



**ERA European Ramblers' Association**

**EWV Europäische Wandervereinigung**

**FERP Fédération Européenne de la Randonnée Pédestre**

## **Newsletter 4/2016**

**November 2016**

### **ERA conference in Hässleholm**

The 47<sup>th</sup> ERA conference was held 8 -10/9 2016 in Hässleholm, Sweden. The participants had an opportunity to discover a little part of the Skåne region (Hovdala castle and its surroundings).

The delegates welcomed a new member organisation from France: Comité régional de Lorraine de randonnée.

The delegates approved a resolution concerning "Access to nature". This resolution is available on the ERA website (ERA/Policies) and distributed to all ERA member organisations.

The president Lis Nielsen presented two new ERA partners: Tenerife Walking Festival and Gran Canaria Walking Festival. It was decided that the ERA conference in 2020 will be in Catalonia, Spain.

The Minute of the General Meeting, held on Saturday 10/9 2016 is published on the ERA website.



### **Know-how sessions in Hässleholm**

6 Know-how sessions were held during the ERA conference in Hässleholm.

Armand Ducornet discussed with delegates about the Leading Quality Trails. Aloys Steppuhn presented the last version of the Resolution "Access to nature", prepared for an approval at the General Meeting on the next day. Lis Nielsen introduced all delegates to the EU program "#beActive" (European Week of Sport). Aloys Steppuhn, Armand Ducornet and Boris Mičić

led a discussion concerning the future ERA directions. The results of this discussion will be revised at the Presidium meeting in 01/2017 and offered for a next discussion at the ERA conference in 2017 again. The "Theme walks" in Denmark were presented by Steen Kobberø-Hansen. Alison Mitchell informed about Medal Routes, a project of the Ramblers Scotland. Mikael Kluge from the HI-Story company in Malmø presented the app "Vandra i Skåne".

The member organisations interested in presenting topics in Know-how sessions during the next conference in Brasov (RO) are welcomed to contact the ERA office before May 2017.



### **Vandra i Skåne**

With the free app "Vandra i Skåne" it is possible to find information, maps, travel facilities etc. for the trails in Skåne, Sweden. The Leading Quality Trail "Kullaleden" is a part of this app. Information is shown at Swedish, English and Sign language and is also working offline.



## EURORANDO 2016 - Skåne

**1 region - Skåne**

**2 Danish municipalities**

**26 Swedish municipalities**

**384 bus transfers**

**400 volunteers**

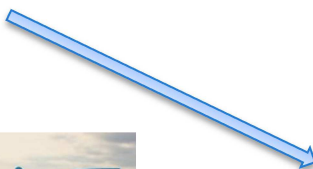
**3,000 participants**

**3,791 lunches**

**15,000 nights**

**100,000 km**

**3.5 mill SEK**



**number of participants – results:**



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**300 participants were also in Strasbourg 2001**

**450 participants were also in České Budějovice 2006**

**600 participants were also in Andalusia 2011**





### EURORANDO 2016 - Skåne

The EURORANDO 2016 event was held in Skåne, Sweden from 10 - 17 Sept. 2016. Svenska Turistföreningen, Event in Skåne AB, Region Skåne and Helsingborg city, together with local communities and 400 volunteers had prepared 80 different walks evening activities and bus tours. The budget for the whole arrangement was on 3,5 mill SEK.



The Kullaleden, which is also certified by ERA as a Leading Quality Trail – Best of Europe, was the most popular walking destination during the whole event. The region was crowned with sunshine and unusually warm weather. 3,000 participants from 24 European countries spent their energy to walk more than 100,000 kms in total. But more than 100 participants also profited of the train&bus card to use the regional public transportation, whose logistics is on a very high level. You're welcomed to visit ERA website where there is a long list of pictures describing the friendly walking atmosphere in Skåne.

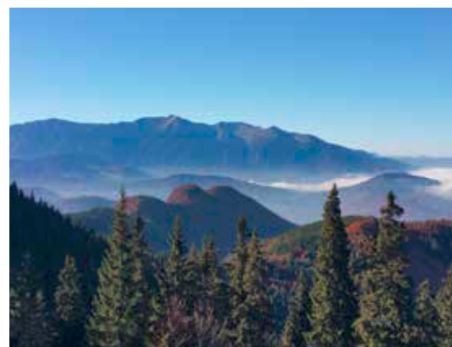
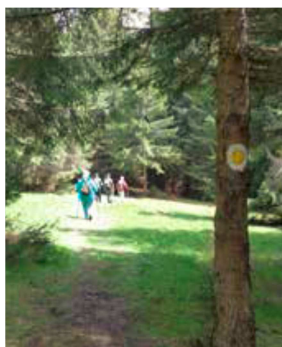
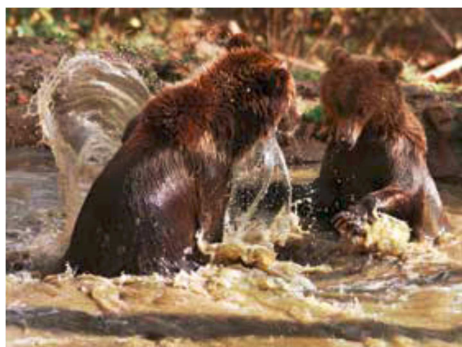
### EURORANDO 2016 - Europe

The ERA office is still collecting the data of the walks held in Europe in 2015 and 2016. 18 countries participated in the ERA event by more than 800 walks. We estimate that 70,000 walkers attended. ERA organisations are requested to send the missing data to the ERA office by the December 2016 to confirm the estimated numbers. The final result will be published in January 2017.



