tenth largest city in Germany in terms of population (560,000) and, after Berlin, the largest city of the former East German states. There is much to see in Leipzig including Augustusplatz (opera house), the Bibliotheca Albertina (library), the famous St. Nikolai Church, the Leipzig Cotton Mill, now a cultural centre housing some of Europe's best studios and art galleries devoted to modern art, the Leipzig Zoo with its tropical indoor halls and Kiwara Savannah where animals roam free in an area that is similar to their natural habitat (Leipzig Zoo has run an international tiger breeding programme since 1973), many worthwhile museums (including the Grassi Museum of Ethnography), the historic market square in the heart of the city, St. Thomas church (constructed between 1212 and 1222 and world famous because Bach was its Musical Director and Choir Master of the Boys' Choir), the Mendelssohn House, the Völkerschlachtdenkmal (Battle of Nations Monument erected in



1913 to commemorate the 1813 combined forces' victory over Napoleon), the Old Town Hall (one of the most beautiful Renaissance buildings in Germany), the Clara Zetkin Park (approx.125 ha) and much more besides. Leipzig has been a centre of academic excellence since 1409 when its university was founded along with the music academy and schools teaching building and construction, graphic arts and book illustration etc. The city is also famous for St. Thomas Boys' Choir and the Gewandhaus concert venue.

Since reunification, Leipzig has achieved a lot and the city has been given a modern make-over. Historic buildings have been restored and art and culture given a boost. The centre, where old meets new, is very green thanks to the many parks and wooded areas.

Leipzig Trade Fair is also world famous, attracting exhibitors and visitors from all over the globe.

Leipzig has had a long and turbulent history since it was founded in 1015. It was granted its town charter at some point between 1156 and 1170 and was an important crossroads for trade. The town was besieged and occupied five times during the Thirty Years War. In 1813 the Battle of the Nations marked the decisive conclusion of the autumn campaign of the War of Liberation. In 1825 Leipzig blossomed once more and became a cultural town.

Local speciality: Leipziger Allerlei (mixed vegetable dish) comprising spring vegetables, asparagus and morel mushrooms, with semolina dumplings in a crayfish sauce.

88th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY in Châteaubriant/France from 26 JULY to 4 AUGUST 2019



Religious heritage sites around Châteaubriant

Chapelle des Templiers (Templar's chapel) in Saint-Aubin des Châteaux

An ancient chapel converted by the Knights Templar in the 12C that became the Order's church. This beautiful mediaeval building has superbly crafted wooden arches cut entirely by axe. Another original feature is that the two small recesses in the sanctuary are not rounded but have cut-off corners.



Saint Julien's church (Saint Julien-de-Vouvantes)

In 1889 the architect François Bougouin designed and built a new church as a pilgrimage church. After Nantes cathedral, it is the biggest church in the Department and has a crypt that houses stones, monuments and statues from a previous church.

Calvary monument (Louisfert)

The abbot Jacques Cotteux built this monument between 1871 and 1882 on a "holy hill" consisting of local menhirs and dolmens.

Jean de Béré church (Châteaubriant)

This church, built in the 11C, is dedicated to John the Baptist and is one of the oldest in the Department. The church is empty but its baroque reredos and listed statues give it great charm under the watchful eye of the "Eternal Father" picture that originates from a former altar and a Saint Rita carved by Jean Fréour in 1950 from the beam of an old cider press.

Saint Jouin church (Moisson la Rivière)

The only romanesque fortified church in the Department, it is a church that was built to be both a place of worship and a safe refuge against warlike invasions as testified by its central tower full of arrow slits. The tower was used for surveillance and the defence of the town (merely a small collection of houses). It supports a pepperpot bell tower made of slate with a spire that dates back to the 17C -18C.

Melleray Abbey (La Meilleraye-de-Bretagne)

This former monastery complex lies on a 6-hectare lake and dates back to the 17C. There is a 12C church with tombs and acoustic vases and a 13C building with a grand staircase and refectory.

