Joao Pereira re-elected President of the F.I.C.C.

The Grand Assembly of the F.I.C.C., which met recently in Prague for the 77th International Rally, has elected the ten members of its council and, among them, also the President, whose task it will be to lead the organization of campers from all over the world in the triennial that goes from 2011 to 2014. When the meeting’s agenda items had been dispensed with, the cards with which to vote for the councillors were distributed among the participants. Our four delegates (Grassi G., Stranieri U., Vai I., Picilli G.) counted for a total of nine votes, a reflection of the good health our own Confedercampeggio (both in terms of balance sheet and number of members) enjoys. The Trentino Camper Club, and its lively and enthusiastic delegates, came along to the meeting as observers. The delegates from the Republic of San Marino were also an enthusiastic and energetic group that was ready and willing to lend a hand wherever needed. It was, however, a shame that the other Italian delegation present in the hall were somewhat taken aback by the number of votes attributed to Confederacampeggio.

Agreement between China and the Confedercampeggio signed

During the recent FICC Rally in Prague, our national president and the president of the Camping Federation of the People’s Republic of China signed a collaboration and reciprocal “welcoming service” accord. The agreement aims to increase cooperation and exchange in the sports industry – free time activities – and involves the China International Sports Tourism Expo (the platform set up by the Chinese Sports Administration offices, the Chinese National Tourism Board and the Government of the Province of Hainan) to encourage, in the RV and camping sector, an opening to the rest of the world for the development of advanced design, construction, manufacture, business and the development of the market. It also seeks to, in keeping with the methods and management principles of leisure time activity, standardize technology, cutting edge products and management.

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It is not very clear why people insist on ignoring the fact that Confedercampeggio really is the largest and oldest organization which unites campers from all over Italy under a single banner, and I certainly don’t mean to undermine the other very valid camping associations in the country, nor the rights of the many camper clubs who prefer to operate without any membership in larger organizations. Back to the Assembly meeting: when it was time to choose a new FICC President, the chair of the Assembly asked who, among the neo-elected members, might want to become a candidate for the top job. We all saw, and immediately recognized, the raised hand of João Pereira, and a wild and spontaneous applause broke out. Pereira was, once again, voted into the top slot to continue his work of renewing the FICC. The Assembly ended and everyone seemed to be generally satisfied. Now, with the summer holidays coming to an end, each of us must return to continue his or her commitment to the fascinating world of voluntary service.

This year we won the prize for having the largest number of members of an association present at the Rally, more than any other of the under 20,000 member families category of the Federation present at the event. We must not forget that there were 32 countries present at the Prague Rally with 49 Federations, 584 vehicles and 1256 people. From Italy there were 30 vehicles belonging to Confedercampeggio, 11 from C.C. Trentino (a non-affiliated member) and 4 from ActItaliaFed. In the general classification, our Confedercampeggio ranked fifth place.
Rally F.I.C.C.: the inaugural parade

As tradition wanted, the parade featuring all of the participating countries once again marked the beginning of the 77th FICC Rally in Prague. All of the groups, many of them in traditional dress, marched behind their flags and waved the banners of the federations and clubs present. There was enough enthusiastic applause and ovations to go around for everyone concerned, and the sympathy for the high attendance of the Confederacampeggio was welcomed very warmly. Members had come from Lombardy, Sardinia, Sicily and Umbria to show their colours. The good cheer which our representatives instilled in the others was a prelude to the success of the initiatives that had been organized for the following days and earned the admiration of all of the delegations who intervened.

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operations technology for entrance into the Chinese market and to establish the sharing of resources. As such, the agreement signed – in front of the President of the FICC, João Pereira and the President of the FICC Autocaravan Commission, José Gonzalez – seeks to be the formal mechanism through which the collaboration and exchange activities between the China Sports Leisure Culture Development Association (or C.S.L.C.D.A.) and the non-profit Italian Confederation of Campers (a member of the FICC) are conducted.

Spaghetti Party a Praga
The first Practical Dictionary of Camping Terminology has recently been printed. The book is a glossary of terminology used in the world of camping and is very important for the efficient functioning of international camp sites and rest stops. It was created first and foremost to meet the needs of camp site and rest stop personnel, but also for the authorities and, in general, for professionals involved in plan-

The dictionary will also come in very handy to the campers themselves, as the users of the sites and stops, because it helps them to better understand the site or stops as products designed for their use. This is, without a doubt, the very first dictionary of camping related phrases and terminology ever to be published in Europe. It is 500 pages long and has a hard cover. There are no photographs and it was printed using black and white technology. It can be bought by contacting the UTKK, the top quality camping association and co-publisher of the book together with Master Studio d.o.o./S.r.l., at Pionirska 1 HR-52440 Parenzo (Poreč) or via email at camping@pu.t-com.hr.

The press conference during the book launch at a famous Croatian camp site included interventions by print journalists and reporters from the most important Croatian and Istrian TV stations. The Director of Il Campeggio Italiano also intervened.
The idea of organized caravanning in Russia is relatively new. The Russian Club of Caravanners started its work in 2006 when the First Caravanners’ Rally took place. Since then we’ve learned a lot of things about traveling and camping, gained experience, got new partners and friends. 2008 we took place in the exhibition Caravan Salon in Düsseldorf and presented our Club and the project “Camping atlas of Europe, Russia and CIS”. 2010 our Club entered as a full member the international caravanners’ community – F.I.C.C., in summer of that year for the first time we visited the 76.F.I.C.C. Rally Croatia Umag 18-25 June 2010. During our five-year activity we organized more then 30 rallies at different places of Russia.

