

BULLETIN No 2 Summer 2019

Dear Member,

As your new Chairman, it is my pleasure to herewith present you the latest edition of our Bulletin. I hope it finds you all in perfect health, and I hope you will find the content interesting. Happy reading.

1. New ANARCP Executive Committee

At its May 22nd. Annual General Assembly, the ANARCP elected the following Executive Committee:

- Chairman: Mr Jean VANDERWAL,
- Honorary Chairman: Mr Peter LUDFORD,
- Vice Chairman: Mr Hessel RUTTEN,
- Secretary: Mr Rik LOECKX,
- Honorary Secretary: Mr Laurie DAYKIN,
- Treasurer: Mr Jean DELOR,
- Member: Mr Falko BÜLING, and
- Member: Mr Joergen MOELLER.

Jean VANDERWAL, Hessel RUTTEN, Rik LOECKX and Falko BÜLLING will represent the ANARCP in the Confederation of NATO Retired Civilian Staff Associations (CNRCSA).

Full contact details on the Executive Committee members, and an updated list of the National Representatives (NATReps), is at Annex A.

2. Annual General Assembly, held on the 22nd of May 2019

The full minutes of this AGA are at annex B, with special thanks for this to our former Secretary Laurie DAYKIN.

I take this opportunity to already ask all of you to 'save the date' for the next Annual General Assembly which is planned at SHAPE, on Wednesday 20 May, 2020 with the traditional diner on the night before.

3. Membership news

Since our previous report in the Spring Bulletin, we have had the pleasure to welcome following new members in our Association:

Mrs Sheena PEDERSEN Mr Mark BEAUCHAMP Mrs May DIBARTOLOMEO

Mr Ali ARDAHANLI

Mr Roberto PORTA

Mr Jan NATHAN

Mrs Nurcan SUVAR ARI

Mr Dimitrios KAIRIS

Mr Michael BAUER

Mrs Filiz EJDER

Mrs Ayse Ezma KUNTER

Mr André HORCHNER

Mr Kaplan SIPAHI

Mr Michael LISTON

Mr Giuseppe CIAFARDINI

Mr Jos MARTENS

Mr Wiel SLUIJSMANS

Mr Tommy DE REMER

Mr Kim JENSEN

Mr Eddy VANOPPEN

Mr Lucien LONGREE

Mr Hubertus KEULERS

We wish them all a long and very happy and healthy retirement period.

Very regretfully, we have also been informed of a number of deaths among our members, but as we have - as of yet - not been able to reconcile these with the official lists at the NATO Pension Office, we prefer to wait to publish them until our net Bulletin, later this year.

4. AAPOCAD Petition against CCR proposal on Pension Benefits

Earlier this year, the AAPOCAD (Association of Pensioned Staff of the Co-Ordinated Organisations and their Dependants) launched a petition against an attack on our Pension Scheme. The petition reads as follows [extract only]:

"... The Co-ordinating Committee on Remuneration (CCR) is currently looking at ways of reducing benefits under our Scheme. One of the measures envisaged affects us all, namely the way our pensions are adjusted year by year. The CCR is proposing that the adjustment of our pension benefits should no longer be aligned with the salary adjustments of serving staff. The link between serving staff and retires staff is the cornerstone of our Scheme, and to break that link would be a severe attack on our vested rights. ... The more signatories there are, the better our voice will be heard by the CCR and by the Secretaries/Directors General of our Organisations. ... "

We have seen and heard that the AAPOCAD petition has been signed by a substantial number of our ANARCP members and we very sincerely wish to thank them for this support. At this moment we do not have, however, a formal feedback of the outcome of the petition and of the final position of the CCR. We will certainly come back on this issue in our next Bulletin.

5. Allianz Worldwide Care Log in procedures

AWC seems to have changed the login website to obtain access to its services. You will normally automatically be redirected to the new sit. For those who would encounter problems with this new registration process, attached (as Annex C) are some detailed instructions (provided by our friends from the CNCSC).

6. Internet and E-mail

Although substantial progress has been made in the recent past, there are - unfortunately - still a large number of members of whom we do not seem to have an active e-mail address. Therefore we can only contact by postal mail which is time and money consuming. So especially those of you who still receive the paper version of this Bulletin, thank you very much for informing us of your e-mail address if you would in the meantime have opened one.

To all: please note that we have changed our official e-mail address into : anarcp.apcroc@gmail.com.

On the other hand, our website is still (a)live and the link remained unchanged:

www.anarcp.org

There is a restricted part for members. To login use the following

Username: anarcp and

Password : **Iamretired** (first character upper case)

We are waiting to hearing from you.

Best regards.

For the Executive Committee

Jean Vanderwal

Chairman

SHAPE, 19 August 2019

Annexes:

- A. Executive Committee & NATReps
- B. Minutes of the AGA, held on May 22nd 2019
- C. AWC Log in Procedures