One-hour guided tours available for groups of 15 to 80 people.

89th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY from 28 SEPTEMBER to 6 OCTOBER 2019 in Ten-ei Village (Fukushima Prefecture)/Japan

Rally Commission visit to Ten-ei Village, Fukushima Prefecture, Japan

A site visit to Ten-ei Village, Iwase-Gun, Fukushima Prefecture, Japan, was carried out by the Rally Commission on the 11th – 13th November 2017, in preparation for the 89th International F.I.C.C. Rally, which will take place from the 28th September to the 6th October, 2019, subject to General Assembly approval.

For most international visitors to Japan, access to the site will be to fly into either Hanada or Narita International Airports, transfer to Tokyo Uono or Keisei Railway stations, and take the Shinkansen (Bullet Train) to Shin-Shirakawa, which is a one hour twenty minute high speed ride, and then 30 minutes on a shuttle bus to Ten-ei Village. It is possible to drive from Tokyo on the Highway, but you should allow at least three hours for the 220km journey.



The centre of the rally venue is the Hatoriko Lake Highland Communication Centre which has all necessary facilities and enough space for gathering for the opening and closing ceremonies. There is a large grassed outdoor area, where a stage will be erected, and an indoor area that can accommodate 250 people. It will house the Rally reception, information and administration offices on the ground floor, as well as the F.I.C.C. Secretariat on an upper floor. During the visit, the Commission was also shown an indoor area, closer to Angel Forest, the size of two tennis courts, which is another possibility for evening entertainment and where bar facilities could be provided.

There are two auto-camping grounds which are available for rally participants. One of them is called Angel Forest Nasu-Shirakawa, approximately 1.5 km north of Communication Centre, which has 77 camping pitches, 50 modern dome-shaped cottages for 2/4 persons, 50 wooden cottages for 4/8 persons, an Italian restaurant seating 250, a shop, swimming pool, tennis courts, lake for lure and fly fishing and two types of Onsen (hot springs). It is intended that all international visitors will stay here and they will have access to all the facilities of the site.

The other rally sites are also located within a radius of about 1.5 kilometers from the Hatoriko Lake Highland Communication Centre. They will be connected by a shuttle bus, but campers can comfortably walk the short distance. They can also rent a mountain bike to explore the surroundings.

Next to the Centre is the Michi-no-Eki (Roadside Station) "Hatoriko Lake Highland" which stocks special products produced in Ten-ei Village and some perishable foods are available. A sanitary block, open at all times, is available. One part of the large car park can be used for approximately 30 motor caravans.

To the north of the Communication Centre, a car park area can be used for approximately 50 motor caravans, although drinking water and a sanitary block will have to be installed.

Approximately 1.3km north of the Communication Centre is Hatoriko Lakeside Auto Camping Ground, with space for 45 tents, 12 bungalows and 3 cottages.

There are 10 locations for bed & breakfast in the area, between 0.5km and 2.3km from the Communication Centre, with a total number of approximately 300 beds, where breakfast and dinner will be available.

An entertainment programme is currently being explored, but it will include:

- a variety of traditional cultural events, food and wine as well as friendship events.
- sightseeing bus tours of the Aizu area, Sendai area and Yamagata area.
- a special tour visiting Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant.
- opportunities for outdoor activities such as golf, tennis, trekking or fishing as well as Onsen.

Following the site visit, successful individual meetings were held with the Mayor of Ten-ei, the Director General, Planning and Coordination Department, Fukushima Prefectural Government, and finally the Governor of Fukushima, which is the third largest prefecture in Japan. The Great East Japan Earthquake resulted in the Tsunami which killed 2,157 people in Fukushima Prefecture alone, destroyed 15,224 homes and partially damaged over 80,000. The resulting damage to the Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Plant made world news, and in the last six and a half years much had been done to rebuild the infrastructure and reduce contamination from the power plant.