### SKV prepares Transylvania tours in 2017

The 48<sup>th</sup> ERA Conference will take place the 28/9-1/10 2017 in Romania, in the city of Braşov. The program, the inscription form and FAQs will be available from February 2017 on the ERA website. On this occasion Asociația Carpatină Ardeleană a Turiștilor - Siebenbürgischer Karpatenverein (SKV) would like to present a part of Europe which is less known. For this purpose SKV provides you with a variety of tour offers of different durations and difficulty degrees. The offers refer to the period June-October including the period of the ERA Conference. Leaders who prefer a customized offer for their group, are welcomed to contact SKV and express the own suggestions. The organisers need to know the size of the group, the duration, the period and the type of the tour (difficulty of walks, specified focus on walks and nature, mountain adventures or culture tours). The different tour offers are available on ERA website under [www.era-ewv-ferp.com/events/members-events/](http://www.era-ewv-ferp.com/events/members-events/)



### European Week of Sport - #beActive

We would like to thank all the member organisations who participated in the event 2016 and this way they supported the ERA partnership in this program.

The European Week of Sport 2017 will be held the 23-30 September 2017. As a partner ERA encourages its members to organise events during the week and in general to promote the week. It is a unique possibility to present ERA to the European Commission and to show that outdoor activities are just as important as traditional competitive sports. About the preparations for 2017 we will bring more information in the next ERA newsletter and on the ERA homepage.



### Surveys about trails and walking

The Deutscher Wanderverband in cooperation with ERA plans two surveys.

The first, which is to be launched in 2016, deals with the trail work, its financing and structuring in the individual member countries of the ERA. For 2017, it is planned to deal with target groups for walking / walking rules. The results will be available for the ERA members.



Deutscher Wanderverband

The Tenerife Walking Festival will take place from May 23th to 27th 2017. This is a Festival open to nature lovers from all over the world. The Festival combines daily hikes along some of the natural places of the Island with a program of cultural, social and gastronomic activities. A great event to be enjoyed with your usual hiking group, with your family or even on your own.



Tenerife is a well-known tourist destination in Europe, receiving millions of visitors every year who come to experience its countless attractions. Tenerife's varied landscape and spring temperature (with an average temperature of 23 degrees centigrade) make it an ideal destination to go hiking, with over 1,500 kilometres of trails. Apart from hiking, the festival will let share experiences at the participants' meeting point.

The festival features 20 different hikes or rambles to go on alternate days. Thus, you will be able to join the hikes you find more interesting and attractive. A professional guiding service will be provided. The hikes fall into three categories: coastal, volcanic and forest hikes.



Tenerife Walking Festival is organised by Cabildo Insular de Tenerife (the Council of Tenerife) through Turismo de Tenerife (Council of Tourism of Tenerife).

The registration and more information at:

[www.tenerifewalkingfestival.com](http://www.tenerifewalkingfestival.com)

### **Catalonia Trek Festival - 3<sup>rd</sup> International walk on the E12**

Federació d'Entitats Excursionistes de Catalunya (FEEC) invites all to come to the Costa Brava and the Alt Empordà region: a magical place, where the Pyrenees merge with the Mediterranean and where Surrealism and one of its prime exponents, artist Salvador Dalí, have left a deep imprint. The week will be packed with events to discover the finest landscapes of the Costa Brava and some of the country's most interesting cultural sights. Everything is based around the E12 which in Catalonia follows the route of the GR®92. The registration is opened. More at: [www.cataloniatrekfestival.cat](http://www.cataloniatrekfestival.cat) and [www.facebook.com/CTF2017](https://www.facebook.com/CTF2017).



### **Koch alpin – new ERA partner**

We have a pleasure to inform we have started a partnership with the Austrian company Koch alpin GmbH distributing the mountaineering brand SNOWLINE „spike shoes chains“ [www.kochalpin.at](http://www.kochalpin.at).

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Tenerife Walking Festival

Gran Canaria Walking Festival

## snowline spikes “trail” – pimp up your hiking boot!



Slipping is by far the most common cause for accidents when hiking.

Even quality footwear cannot always provide enough traction on icy paths, packed snow or slippery terrain like wet grass, soil or frozen ground. Especially when hiking long distances with heavy backpacks, falls caused by slipping might result in serious injuries.



**snowline spikes** add grip to any footwear, be it an alpine or a trekking boot, and provide a maximum of safety.

They are easily put on and taken off in seconds and are extremely lightweight, only 170 g / pr. Thanks to the compact pack size snowline spikes should be found in every hiker's backpack.

Available in 3 sizes: M (36-40), L (40-44), XL (44-48), depending on footwear

Video winter hiking: <https://youtu.be/YlaEqnCP-1M>

Product information: <http://www.kochalpin.at/marken/snowline/>

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