



FAI European Gliding Championships

15m, 18m and Open Class

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Dear gliding friends,

On behalf of local organisers from Aeroklub Nitra and Slovak National Aeroklub of Gen. M.R.Stefanik I would like to invite all FAI nations to the FAI European Gliding Championships 2009 scheduled for June/July 2009 at Nitra Airport / Slovakia.

The Nitra venue has been recently established as a great place for gliding events. All necessarily facilities including suitable airfield with international camping area, huge briefing areas and good repair facilities, catering and lodging close to the airport and good route access should ensure that all involved will experience pleasant stay and funny atmosphere in Nitra.

The greatest fortunes of the countries are their people. Slovaks are commonly known for their friendly and hospitable behaviour. The Slovakia climate and natural fortune has promoted the country for tourism and adventure sports. This common interest to the sport, particularly to flying, is reflected by organising activities of the NAC or local Aeroklub Nitra in the past. Here we have to mention the FAI EGC 1994 (Club Class) held at Slavica airfield, the FAI Women EGC 1997 held at Prievidza, most recently FAI WGC 2003 (World Class and Juniors Classes) and FAI EGC 2005 (Club, Standard and 18m Classes) both events organised at the same place as this one. Moreover starting from 2003 Nitra became gradually famous in gliding by organisation of now well established international spring gliding competition called Pribina Cup, but that is probably already well known to the most of you.

Furthermore the event is supported by local and state authorities, which will help us to achieve our goal to held great and safe event for all.

We hope that you have already found several reasons that encouraged you enough to fly in Nitra during 2009 FAI event.

IMPORTANT:

Please take into account especially the **deadline** for final entries - **March 31st, 2009**.



On behalf of Nitra 2009 Team

Vladimir Foltin
Competition Director



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CONTEST INFORMATION

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Location

Airport Nitra (ICAO code LZNI)
48°16'47"N; 018°08'02"E, WGS84
Elevation MSL 135m/433ft MSL

Time Schedule

Final entries due	March 31st 2009
Deadline for approval of new GNSS FR	March 31st 2009
Reserve pilots may be accepted	May 1st 2009
Unofficial training	June 22nd – June 26th 2009
Registration (from 9 AM to 6 PM daily)	June 27th – June 28th 2009
Official training	June 27th – June 28th 2009
First official Team Captains briefing	July 27th 2009, 8 PM
Configuration change closes	June 28th 2009, 6 PM
Opening Ceremony	July 28th 2009, 7 PM
Contest flying	June 29th – July 10th 2009
Farewell party	July 10th 2009, 8 PM
Reserve day for flying	July 11th 2009
Closing and Prize Giving Ceremony	July 11th 2009, 11 AM

Competition Officials

Championships Director	Vladimir Foltin
Deputy Championships Director	Dominik Jancik
Task Setters	Dominik Jancik, Vladimir Foltin
Scorers	Frantisek Cagala, Igor Zverko, Emil Rohac
Meteorologist	Alexander Cerba
Administration	Jana Nagyova, Monika Nagyova
Infrastructure	Milos Tapusik, Martin Snirc, Rastislav Haringa
IT	Peter Foltin
Web pages	Lubomir Balko, Jan Lauko
News & Rumours	Angela Sheard, Viera Cagalova

International Jury

President	Fred Gai (GER)
Members	Rami Huoviala (FIN), Tadeas Wala (SVK)

Stewards

Chief Steward	Visa-Matti Leinikki (FIN)
Steward	Jaroslav Vach (CZE)



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ENTRIES

OnLine Registration

Starting from the February 6th, 2009 the online registration is available at www.nitra2009.sk. Please follow carefully all on-line instructions and be sure you will be registered by March 31st, 2009 as the latest. Please note, that according to FAI rules, entries can be accepted only from the NAC on the official entry forms. Therefore the official entry forms for the final entries must be printed, signed and returned (email in pdf, fax or post) to us by March 31st, 2009 as the latest. Each pilot will be accepted only when the entry form and entry fee (see below) has been correctly received by the Aeroklub Nitra. This status will be clearly indicated by filling the acceptance date next to the pilot name in online entry list.

