

Keep an eye out for your friends



It seems, that this year's EF has taken quite a toll on the security team's sanity. photo: provided by security

The Eurofurence security Team currently consists of 52 members and 4 new volunteers, who work several hours per day. We talked with senior member Remco.

What's your impression of EF 21 so far?

Well, it went very smoothly so far; we just had some minor medical issues and some changes in the organization. One of the biggest changes is that the security office now operates 24 hours a day and offers a hotline. So far there was a very positive response to that. Of course there were some changes in

the access rules for the Fursuit Lounge. And there is always the issue of proper 'dresscode' at the convention. We had a lot of discussions about it, but until now, people have been acting very reliable and responsible on this topic.

Do you have any advice for the attendees?

Always keep an eye out for your friends, specially when it comes to the consumption of alcohol. The only reason that makes it possible to hold such a big convention with over 2000 people is that people take care for each other.

What are your impressions of the fursuit parade?

There is always room for improvement, but all in all it went very well. The security was able to do their job, guiding the suiters, offering water and medical attention and giving instructions. And we had a very good cooperation with the local police. There haven't been any major problems with non-attendees, some of which have been curious to interact with the suiters. The hotel staff is even more comfortable with us: Some of them brought their kids to work, so they can experience the friendly happiness of the con as well. (ker)

First Time at Eurofurence

Kivi is going home from EF with a very warm and fuzzy feeling about the con and the people here, and he vowed to come back next year when I spoke with him. One of the highlights for him: The performance of the Swiss pawpet team.



Aviador, who wanted to visit the "drawing for beginners" panel, missed going there, because he had so much fun meeting people and watching fursuiters. He also is enthused about the vibes of the con and will definitely be coming back.



Aeverus' main impression about the con is its sheer size. Due to him becoming a team member straight away, he also had the chance to look behind the scenes and experience the working side of the convention, something he also liked very much. (aki)



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Epic win for the charity! Rosi from the "Wildtierhilfe Fiel" couldn't help but shed a single honorary tear. photo: ang

Out with a Bang

For the first time ever, EF had a Closing Ceremony, a show brought to life by Pinky and Cheetah. With so many people working together to make this convention happen, the need for an official "thank you" was overwhelming, and the introduction of this new event to the timetable was the direct result.

The show started with a video, composed of snapshots that were made during the con, containing the names of all staff members and their roles. The fantastic Mr. Fox Amore had composed a piano soundtrack for the occasion, that, as usual, brought a tear to the eye.

Following that, Cheetah made sure to point out that all the fun actually comes from you, the attendees. He then announced the theme

and the date for next year's con: EF 22 will be themed "Back to the Eighties", and take place from August 17th to 21st 2016. At the Estrel Hotel in Berlin, of course!

Once the applause of the more than one thousand attendees in the great hall had subsided, several team directors came on stage to enlighten the audience with statistics, some serious, some more on the lighter side of the truth. For example, more than 65 GB of pictures were taken during the Fursuit photoshoot, and, according to Mystifur, the EF Green was kept cool by several dozen tons of ice (sic).

The Guests of Honour

were asked to join Cheetah on the stage, just to receive their well deserved accolades. Rhubarb described his experiences on EF with a very catchy phrase: "It's going to be so bad on Monday, when we're not going to be rockstars any more".

CHARITY

This year's preliminary charity total is **22,445 euros**, which will go to the "Wildtierhilfe Fiel e.V.", assisting them in rebuilding their animal shelters.

More statistics followed, among them, the Daily's print numbers (5000 copies over the whole con), and some humorous radio calls from the staff radio channel.

We, from the Daily EF team would like to take the chance to thank you all for your cheers here in the paper - that felt amazing!

Suspense was heavy in the air when Pinky came on

stage, to talk about the results of the charity for the "Wildtierhilfe Fiel".

A long-distance call

The first surprise was that Rosi Fußbahn couldn't be here; she was put through on the big screen via Skype. She and her husband had been watching the whole show up that point - together with the lovable furry companion, Hobbit the otter. Tears were barely held back, when finally, the preliminary sum of 22,445 euros was announced.

Rosi, when asked to comment, was simply speechless, barely managing to convey her heartfelt thanks. The final words then came from Cheetah again, who declared the convention officially closed - and expressed his heartfelt wish to see all of us again next year! (aki)

Put those cards on the table!

To this poker-newbie, watching the final round of this year's Charity Poker Tournament felt a little like being an ethnologist who has been invited by a tribe to observe one of their rituals.

