

**SLOVENIAN HOT AIR BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIP AND
4TH PÉCS FESTIVAL CUP 2008**

INVITATION

1.1 EVENT ORGANIZERS

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1.1.1 NAC: Hungarian Aeronautical Association (HAA)

1.1.2 Balloon Committee of the Hungarian Aeronautical Association

1.1.4 Organizing Committee:

NOTHEISZ Antal	– President of the Organizing Committee,
PÁLHEGYI Zoltán	– member of Aeroclub of Baranya County.

1.2 OBJECTIVES

the objectives of the event are:

- to determine the champion and the winner pilots;
- to stimulate the development of aerostation by an international comparison of performance of pilots and aerostats;
- to reinforce friendship amongst aeronauts of all nations.

1.3 EVENT DETAILS

1.3.1 Name of the event: Slovenian Hot Air Balloon Championship and 4th Pécs Festival Cup 2008

1.3.1.1 The Events will run from 06th - 10th September 2008.

The last flying day will be 09th September evening, unless the minimum tasks under rule III. 1.2.2 have not been achieved in which case the last flying day will be 10th September morning.

1.3.1.2 Event will be held at Pécs and in the surroundings of the town.

1.3.2 The observers will NOT participate on Event and organisers will use the AXMER GPS version 2008.

1.3.3 Personals

Event Director	-	PÁLHEGYI Zoltán
Deputy Director	-	MÉSZÁROS Béla
Safety Officer	-	CSERALJAI István

1.3.4 Suitability of location for the event

Pécs is located at the South side of the Mecsek mountain in the Carpathian Basin; at latitude 46° North and longitude 18° 25' East. Pécs is a county center with lot of villages around. The terrain is hilly and mountainous with good road network and many places for landings.

The contest area is approximately 40x40 km. The North-center of the contest area is Pécs City. The main launch field will be centre of the contest area where is the Sport Airfield of Pécs-Pogány (LHPP) with hard runway. The Competition Center will be on the Sport Airfield too.

There are a lot of different kind of hotels in Pécs but the Organizers offer free accommodation for pilots, crews, officials and observers. Social event facilities will be in the Competition Center and many other possibilities in the town.

Accessibility by road: Budapest to Pécs on road No. 6

by train: Budapest Railway station to Pécs by InterCity

by plain: Budapest Ferihegy 2 Airport and LHPP or by road or by train

1.3.5 Statistics for period/location of event covering (between 15th September and 15th October, 1960-1990):

- Average wind speeds:	1,5 – 2,5 m/s
- Temperatures:	min: 8,5 °C, mid: 14,5 °C, max: 19,5 °C
- Sunshine hours:	180 h
- Humidity:	65 %
- Rainfall:	42 mm, 6,8 % of the year
- Sunrise /sunset:	0640 / 1830

The Pécs-Pogány Airport has meteorological station. They are cooperating with the organisers. Special forecast available for balloonist: www.balloon.hu/meteo.htm

1.3.6 Airspace restrictions

Pécs - Pogány airport (LHPP) with hard surface runway. The highest altitude in Hungary is 4000 feet AMSL.

1.3.7 Landowner restrictions, if any

The information is not available at the invitation time but the organisers will publish the latest news here: <http://pecs.balloon.hu>.

1.3.8 Insurance requirements

Each balloon shall be insured against all claims by third parties to the minimum stipulated in the EU Directive (785/2004/EU). Competitors flying crew or passengers must have passenger liability coverage of 250.000 SDR per passenger. The competitor shall produce documentary evidence of this insurance valid for the period of the Event covering any balloon which he may fly.

For information: Conversions of SDR to other currencies can be checked at IMF site:

http://www.imf.org/external/np/fin/rates/rms_five.cfm

- 1.3.9 Proposed entry fee and what it includes
The entry fee is 250 EUR including VAT and 60 EUR deposit fee for foreign competitors. The entry fee includes: accommodation for three persons (all other crews:100 EUR/person) for and light breakfast and dinner during the event from evening of 06th September to morning of 10th September, LPG from after the first competition flight and two sets of competition map and some gifts will be provided by the Organizers. All competitors and their crew are invited the Opening Ceremony on 06th September, Good-Bye party and Awards Ceremony on 09th September. The organiser pay back the deposit fee the end of the Event if the competitors will give back all things requested thing for the Organisers. The Organisers shall not return the entry fees at any case.
- 1.3.10 Statement of eligibility of NACs
The Event is open to all NACs which have met their obligations to the FAI. Only Slovenian pilots will score in Slovenian National Championship and all pilots will score in 4th Pécs Festival Cup.
- 1.3.11 Number of pilots invited:
Maximum 50 competitor invited. 15-25 foreign competitors and 20-30 Hungarian competitors will be invited.
Closing Date to receive the entry form and remittance of entry fee: 10th August 2008.
- 1.3.12 Headquarters facilities available
The Competition Center will be on the MÁV Educational Center where all infrastructure are available.
- 1.3.13 Provisions offered for Officials
Executive competition officials are invited from several countries. Officials will be offered accommodation during the event and meals and some gifts. They will be invited to all social events.
- 1.3.145 Arrangements offered for Pilots and Crews.
The pilot + 2 crews will receive free accommodation, light breakfast, dinner, maps, some gifts and tickets to all social events, propane from after the first competition flight. They must bring propane to first flight by own or they can buy it from the organizers. The organizers are not paying travel allowance for the teams.
- 1.3.15 Details of planned Social events.
06st September Opening Ceremony,
09th September Good-Bye Party and Awards Ceremony.
- 1.3.16 Requested tools
All competitors shall use min. 720 channels workable airband radio and they have to monitoring LHPP's frequency during all flights. This item may check by the organisers at the check-in procedure.
- 1.3.17 Suggested tools
All competitors should to use GPS which provides track information usable for scoring (position, altitude and time). In case of unusable track logs, the officials may ask the competitor to provide any GPS equipment he may have to substitute the missing track information .