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Gusztáv Streitz: a naturist pioneer

Dr Nándor Demény, a founder member of Napóra Klub in Budapest and one of the cofounders of the Lorév naturist campsite recalls:

"In 1966/67 the then INF correspondent for Hungary Gusztáv Streitz together with some friends rented an area of about 6 ha from a co-operative firm at Lorév on the Danube where he built a primitive camping for naturists.

Its attendance did not exceed 100 with regular visitors around 40.

Despite the camping was illegal or rather the naturist movement not officially registered in Hungary at the time, it was included in the INF Guide and attracted a lot of foreigners. There was a little beach and plenty of mosquitoes.

In 1967 I asked the Ministry of Interior

Affairs to speak about naturism at the time of the 47th FICC meeting being held at Balatonfüred. The Ministry of Interior suggested a place to the council of Veszprém at Vonyarcvashegy near Szt. Mihály Kápolna and the local council asked a policeman to help the participants and submit his report at the end of the meeting which lasted one week with 300 or so naturists in attendance.

The policeman was very pleased with the entire organization and the only remark he made was that he disapproved of children's nudity in front of grown-ups. Needless to say that photography was not allowed.

Ten years later another attempt at organising an official camping in the area failed. Gusztáv Streitz used to observe the World Naturist Day by holding private meetings at home.

In November, 1972, he died at the age of 61 and the Lorév camp came to an end. An attempt to make another agreement with the co-operative failed.

Streitz wasn't appointed officially representative of Hungarian Naturism but was an ardent exponent of the movement. He paid visits to the German Democratic Republic, Czechoslovakia and other socialist countries. He had links with several naturist leaders worldwide, particularly with the Czech Cestmír Klazar. He left a number of photographs showing the Lorév camp and the parts of Balaton where he had practised naturism.

His wife and collaborator, Borika, died in 1988."

Dr Demény and his friends visited Délegyháza in 1971 and made a film of the then wild place.