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INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION

9th WORLD DRAGON BOAT RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS'
River Vltava, Prague – Račice Regatta Center, Czech Republic
26th to 30th of August 2009

OFFICIAL INVITATION

To: All International Dragon Boat Federation Member Associations and ICF Guests

On behalf of the IDBF Council, we cordially invite you to participate in the 9th IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships to be held on the River Vltava, Prague and at the Račice, Regatta Centre, in the Czech Republic, from the 26th to 30th of August 2009. You are also invited to send delegates to the 12th IDBF Congress, on Friday 28th August 2009. The Championships and its associated events will be known as "Prague 2009".

The World Championships and IDBF Congress, will be organised by the Czech Dragon Boat Association (CZDBA) and the Prague 2009 Organising Committee, in conjunction with the IDBF. **All IDBF Associations' and ICF Members in Countries or Territories where there is not an IDBF Member, are welcome to attend the World Championship. The Congress is restricted to IDBF Members**

For the 9th World Championships, each IDBF Member (and ICF Member, as designated above) may enter, one crew in each Competition Class in the Premier Division, the Senior A Division (Over 40s), Senior B Division (O50s-Grand Dragons) and two crews in the Junior Division, per Competition Class. **Members entering 2 Junior Crews** are asked to restrict the second crew (Junior B) to those competitors who are under 16 on 1 January 2009. The total maximum number of Team Members for a Representative Team is shown in the IDBF Competition Regulations. The outline programme for this World 'Nations' Championships is shown in **Information Bulletin No.1, attached.**

All other Entry Conditions, Entry Forms and the details of all fees will be notified by the Organising Committee through '*Prague 2009*' Information Bulletins published from now until August 2009.

You are reminded that entry to the 9th World Dragon Boat Racing Championships, is restricted to Representative Teams selected by IDBF Member Associations (and ICF Members as above). As such all competitors must be citizens of the country or region they represent, by birth or marriage or through having been a current resident for a period of three or more years. Other information on qualifications, entries and fees will be circulated through Championship Information Bulletins.

The IDBF Council encourages your Association to enter the 9th World Dragon Boat Racing Championships and, together with the CZDBA, we are waiting to welcome all the participating teams and Congress Delegates to the Czech Republic for '*Prague 2009*'.

Petr KLÍMA
CZDBA President, OrgCom Chairman

30 November 2008

Mike HASLAM
IDBF Executive President





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INFORMATION BULLETIN No. 1

To: All IDBF Member Associations

Dear Dragon Boat Friends!

The Czech Dragon Boat Association and Organizing Committee of the 9th WORLD DRAGON BOAT RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS' in conjunction with the International Dragon Boat Federation, invites you to participate in the 2009 WORLD NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIPS' to be held on the River Vltava, Prague and Regatta Center, Račice, Czech Republic, from the 26th to 30th of August 2009, inclusive.

The Opening Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, 26th August in Prague after the 2000m Championships held on the Vltava River. The 200m, 500m and 1000m Championships will be held at the Regatta Centre in Račice, near to Prague.

COMPETITION CLASSES AND DISTANCES:

The Racing Classes that will be contested are listed below provided sufficient entries are received for each competition class. A minimum of six entries from different IDBF Member Associations are required per competition class for World Championship status, while at least three entries per competition class are required to qualify for IDBF championship status.

Division	Premier	Seniors (1)	Juniors (2)	Under 23s (3)
Open	200m, 500m,1000m 2000m	200m, 500m,1000m 2000m	200m, 500m,1000m 2000m	200m, 500m,1000m 2000m
Women	200m, 500m,1000m 2000m	200m, 500m, 2000m	200m, 500m, 2000m	200m, 500m, 2000m
Mixed	200m, 500m,1000m 2000m	200m, 500m,1000m 2000m	200m, 500m,1000m 2000m	200m, 500m,1000m 2000m

(1) Senior A over 40 as of 1st June, 2009, Senior B (Grand Dragons) over 50 as of 1 June 2009

(2) Junior A under 18 but over 11 as at 1st January 2009; Junior B – under 16 but over 11.