Norman Taylor

Chairman, Rally Commission.

21.11.2017



On a personal note, having worked at a Nuclear Power Station for over 20 years and being the Environmental Safety Engineer responsible for Environmental Monitoring, I was surprised by the reductions in air radiation doses that have been achieved, given the enormity of the task. Following the disaster in 2011, dose rates of $2.74\mu\text{Sieverts/hr}$ were recorded in Fukushima City, in August 2017 that was only $0.15\mu\text{ Sieverts/hr}$.

At the Rally site there is an installed radiation monitor which, at the time of the visit was showing just over 60nanoSieverts/hr or $0.06\mu\text{Sieverts/hr}$, which would be lower than the radiation in air dose rates for many European cities and areas. I was most probably exposed to more radiation on my flight to and from Japan than in the whole time that I was there.

During my visit, I wore a radiation monitoring device which has to be processed to obtain the results at the end of this month and once I have them I will pass them on. NT.

90th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2020 IN OSTIA/ROME (ITALY)

Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

Every year it is the same routine

Whether your caravan is left outside or under some sort of cover, wintertime can be problematic. If you want next season to get off to a good start, then you need to follow this 10-point plan.

1. Check whether a technical inspection, gas or general service is due and also check on the leak detection test: a must in new vehicles for the guarantee to remain valid.
2. First of all clean the caravan thoroughly inside and out. For the outside it is worth going to a Cleanpark facility where a high pressure jet – go gently on the bodywork seals – and shampoo work very well. For the inside, wipe over all surfaces with a damp cloth, shake out and vacuum cushions and soft furnishings.
3. One automatically checks that the side marker lights, flashing distress lights, brake and reversing lights are in working order before setting out on any journey, but this is all the more necessary after overwintering. If you come across any scratches in the paintwork, has the seal beneath been damaged?
4. Is the coachwork in good shape? Varnished aluminium can lose its gloss. Cleaning and waxing is tiresome but it has to be done every other year if you want your vehicle to stay looking smart. Use a cleaning product to keep the weather strip on doors and windows supple, use a graphite spray on locks and grease hinges. Check the drawbar mounting. Open up the vents in the gas bottle locker.
5. Check the tread on tyres and tyre pressure. A rough ride could mean either overloading, an uneven road surface or wrong tyre pressure. Tyres that are over six years old must be replaced for speeds of 100 km/h. Check that the wheel nuts are tight.



6. Chassis: grease the screws of the brace operated leg, check the support wheel and adjust if necessary. Check the mechanical stabilizing function. Change worn friction pads but, if they are in working order, clean with spirit or brake cleaner and similarly clean the coupling ball on the towing vehicle.
7. Thoroughly clean and disinfect the fresh water tank and pipes. Check that the pump and all of the taps work. Also check that the heating and hot water system is in working order.
8. If you have an absorber fridge, check the three operating functions – clean the gas burner. Check the safety pilot on the gas appliance and extinguish the gas flame. Gas should stop flowing after 30 seconds at most. Clean the sink drain and wastepipe.
9. Shower & WC: use special cleaner on the sealing and sliding door then treat with silicon spray. Never use vaseline or clean the sealing with vinegar as these products are harmful.
10. Energy check: recharge the battery, turn off the electricity supply. Switch on the system that you use in the evenings. Check regularly to see if the battery power is declining or whether it may even be flat. Check that your gas bottles are full by simply weighing them.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

MISCELLANEOUS

Switzerland

According to the Swiss Federal Office for Statistics, drivers of cars, trucks and buses, etc. spent between them over 24,000 hours in traffic jams in 2016. The figure for 2017 promises to be worse.

As a result, and on the advice of the **Automobilclub der Schweiz** and the **Touring Club Suisse** is in agreement, the country is considering whether to allow overtaking on the right on motorways to help alleviate drivers' stress.

Switzerland is the European champion when it comes to improving road safety. The country was top of the "Road Safety Performance Index 2017" because it has taken even more effective measures to ensure better road safety thereby reducing the number of deaths on the road.

