

Association of NATO/ACE Retired Civilian Personnel Association du Personnel Civil Retraité OTAN/ACE

BULLETIN No 2020.2

Dear Member,

The year 2020 has been marked by the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic that has had an impact on the life of all of us.

As a result of the government imposed restrictions, we had to postpone our Annual General Assembly – initially planned for May - to this month. Very regrettably however, the status of the corona disease is of such magnitude that we can also not organise our AGA in October without putting ourselves and our members at risk.

Also in view of the fact that – due to our age – we are considered a high risk- group, we have therefor decided to once again postpone our AGA. If all goes well, our next Annual General Assembly will thus be in May 2021. We look forward to seeing you all in good health at that assembly.

In the meantime we do continue – in close liaison with the Confederation – to look after your interests and to offer a listening ear for your concerns and suggestions.

Take care of yourself and your beloved ones, and see you in 2021.

Jean Vanderwal Chairperson

1. Membership news

Very sadly, we once again have to report the dead of one of our Executive Committee members: Joergen Moeller. He had been elected by you to serve on the EXCOM since 22 May 2019 but resigned earlier this summer in view of his health problem. We want to thank Joergen for the very valuable contributions he made during this by far too short time that he has been an EXCOM member.

The complete list of the deceased that have been reported to us since our latest Bulletin is as follows:

Mr Magne AAKRE (Norway)
Mrs Marie-Christine CAPIAUX – MANCHEZ (Belgium)
Mrs Marianne Aartje CORRELJE – van SPONSEN (Netherlands)
Mr Gültekin GEBIZLI (Turkey)
Mrs Agaath HORNUNG – BANGERT (Netherlands)
Mr Hans Louis Jansen (Netherlands)
Mr Joergen MOELLER (United Kingdom)

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Mrs Ingrid SLAATTA (Norway)
Mr Brian STURMAN (United Kingdom)
Mrs Susan WATSON – CRUWYS (United Kingdom)
Mrs Gusta WEKEMA (Netherlands)

We offer our sincere condolences to their loved-ones.

On the other hand, we have had the pleasure to welcome following new members, since our 2020.1 Bulletin:

Mr Osman ARSLANER (Belgium)	Mr Burhan Cahir ORAL (Turkey)
Mr Jacques BEHEYT (Belgium)	Mr Peter PESCHEL (Germany)
Ms Ayse Alev BILGIN (Turkey)	Mr Konstantinos RIGAS (Belgium)
Mr Hubertus BOURS (Netherlands)	Mr Ranger RUSSELL (Belgium)
Ms. Andrea CAPUTA (USA)	Mr Huub SIMONS (Netherlands)
Mrs Kenneth CAPUTA (USA)	Mr Humphrey SMIT (Netherlands)
Ms. Lidi CASPERS (Netherlands)	Mr John THEUNISSEN (Netherlands)
Mr Giuseppe CURRO (Italy)	Mrs Ömür TÜFEKÇI (Turkey)
Mr Fehmi DINCER (Belgium	Mr Ali Bülent ULUTÜRK (Turkey)
Mrs Julia FEATHER (Belgium)	Mrs Petronella VAESSEN – JEURISSEN (NL)
Mr Hans GASTENS (Netherlands)	Mr Hans VAN DONGEN (Netherlands)
Mr Erhan GEPDIREMEN (Turkey)	Mr Jos S.M. VAN HAARLEM (Netherlands)
Mr Nigel HOLMES (Netherlands)	Mr Gérard VANDEN EIJNDEN (Netherlands)
Mr Maximilian KELLNER (Germany)	Mr Joseph VAUTOUR (Canada)
Mr Norbert LINDNER (Germany)	Mr Bernd VEENENDAAL (Germany)
Mrs Helma MULLER – DE ROO (Netherlands)	Mr Antony WILSON (United Kingdom)

We very much welcome them and wish them a very long and healthy retirement period.

2. <u>Executive Committee Meeting</u>

Due to the corona-crisis, the EXCOM meeting that is normally held the day before the AGA (planned in May) had also to be postponed. On 21 August, the EXCOM physically met and the following can be reported from that meeting;

2.1. The Financial Statements and the Treasurer Report for 2019, and the Budget for 2020 have been approved. They are attached as Annexes A, B and C. Certainly of interest to all of you is to know that the dues for 2021 will stay at 20 euro.

2.2. The EXCOM noted that on 4 February the SHAPE Chief of Staff – on behalf of SACEUR – approved the revised Constitution of our Association. The EXCOM is now in the process of also reviewing our Bye Laws so that both documents can be submitted for general approval at our next AGA.