(3) Under 23s: under 23 but over 17 as at 1st January 2009



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RULES & REGULATIONS:

The 9th WORLD DRAGON BOAT RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS' will be conducted under the IDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing, copies of which are shown on the IDBF website at www.idbf.org and will be forwarded to IDBF Members who return completed Named Entries. Information Bulletins will be published to confirm crew entries at a later date.

ENTRIES:

The 9th WORLD DRAGON BOAT RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS' are for Representative Teams from IDBF Member Association. Competitors are representing their Countries or Territories and therefore the IDBF Nationality Regulations apply for these 'Nations' Championships.

All participating teams are required to return a completed Provisional Entry Form to OrgCom by no later than 31 March 2009. All correspondence with the OrgCom must come through the IDBF Member Association concerned, who should direct their enquiries to the OrgCom using the contact details above.

The following table sets out the deadlines for entries and fees:

Actions and Deadlines	
Provisional Entry	March 31, 2009
Numerative Entries, Administration Fees and Deposits 20% of total fees - admin, transport, accommodation, lunch, Party	May 31, 2009
Final Named Entries, IDBF Registration Fee and Balance of all Fees	July 21, 2009

REGATTA FEES:

Regatta Fees are compulsory for all participants that are competitors, team officials and accredited supporters, for access to the official places and championships village. Regatta Fees are quoted per person and valid throughout the whole championships.

The Regatta Fees consist of a Registration Fee of USD 10, per person, payable directly to the IDBF with the final Named Entries and a Championship Admin Fee, payable to the Organising Committee. The actual Admin Fee will be notified in Info Bulletin No 2.

ACCOMMODATION and SERVICES BOOKINGS:

You are recommended to take advantage of the Championships Package Offers shown below, which are tailored to meet the different needs of Teams. Alternatively Teams may make their own accommodation arrangements. **Teams making their own accommodation and transport arrangements will still be required to pay separately for all other services and the Championship Regatta Fees.**



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Package Offers:

From 25th to 31st August 2009 you are highly recommended to take advantage of the package offers below which include the cost of accommodation, Admin fees, transportation and catering services. These packages differ according to number of nights spent (4 or more) and the standard chosen. USD to Euro rate on the day.

9th WORLD DRAGON BOAT RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS ¹ 2009 Accommodation package offers	Price per person/day		
	USD	EUR	CZK
▶ Package A - accommodation at a University Campus	65 - 85	52 - 68	1300 - 1700
▶ Package B - accommodation at 3-star Hotels	90 - 110	72 - 88	1800 - 2200
▶ Package C - accommodation at Superior 3-star Hotels	95 - 180	76 - 144	1900 - 3600

Packages are quoted per person including VAT, local taxes, accommodation with breakfast in double room (dorms: 2-4 bedded rooms), Admin fee, transportation from/to Prague airport, daily return transfers to the official race sites, lunches, mementoes and farewell celebration party.

See Reservation Form attached for further details

Camping. The organizers can arrange for Teams to make use of a Camp & Caravan Site in Prague or in Racice. If you are interested in this option (Package D) they please inform the Organisers on the Reservation Form attached to this Information Bulletin.

Accommodation:

The organizer has secured a block of rooms in the vicinity of the race site. Rooms will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. It is highly recommended that you complete and send the reservation forms as early as possible, **but at the latest by May31, 2009**. Thereafter rooms are subject to availability.

University Campus rooms can be reserved only as a part of a Package (4 nights or more). There are several campus sites contracted, so the Housing Agent will start to allocate the rooms from the nearest one (30 minutes by bus and will proceed gradually to far away ones once this is fully booked. After receiving the reservation form the Agent will send you room confirmation and all other information.

Hotel rooms with breakfast can be reserved with package or separately. The Housing Agent will send you list of available hotels including basic description.