The biggest **Freshwater Aquarium in Europe** has opened its doors. AQUATIS is situated in Lausanne-Vennes (Canton of Vaud) and offers visitors an extraordinary journey through this fascinating freshwater world. The exhibition extends over 3,500 sq.m. and has 2 million litres of freshwater, 20 different ecosystems, 46 aquariums/vivariums/terrariums, 300 types of plants, 100 reptiles and amphibians and 10,000 fish from all five continents.

Source: Auto (Automobilclub der Schweiz)

The Netherlands

According to a survey, 38% of campers never use the shower in their motorcaravan and 32% don't use it unless they absolutely have to.



Snow chains

Driving with snow chains is not allowed in the Netherlands. Some European countries have road signs stating that snow chains are obligatory on a number of mountain passes. But chains should only be used when there is snow on the roads. Anyone setting off on a journey in winter should, or even must, have snow chains with them and know how to put them on the wheels.

Source: Kampeerauto (NKC-NL)

Wintertime hazards

Wintertime more or less coincides with the rutting season for deer. Every year some drivers are involved in fatal accidents with wildlife so take great care at dusk and dawn when wild animals come out of the woods looking for food or a potential mate. For the same reason always slow down when driving through woods and open fields in twilight.

If you are on the lookout and driving carefully through a potential hazard zone, you have a better chance of being able to react quickly and more effectively in an emergency. If you do encounter a wild animal you need to dip your lights immediately, sound your horn and brake. You could perhaps even practise doing this on an empty road. There is always the risk that the animal will be dazzled by your headlights and stop, petrified, in the middle of the road and might even run towards the light probably making a collision inevitable.

Taking evasive action is certainly not recommended. If you do hit the animal, the by-word is keep calm, then make the accident zone as secure as possible and inform the police. The officers will inform the local game warden who will take charge of the wounded or dead animal. Under no circumstances should you remove the animal yourself. Even if you do this with the best of intentions hoping to release the poor animal somewhere else, you could be charged with poaching.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans (D)

Making a corridor for the emergency services in congested traffic

An emergency lane or corridor is created to allow the emergency services to gain quick access to the site of a road traffic accident. Casualties can be treated more quickly, work can get started on clearing the accident site and the tail-back of traffic will be able to start moving again. Even if the traffic is stop-and-go, drivers must make way, create an emergency corridor and keep it open.

This is what you should do:

- ° Reduce your speed and position your vehicle so that it is in line with the general direction of the traffic, ensuring that the rear of your vehicle does not project into the emergency lane.
- ° Keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front in case you need to manoeuvre.
- ° Keep the emergency corridor open until traffic is moving freely once more, given that emergency service vehicles are not necessarily all needed at the same time.
- ° The emergency corridor is for the exclusive use of emergency service vehicles with flashing lights or sirens: i.e. ambulance and rescue services, fire brigade, police, vehicle recovery and salvage service, motorway and roadworks management vehicles that make the accident site safe and carry out clean-up operations.



Correct procedure in traffic that drives on the right:

On a two-lane carriageway travelling in one direction

In the left-hand lane move over as far as possible to the left. In the right hand lane, move as far to the right as possible, using the hard shoulder as well;

On a three-lane carriageway travelling in one direction

In the left-hand lane, move over as far as possible to the left. In the middle and right-hand lanes move over as far to the right as possible, using the hard shoulder as well;

Urban areas

On single-lane roads, move over to the right hand edge of your side of the road.

At traffic lights

If it shows red, move as near to the right-hand lane as possible. If necessary, drive carefully over the stop line to allow the emergency vehicle through.

If it shows green, move to the right-hand lane and allow the emergency vehicle to pass.

Creating an emergency lane is obligatory and required by law in Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland, Slovenia and the Czech Republic. In Austria creating and keeping an emergency lane is now established in law in the country's Transport Act..