As arcane language as well as gestures are exchanged, ritual objects handled with quick efficiency. With our journalist being new to the game, we cannot tell about all the finer details, but we will try our best. The tournament started out at 8 pm on Thursday with roughly 45 players at three tables. The winners of each table then would go to round two and the winners of that match up to round

three. The finals were held today from 10 am to 1 pm on a single table. Bets were placed, cards were flipped and sooner or later someone would get up after his fortune in chips had dwindled down to nothing, accompanied by a round of applause by his fellow player. Soon, only three players remained. Rollo, Pizza and McFly. The atmosphere was jovial, yet focused, the rounds quick. When Fortune's smile turned into a mocking grin, Rollo had to leave the game. He was handed a bronze medal and given a round of applause.

We arrived at the final match up. A series of checks and folds tore away at the players' nerves as



McFly (left) took first place and Pizza (right) went second. photo: chi

well as their stack of chips. Both players eying the two remaining medals till one could take no more and went the whole hog, demanding to see the cards on the table. And thus, the finals came to an end, with Pizza getting the silver medal and McFly getting gold. Things were

wrapped up pretty quickly afterward. Cards and chips were stacked away, the two finalists shook hands and moments later the room was empty, no trace left behind of the showdown that took place just a moment before. The event raked in about 800 euros in charity. (cur)

Spoiler Alert

The annual meeting of the motorfurs was well-visited this year, 60 cars providing more collective horsepower than the races at Ascot.

The roar of the high-powered engines would have put a lion to shame when the collection of exotic and unique cars was assembled in the parking lot next to the hotel. The owners were not afraid to blow their own horns while presenting their vehicles, which were admired by no small amount of gearheads, floofrags and pit babes.

Under the hot midday sun I'm not afraid to say that, in the end, not only the suiters were exhausted for sure! (aki)



While cars were in the majority, two motorbikes were presented as well ... alongside Cheetah's e-scooter. photo: web



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Furries got Swag

There are many traditions at Eurofurence and one of the most popular is the "Enter the Arena" fursuit dance competition.

There's nothing quite like a good competition to keep you on the edge of your seat. It's always fun to see the dance fur community match their moves against each other. This year we had a lot

of mash-up style dance-offs with bits and pieces of various songs mixed together into a "Frankendance". Some of the songs were quite disparate creating a huge contrast of musical styles during the performance of some candidates.

With this being the "In-Thing" this year, it paradoxically created a bit of a "been there, done that" feeling.



Who thought that furries cannot fly was taught better. photo: kam, web

However, there were a few truly unique performances, like the fiery wing-cape dance by Mydeggi right at the start. Another unique performance was done by Noodles who gave us a choreography as precise as a clockwork, akin to a robot dance. This catapulted him to the third place. Faolan treated us to a wonderful belly dance performance, while Math gave us a nice shot of comedy when he rick-rolled the whole audience. This secured him the second place. Although not a part of the competition, our favourite "wannabe-popufur" Buddy crashed the performance with a quick cameo.

"Stay as you are" In the end though, there can only be one winner. And that was High Definition, who showed us just how

TIMETABLE

21:00
Dead Dog Party
Club Stage: ECC Room 4



slinky and bendable such a lean rat body really can be. The audience had a blast and was treated to a special piece of eye candy during the judges' final count. Ezwolf's newest videographic love-letter to us all called "Stay as you are", a beautiful video that celebrates the Furry Fandom. (cur)

Bidders fight over paintings and CDs

The combined art and charity auction started with an unusual state of affairs: The seating took place exactly on time with a good attendance, but this time Uncle Kage was late.

In comparison with last year, there were almost twice as many pieces in the art auction, and the bidding process was mostly fast and efficient, even when some preferred to do five euro increments. Only two items went to the bidsheet, everything else received at least one or more bids in the voice auction. The highest price in the art auction part was achieved by one of the signature pieces of art this

year, "Greenhouse World" by Kenket, selling for 1200 euros. As Uncle Kage put it, there indeed was no need to say much more than "Kenket" and "original".

Another piece of original art impressive both in size and intensity was "Breakout" by Dividedwolf. The stylized and colorized rendition of a lion reminded Uncle Kage and probably also many of the viewers of 1960s psychedelia, and also sold very strongly at 575 euros.

"Furry Fantasies" In the charity portion, there were approximately as many items on sale as the previous year, with some creative

and novel items donated to be put up for bids. These included a one-hour massage session which went for 200 euros, and a furry emergency case securing 100 euros for charity. Its contents consisted of chocolate chip cookies to be consumed in case of any occasions of serious drama. The highest single bid in the charity side of the auction was on a set of two late nineties "Furry Fantasies" music collection CDs which were driven up to 550 euros by two spirited bidders.

Despite the increased amount of items in the art auction part and a few slight delays, the brisk pace and humorous auctioneering



"Breakout" by Dividedwolf marionmorgenroth.deviantart.com

antics of Uncle Kage once again amused the audience, brought bids in well and finally got the whole event to finish only a few minutes behind schedule. (hhp)