Competing Pilots

Pilots competing at FAI European Gliding Championships 2009 must be a citizen or resident of the country of one the FAI member NACs, must satisfy the conditions of the FAI Sporting Code, General Section 3.7 on citizenship and representation, and must:

- Hold a gold badge, or, hold a silver badge and have competed in at least one National Championship;
- Have flown at least 250 hours as a pilot in command, of which at least 100 hours must be in sailplanes;
- Hold an FAI Sporting Licence with a current FAI stamp;
- Hold a Pilot Licence or equivalent document issued or endorsed by the authorities of the country in which the sailplane is registered, or of the country where the Championships take place;
- Know, understand, and abide by the FAI Sporting Codes and the Rules and Procedures issued for the event.

Number of allowable entries per NAC

1. Each NAC may enter up to 2 pilots and 1 substitute/reserve pilot to each class. Reserve pilot will normally only replace a nominated pilot in the event of a withdrawal.
2. The present European Champions are automatically qualified and will be admitted in addition to the above quota. (They must, however, be entered by the NAC).
3. Reserve pilots will be admitted after May 1st, 2009 only in a class where vacancies exist and provided that entry fees for the officially entered pilots have been received correctly.

Total number of allowable entries

The total number of allowable entries shall not exceed 150 in total and the maximum number of gliders in any class is 50.

Procedures for Managing More Than the Allowable Entries in Each Class

If the number of entries exceeds the total number of allowable entries, starting rights for each class separately will be allocated according to the following procedure:

1. Entries for which entry fees have not been paid in full by March 31st, 2009 are rejected. If the remaining number of entries exceeds the maximum number of allowable entries for that class, then:
2. Starting rights for the 2nd pilot of nations which are not listed in the Country Ranking of the IGC Ranking List valid on March 31st, 2009 are rejected. If the remaining number of entries exceeds the maximum number of allowable entries for that class, then:
3. Starting rights for the 2nd pilot of nations which are listed in the Country Ranking of the IGC Ranking List valid on March 31st, 2009 are rejected in ascending order, i.e., upwards starting from the last ranking position until the maximum number of allowable entries per class is reached.

Entry Fee

The entry fee is 799 € per participating glider and covers all operational costs during the Championships except aero tows, landing fees for self launching motor gliders and National Team office.

The entry fee must be paid in full by bank transfer to:

Bank: **SLOVENSKA SPORITELNA, a. s.
NITRA, SLOVAK REPUBLIC**

Name of account:
**Slovensky narodny aeroklub, AEROKLUB NITRA
DLHA 108, 949 07 NITRA, SLOVAK REPUBLIC**

IBAN: **SK70 0900 0000 0002 3205 8148**

Bank Code: **0900**

Swift Code: **GIBASKBX**

by March 31st, 2009 at the latest.



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COMPETITION PROCEDURES

Competition Classes

FAI European Gliding Championships 2009 will be held in the following classes as described in the main body of Section 3 of the Sporting Code, Chapter 7:

- 15m Class
- 18m Class
- Open Class

Competition area and Airspace

The competition area and the prohibited areas are still under negotiation and we will inform you in the next bulletin or on our web page when more information will be available. Our aim is to obtain the same area as during 2006, 2007 or 2008 events with access to Hungarian, Czech and Polish airspace. The maximum altitude will be generally 8000FT with extension to FL90 in the mountains. There will be lower altitude limit in a few areas under some TMAs. For all airspace we will provide the altitude in feet and meters with reference to the QNH of the day. This information will be provided in the task sheet together with the other task data.

Local procedures

As soon as the Local Procedures are finalized we will make them available on the official website.

Turn points

Official turn point list in all main formats will be made available on our website just after the Local Procedures will be published.

Scoring Software

The official scoring software is Naviter See You Competition (www.naviter.si, www.soaringspot.com).





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GENERAL INFORMATION

Insurance

Competitors and all crew members attention is drawn to the FAI Sporting Code Annex A to Section 3, part 3.6, paragraphs 3.6.1 to 3.6.2 inclusive.

3.6.1 Third party insurance cover

Third Party Liability insurance – not excluding competitions – is required for each participating sailplane. The required coverage must comply with EU Regulation 785/2004 which states the following limits:

- Certified MTOM < 500 kg Minimum Limit SDR * 750 000
- Certified MTOM < 1000 kg Minimum Limit SDR * 1 500 000
- * Note: SDR means "Special Drawing Right" as defined by the International Monetary Fund. To view the current conversion rates from SDR's to other currencies see: www.imf.org/.