There is no obligation to create an emergency lane in Italy, Slovakia, the Netherlands, Spain, France, Poland or Croatia, however drivers must make way for the emergency services to drive through traffic when they need to.

Mnemonic (memory aid) for the right-hand rule

In order to create an emergency lane on the right when you are in the far left lane, there is a memory aid to help you with the right-hand rule: place the palm of your right hand face down and the space between your thumb and fingers of your right hand represents the emergency lane, your thumb being the extreme left-hand lane and your fingers all of the other traffic lanes.

(Translator's note: in Great Britain, Ireland and other countries where traffic drives on the left, you simply inverse the procedure!)

Source :google – Le Campeur (F.L.C.C.C. –L)

At the beginning of another year

The New Year is a bit like a silver carline thistle : enticing, alluring, mysterious beneath the wealth of barely visible prickles, concealing a secret under its silver spiny leaves. If you approach it with confidence, grasp it in your hand, shrugging off the prickles, you will be rewarded because a prize awaits – the flower, roots and stem are all edible!

The year that lies ahead will be something like that: beautiful, prickly and uncomfortable, full of all sorts about which we don't have an inkling as yet, but, as we embrace a future that is just as likely to cause us happiness as unhappiness, a sweet, edible kernel awaits anyone who bravely takes up a challenge.

Source: S.B. – Author unknown.



IN MEMORIAM

F.I.C.C. Honorary Member Mr. Liam O'HIGGINS died at the beginning of December 2017 after a short illness at the age of 88.

Liam worked for Aer Lingus for many years and, in a voluntary capacity, for the Irish Federation and the Irish Camping and Caravan Club, of which he was also President. As Secretary of the Irish Federation, he was also his Club's representative within F.I.C.C. He attended many international F.I.C.C. rallies together with his wife Peggy. They were a popular couple, widely travelled and very good company.

With the backing of an enthusiastic team, he organised the first International F.I.C.C. Rally in Ireland which was held in Punchestown in 1988. In 1997 he was also very involved in the preparations for the Millstreet rally although unfortunately he could not attend the rally for family reasons.

Liam O'Higgins was a member of the F.I.C.C. Council for a good many years and was keen to see the F.I.C.C. Youth Commission move forward and develop a good working relationship with the Council.

Liam O'Higgins was a lovely man who had an aura of calm about him. He had a very Irish sense of humour and was highly respected by his Irish and international camping friends alike. His friends and acquaintances from all four corners of the world were delighted to see him again at the 2016 rally in Ponte de Lima, Portugal when the General Assembly made him an Honorary Member of F.I.C.C.

We send our sincere condolences to his four children and family.
We in F.I.C.C. will remember Liam O'Higgins with great affection.



Congratulations/Wir gratulieren/Félicitations



Photo:S. Brohl

Ukrainian Federation of Camping, Caravanning and Autotourism	UKR	5 Jahre/ans/years
The Russian Club of Caravanners	RU	10 Jahre/ans/years
Ulusal Kamp ve Karavan Federasyonu Dogum Gününüz Kutlu Olsun	TR	10 Jahre/ans/years
CRVC	CN	15 Jahre/ans/years
The Israeli Camping & Caravanning Club (A.R)	IS	35 Jahre/ans/years
Federacia Kempingu a Karavaningu Slovenskej Republiky Vsetko najlepšie k narodeninám	SK	25 Jahre/ans/years
Slovenska Asociacia Campingu a Caravaningu Vsetko najlepšie k narodeninám	SK	25 Jahre/ans/years
Federation of Camping and Caravanning of the Czech Republic Vsechno nejlepší k narozeninám	CZ	25 Jahre/ans/years
Fédération Francophone des Clubs de Camping et de Caravaning de Belgique Bon anniversaire	BE	40 Jahre/ans/years
Caravan Club of Sweden Gratulerar på födelsedagen	SE	60 Jahre/ans/years
Deutscher Camping Club e.V. Herzlichen Glückwunsch	DE	70 Jahre/ans/years



