



FFF Newsletter for events in Europe

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by William van der Vorst and Uwe Kaptein

Hi to all instructors and members in Europe,

following you will find the newsletter with a review of events this year, infos for upcoming events and some other stuff. If you have some information you want to share in the next newsletter, we would be pleased to do so. And please remember: your comments and suggestions for the next newsletters are always welcome.

All the best,

William van der Vorst, MCI,CBOG
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FFF Euro Conclave

I hope everybody had a good time at the first FFF Euro Conclave in Kolding, Denmark. Meeting old friends and making new friends, that's what I like about going to fairs and meetings!

We even had instructors over from non European countries as Singapore, Canada and the USA. We could test for THCI, CI and MCI. The feedback on the workshops was very good, and again "thank you workshop presenters". When I asked some instructors if they did not like to present a workshop they said "I would like it but", too bad, because it is a good experience to present a workshop far from home and maybe to fly fisherman and fly fishing women with different styles and skills. I hope you will consider presenting a workshop on the next Conclave!

The workshops sign up page was out too late, but this was the first conclave here in Europe and everybody learned, that was the main thing!

The plan for the next Euro Conclave is to start a "Conclave Committee" now to review the last conclave and planning the next one.

If you like to share your thoughts, pointers etc, please do so. PM me at info@dutchrods.com

What I really missed, joining up in the evening to have a drink or two and discuss fly fishing, casting and teaching skills which is always fun and normally ends with urban night casting.

So that is what we definitely have to change, we need a good but still affordable hotel with a bar, lawn with moving targets, spotlights, whisky bar and local beers.

We should not forget a good footpath where Lasse can walk his daughter in the buggy and wave his stick at the same time.

Don't worry Lasse, we will work something out!

The FFF Euro Conclave 2012 will be at the EWF Fair near Munich, Germany. The EWF is one of the best organised fly fishing fairs in Europe, the organisers are FFF minded and Munich with its big airport is excellent to travel to, lots of cheap flights from all over Europe flying in. From Munich



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you jump in the train and within 50 minutes you will be in Fürstfeldbruck.

All in all, I thank you, I had a very good time in Kolding and I hope to see you all again next year!

Cheers,

William van der Vorst.

European testing

The following test is the next one available in Europe (sign up through the FFF site):

Test # 1120,
02.-04.09.2011. Pitea, Sweden. THCI, CI and MCI testing available.
Contact: Denise Maxwell at goldnwst@telus.net

European Continuing Education/Certification Workshops

Monday 13.06.2011 (whit Monday) we organise a workshop for all CI, THCI and MCI Instructors. This workshop will be held in Maastricht, The Netherlands.

We will cover changes in the exams (if available), and some short workshops on how to prepare for the Master test. There is a small fee of €10,- for this workshop, that will be used for contribution on the traveling expenses of the MCI workshop demonstrators.

Wim Wolter, physiotherapist and one of our Dutch CIs, will talk about fly casting and how to prevent getting injuries. Uwe Kaptein, Juergen Friesenhahn, Robert Andries and William van der Vorst will be the workshop demonstrators of that day.

If you would like to present a demonstration of some kind please let us know so we can discuss the possibilities and fit you into the program of the day.

If you like us to explane and demonstrate specific tasks, please let us know in advance, the sooner we know, the better we can help you with your questions.

If you like to join this day, please sign up for it!

Sign up by letting me know: William van der Vorst +31 6 51524857 or info@dutchrods.com



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Review EWF 2011 Fürstenfeldbruck, Germany

The EWF took place in Fürstenfeldbruck, Germany, 9.-10.04.2011, and the examination was on Friday, 08.04.2011.

We had one MCI and 5 CI candidates, and now we congratulate Bernd Wiesbauer from Austria (MCI), Jens Kilian from Germany (CI) and Thomas Lüscher from Switzerland (CI) for passing their exams!

Thanks again to the whole examiner team for making the exams possible.

We had our booth outside by the casting pools, so that we could stay in touch with the people looking for some help with flycasting or having questions about the exams and what else we are doing.

In the last newsletter we asked all instructors who will visit the show to join us and help us running the booth, but unfortunately only a few have been willing to do so. Despite this, everything went well, and here again our special thanks to all of you who helped us!

Even with running the booth we were able to walk around and enjoy one of the finest and well organized fly fishing shows in Europe, with the casting and fly tying demos, and all the stuff a fly fisher needs, offered by a large number of dealers. Please have a look at www.erlebniswelt-fliegenfischen.de for facts, pictures and a film of the event.

All the best,

Uwe Kaptein

If you know another instructor or member who did not receive this newsletter, please send it to them and forward his/her e-mail address to us.

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