Documentary proof of insurance shall be made available to the organizer in Slovak, Czech or English languages.

3.6.2 Personal Medical Insurance

Personal medical insurance is required for all team members, covering accidents and sickness, including any hospital costs and transport back to the team member's country of residence. Pilots shall ensure that their coverage extends to accidents and injuries sustained in gliding competitions.

Aero-tows

Aero-tow fee is 39 € for all gliders. Landing fee for self launching motor gliders is 7 €.

The organiser will require paying for 10 aero-tows/landings in advance to staff at the contest site. This payment, together with all camping and accommodation fees (if applicable), have to be done by Saturday 27th of July 2009, 6 PM and before the start of first training flight at the latest. Aero-tow/landing fees if unused will be refunded in full.

Contest Numbers

The rules concerning the visibility of contest numbers will be strictly observed. If two contest numbers are identical or easily confused (e.g. "India, India" and "one, one") the competitors which registration acceptance occurs later will be required to change his Contest Number.

Accommodation

Camping fee is 199 EUR per pilot and covers all training and contest period from June 22nd to July 11th 2009. The organiser is also able to offer some simple accommodation at the airport. The rooms and bungalows have not any water installations and toilets. The toilets and showers are available at the site in the main building and in the camping area. Other

accommodation possibilities at the airport are:

- 4 Bungalows (up to 4 beds) 30 EUR per day
- 4 Bungalows (up to 5 beds) 35 EUR per day

Accommodation at Pension LUX and at Pension U KRBA

After experiencing some problems with booking payment at these places during last years we have agreed with owners to book out all beds for glider pilots only, provided we will execute all direct bookings and payments with pilots at the airport. We believe it will be more convenient for you to communicate and to make arrangement with your accommodation at these two pensions directly with the organiser. If you are interested in rooms in Pensions LUX or Pension U KRBA please write an email to info@pribinacup.sk and send a fax to +421376561251.

Other Accommodation

List of other hotels and pensions is available using the following web sites:

- www.nitra.sk
- www.pribinacup.sk
- www.travelguide.sk

Meals at the airport

We are going to offer breakfast (Swedish type), lunch soup and warm dinner for 12 EUR/day.

The breakfast and lunch soup will be sold and served without any need to order in advance on first come first serve basis. For dinner there will be possibility to order before 09 AM of the current day.

Separate meal rates available are:

- Breakfast 4 EUR/day (served from 07:30 to 09:00)
- Lunch soup 2 EUR/day (served from 10:30 to 12:00)
- Warm dinner 6 EUR/day (available from 17:30 to 19:00 or later depending on outlandings)

Training

The organiser offers a possibility to have training along with contest flights in period from April 10th to April 19th 2009. During this period the PRIBINA CUP 2009 competition will be held at the site. All necessarily information can be already accessed via www.pribinacup.sk. The airport will be open for other training at any time before the contest, provided that there is an agreement with the organiser.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Gliders for Rent

There are limited possibilities to rent gliders in Slovakia. Our clubs use more club class gliders than the other class gliders. If you have an interest to rent a glider, please send email to: info@pribinacup.sk or fax to +421376561251.

Mobile Phones

Organiser requires every pilot and team captain to have one mobile phone in operation during the event for safety and Search and Rescue reasons. The phone number will be required during the registration. There is very good coverage with cellular networks in our country. You can choose from three domestic GSM operators. There will be possibility to buy prepaid cards for the GSM 900/1800 MHz system at the competition. Internet web pages of the Slovak mobile phone operators are:

- Orange - www.orange.sk
- T-Mobile - www.t-mobile.sk
- O2 – www.sk.o2.com

Rooms for National Teams

The Organiser offers to arrange a room for team with internet connection in the main hangar. If your team is interested to use it during the event, please indicate this by an email to our address info@pribinacup.sk. Basic furniture (tables and chairs) and power supply 220V is included. The price for such room is 499 EUR for all the period. 50% of the total rental fee must be covered to the same account as entry fee by March 31st 2009.

Internet at the Site

The organiser is going to arrange WiFi internet access at site during the contest. We are going to have few internet connected workstations available for you.

Official Home Page

Bulletins and all additional information concerning FAI European Gliding Championships 2009 will be available on www.nitra2009.sk which is the official address for this competition. If you wish to receive any of the published information in paper form, just let us know and we will send you requested in hard copy.