The main aim of our activity is to spread the idea of caravanning and to establish the respected caravanners’ community in Russian Federation. The Russian Club of Caravanners is a new upcoming club, full of new ideas and plans for the future. During the 77.F.I.C.C. Rally 2011 Czech Republic Praha we will present “White Nights 2012 Rally Saint Petersburg/ Russia”. We have pleasure in informing you that “White Nights 2012 Rally” will take place on 12th June on the campsite in St. Petersburg. We invite the members of F.I.C.C. to visit Russia, Saint Petersburg. “White Nights 2012 Rally” is a good possibility to visit Russia, to see the sights of Saint Petersburg, enjoy “White Nights”!

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We have pleasure in inviting the caravanners from Europe and all over the world to visit Russia! For detailed information please contact club@avtotravel.com Our website: www.caravaners-club.ru
Advantages of the new Truma roof air-conditioning system confirmed in promobil test

The new Aventa comfort roof air-conditioning system from Truma is an all-round talent which convinces with a number of functions and advantages. The promobil editorial team also came to this result when it took the device through its places in a comparison test (issue 09/2011).

Rapid cool-down and moisture extraction

With 2400 W, the Aventa comfort ensures the fastest cool-down and moisture extraction. A considerable reduction in temperature can be felt after just 30 minutes. Thanks to the sophisticated air distributor, the temperature distribution in the whole vehicle is very even. Four individually adjustable outlets don’t just channel the acclimatised air to the front or back, up, down or straight ahead as required, but also to the right or left on each side of the air distributor. This means that the cold air only reaches certain areas or every corner of the mobile home if required. The absolute air humidity also significantly reduces in the vehicle.

Low electricity consumption

Despite the strong cooling and air power, the Aventa comfort sets standards with respect to electricity consumption: in four hours of operation in hot conditions on the Adriatic coastline (35°C, 55% air humidity), it requires an average of 4.5 A including start-up power. “This makes it the most efficient roof air-conditioning system in its class”, explains product manageress, Simone Sassmannshausen.

Lightweight

And if that's not enough: the Aventa comfort is an absolute lightweight on the market with 30 kilograms for the roof system and 5 kilograms for the air distributor and the mounting accessories. Truma achieves the low weight through the use of expanding polypropylene (EPP). This also ensures particularly quiet operation of the system. “The integrated sleep function also reduces the outside noises”, says Simone Sassmannshausen.

Flattest air distributor

But the Aventa comfort is not just functional and efficient – it also cuts a good figure in terms of design. Alongside the curved lines on the roof and in the living area, the Aventa also impresses with the flattest air distributor on the market: with 46 mm, it allows a large space to pass through. The air distributor is also available in two colour variations and can be individually coordinated to the living space.

Simple and uncomplicated installation

The Aventa comfort can be installed simply, without complications and cools vehicles up to approx. 7.50 meters in length. Another advantage: in combination with the Aventa sealing frame, Truma offers a perfect mounting solution. After all, with roof vents there are often holes outside of the opening which need to be sealed. The frame safely covers openings with a size of 460 x 460 mm.

Summary: the Aventa comfort scores points, along with the strong cooling performance, especially in energy consumption and the individually adjustable air distribution – and offers an excellent price-performance ratio at a price of 1,975 Euros.

Questions from the press will be answered by Truma Gerätetechnik GmbH & Co. KG, Postfach 12 52, 85637 Putzbrunn, Germany, telephone +49 (0)89 4617-2104, fax +49 (0)89 4617-2272, presse@truma.com. Further information is available on Truma Gerätetechnik GmbH & Co. KG on telephone number +49 (0)89 4617-0 or at www.truma.com.
Jutta Bringazi is the new PR manager at Truma Gerätechnik GmbH & Co. KG in the middle of July. This 31 year old was previously responsible for marketing and corporate communication at the French building materials group Lafarge in Oberursel near Frankfurt am Main. Bringazi will be taking over the PR work from Anja Schmidt, who has been working as a freelance PR advisor for Truma for the past few months. "I am looking forward to working in a very international environment and getting to know the customers and journalists from the industry," says Jutta Bringazi.

DCC Europa Prize and Deutscher Camping Prize 2011

This year, the DCC (Deutscher Camping Club) Europa Prize 2011, an annual award for the best European campsites, goes to: Camping Maltatal (Austria), Le Parc des Alicourts (France), Camping Zmar (Portugal), Camping Münster (Germany) and Camping Bled (Slovenia).

The German Camping Prize 2011, awarded jointly by the town of Essen, the Essen Fair and DCC, has been presented to Prof. Heinrich Lang, an expert in the camping and holiday park sector.
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The F.I.C.C. Challenge 2011 was given to Formosa Camping and Caravanning Club/Taiwan

(This challenge is given to the club with the highest number of participants (individuals) at the rally multiplied by the official kilometrage by air from the main airport nearest to the headquarters of the federation or club to the main airport nearest to the rally site

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