2.3. Based on the concerns expressed by a large part of the ANARCP National Representatives, the EXCOM has unanimously agreed to have the system of our Association working with NATReps reinstated. This will also be reflected in the revised Bye Laws, mentioned above.

3. Insurance Contract

A discussion is under way in the JCB regarding a planned modernization of the group health insurance contract, developed by the IS Executive Management Division. The long-term goal is cost control of our health insurance but with the same level of benefits. The CNRCSA representatives to the JCB and the JCB's Insurance Working Group are fully involved in those discussions. You will be informed of developments soon after the virtual JCB WG meeting

scheduled on 27/10/2020 which hopefully will provide facts and figures and further clarification on issues as requested by the CNRCSA on this subject.

4. <u>Elections</u>

Since our latest call for candidates for the EXCOM - launched for the May 2020 AGA - we are now confronted with three (coming) vacancies in our Executive Committee: Jean Delor (our treasurer), Falko Bülling (who is our specialist in NATO Healthcare matters and who represents the ANARCP in different fora on the NATO Health Insurances) and Joergen Moeller.

Therefore, we are looking for at least three candidates to stand for election to the ANARCP Executive Committee.

Each of you is of course welcome to apply, but in view of the specific tasks assumed within the EXCOM by the Treasurer I would like to draw the attention to the following: To fulfill this task we are looking for somebody who can ensure the correct management of the ANARCP accounts, in accordance with the SHAPE requirement, including all income and expenditure, and to present the accounts as and when required by, and to, the Executive Committee. To do so, you do not need a Master's Degree or a Ph.D. in Finance or Economics. A sound level of common sense and dedication will already take you far enough. Most of the work ban be done remotely on a PC at home, so living in or around SHAPE or Belgium is not a requirement.

Enclosed at Annex D is the form for the nomination of candidates for the Executive Committee. The form should be returned before 10 November 2020. Please, take this opportunity to nominate yourself, or any ANARCP member who would like to see serving on the Executive Committee of our Association. Those of you that had already sent in a nomination form for the previous round are requested to re-submit a new form.

The ballot will take place by mail or e-mail before the end of the year so that the EXCOM will be in place in time to prepare the new AGA. The details of the ballot will be given in the next ANARCP Bulletin.

5. Membership Dues 2020 and 2021: 20 euro.

It has been reported by the Treasurer that a number of you still have not paid their 2020 dues. 4.1. For members that have agreed to the Automatic Deduction by the NATO Pension Unit (NPU). Admittedly, there has been some confusion with the process of the Automatic Deduction of the dues via the NATO Pension Unit, but if the 20 euro dues for the year 2020 have not yet been deducted from your pension, rest assured: they will never be deducted. So thank you for making a manual payment (mentioning 'dues 2020') into our account APCROC – ANARCP, 7010 SHAPE, Belgium, with BNP PARIBAS FORTIS: BE57 2700 4624 7835, BIC GEBABEBB.

Hopefully, your dues for 2021 will be automatically deducted in due time – normally in December - by the NATO Pension Unit.

a. For members that have not (yet) agreed to the Automatic Deduction by the NATO Pension Unit.

I would in a first instance strongly suggest that you do fill in and return the attached 'Authorization to deduct annual dues' form. It will make the life of our Treasurer a lot easier. Please do note however, that the first deduction will only be made in December 2021 and thus starting with the 2022 dues.

In the meantime you are invited to make a manual bank transfer to our above mentioned account for the 2021 dues (and also for the 2020 dues if you were to be among those members that have not yet paid their 2020 dues). Again, please do specify the year you pay the dues for: 2020 and/or 2021.

6. <u>Internet and E-mail</u>

Allow me to again request all members who still receive this Bulletin in hard copy, but who have an e-mail address to communicate that to us. It will make the life of our Secretary a lot easier and it allows us to spend our financial means to better courses.

Remember that our only official e-mail addresses is <u>anarcp@cnrcsa.nato.int</u>.

Also the url for our website remains unchanged: <u>www.anarcp.org</u> There is a restricted part for members only. To login use the following Username : **anarcp** Password : **Iamretired** (first character upper case)

We are waiting to hearing from you.

Best regards. For the Executive Committee

Jean Vanderwal Chairperson

SHAPE, 13 October 2020

Annexes:

- A. Financial Statements 2019
- B. Treasurer Report 2019
- C. Budget 2020
- D. ANARCP Elections 2020 Nominations
- E. Authorization to deduct annual dues