Vlaamse Kampeer- en Caravanning Federatie vzw <i>Hartelijk gefeliciteerd met uw verjaardag</i>	BE	70 Jahre/ans/years
Fédération des Campeurs, Caravaniers, Camping-Caristes <i>Félicitations</i>	FR	80 Jahre/ans/years
Automobil Club der Schweiz <i>Vill Glück zum Geburri</i>	CH	120 Jahre/ans/years

WE HAVE PLEASURE INTRODUCING :

Fédération Luxembourgeoise des Campeurs, Caravaniers et Camping-Caristes a.s.b.l. (FLCCC)



Luxembourg's reputation as a region where camping and tourism complement each other exceptionally well, with both sectors playing an important role in the travel and tourism industry, is a testimony to FLCCC's efforts over the past few decades.

It is rare that one finds a region, as is the case in the Duchy, that has such a wide selection of campsites for visitors to choose from. It does not take long to find what one is looking for in terms of comfort and the environment. There are 116 campsites, over 70% of which are in the top category.

In fact Luxembourg attaches great importance to the way that campsites are equipped and managed and it is only public campsites officially approved by the Ministry for Tourism that are entitled to receive visitors. Campsite classification and charges are subject to strict regulations and both the category and price must be displayed at the entrance to every campsite. A list of all government-approved campsites in the Duchy is published every year and may be obtained free of charge from the national tourist office.

Campsites fall into one of three possible categories, thereby ensuring a minimum of comfort. In order to meet the growing demands of visitors, about half of all campsite owners or managers in Luxembourg have decided to adopt the "Benelux" classification system which awards 1 – 5 stars depending on quality. FLCCC has its own rating too, namely "Campings recommandés par la FLCCC" (FLCCC recommended campsites).



Luxembourg also has a number of log cabins and camping grounds for use by the scouting movement.

The Duchy is home to ten local clubs affiliated to FLCCC, the national federation and, depending on the size of their membership, some are represented within the Federation. Currently 18 club representatives are on the FLCCC Council which has an Honorary President with voting rights.

In-between their many and varied activities, local clubs take turns to organise rallies or meetings between Easter and the end of the year.

In addition, clubs organise camps, hikes, cultural evenings and a host of other events for their members. Many rally enthusiasts attend events in other countries and one frequently comes across campers from Luxembourg in the most far-flung corners of the continent. Tales of bonds of friendship being established over the years between Luxembourgers and other nationalities are almost legendary.

The FLCCC federation has been in existence for 53 years and has been a member federation of F.I.C.C. for all of that time. Its current President is Mr. Henri Oberweis, who has held this honorary position for a number of years.

In the context of FLCCC's history, we should not forget that one of our members, Camille Olinger, was President of F.I.C.C. from 1990 to 1996 and that another, Edy Fritsch, set up the Europa-Rally for Campers in 1961.

FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS

Germany: Caravan und Camping from 31.01 – 04.02.2018, in Hannover

Reise + Camping from 21.2. – 25.2.2018, in Essen

CFT-Camping, Freizeit und Touristik from 16.03 - 1.03.2018, in Freiburg

Caravan Salon Düsseldorf from 28.08 – 02.09.2018, in Düsseldorf

The Netherlands: Camperbeurs 09.02 – 11.02.2018, in Corinchem

Camper Expo from 23 to 25 March 2018, in Houten

France: Salon Mondial du tourisme (Holiday Salon) from 15.03. - 18.03.2018, in Paris

Great-Britain: Caravan, Camping & Motorhome Show from 28.2. – 4.3.2018, in Birmingham

Belgium: Salon des Vacances (Holiday Salon) from 1.02. - 4.2 2018, in Brussels

Spain: Caravaning Alicante from 1.2. – 4.2. 2018, in Alicante

Girocamping from 07.03. - 10.03.2018, in Girona

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