Check-in and check-out times are governed by the policy of the respective hotel but ultimate check-in should not happen later than at 15h00 and check-out will not be required before 10h00 the day of departure.



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Transportation:

Daily transfers to the race site as well as transportation from/ to airport are included in the Official Championships Packages. Transfers can be ordered by participants staying at official hotels as well.

Please note that Teams making their own accommodation arrangements, will also have to make their own transport arrangements during the Championships but may book such transport as a separate service from the Organising Committee.

Reservation & Cancellation Policy:

Within 48 hours of receiving a Numerative Entry (by 31 May 09, at the latest) and your Reservation Forms, you will be sent written acknowledgment of their receipt which will be followed by a proforma invoice equal to 20% from the total amount of contracted services and admin fees.

Outstanding balance from the total amount of contracted services accompanied with nominal list of competitors and hotel rooming list is due **by July 21, 2009.**

The cancellations or changes must be made in writing (e-mail or fax) to Championships Secretariat.

Full deposit less USD 20 of administrative charges will be refunded in case of any cancellation **before July 21, 2009.** **After this date a cancellation fee of 20 %** from the total amount of cancelled services will be charged. There will be **no refunds** in case of late cancellation **after August 21, 2009 or in case of no-shows.**

Methods of Payment:

Bank transfer is the only accepted method of payment until 2 weeks prior to the start of the event. After this deadline we are not able to guarantee you a clear identification of your payments, so you will be kindly recommended to settle non paid balances on site only, in cash or via major credit cards, together with a 5% local surcharge, for late payments.

Bank account Number and other relevant instructions will be shown on your Proforma Invoice.





OUTLINE PROGRAMME

9th WORLD DRAGON BOAT RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS¹

Saturday, August 22	Teams arrive and register, crew practice
Sunday, August 23	Teams arrive and register, crew practice
Monday, August 24	Teams arrive and register, crew practice IDBF Executive and IDBF Council Meetings (09:00 - 17:00) * IDBF Commissions Meeting (19:00 - 21:00) *
Tuesday, August 25	Teams arrive and register, crew practice IDBF Race Officials Exam (10:00 - 12:30) * Coaching Workshop (12:00 - 17:00) * Race Officials Meeting (15:00 - 17:00) *
Wednesday, August 26	Team Leaders Meeting – venue to be notified (1000 - 1200) * 2000m Finals - All Divisions , Prague, Vltava River (1300-1800) * Opening Ceremony – time and venue to be notified
Thursday, August 27	1.000m Races - All Divisions - Open, Women and Mixed Racice, Regatta Centre Team Leaders Meeting
Friday, August 28	IDBF Members' Congress – venue to be notified (09:00 - 12:30) 500m Mixed Divisions (1400 – 1800 - approx) *
Saturday, August 29	200m Races - All Divisions - Open, Women and Mixed Racice, Regatta Centre (0900 – 1800 - approx) *
Sunday, August 30	500m Races - All Divisions – Open and Women's Divisions Racice, Regatta Centre (0900 – 1700 - approx) * Evening - Closing Ceremony and Celebration Party
Monday, August 31	Teams depart

* The above programme and the timings shown are provisional and are provided to assist crews with their initial planning. The programme is subject to change and final confirmation in later Information Bulletins. The competition classes by day will only be confirmed after all Named Entries have been received.





PROVISIONAL ENTRY FORM

the Return Date for Provisional Entries is March 31, 2009

IDBF Member :Contact Person:
 Address:
 Contact Person: E-mail:
 Telephone: Fax:

Send all Provision Entries by March 31, 2009 to:

Czech Dragon Boat Association - Modřanská 53 / 1151 - 147 00 Praha 4 – Podolí – Czech Rep

E-mail: entry@dragonboat2009.com

Fax: +420 244 463 778

Place an x in the boxes below to enter each event:

If Mixed crew is formed from Open & Woman crews, mark „C“ (combined)

TEAM NAME(e.g. Slovak)

Representative Team Entry (See Notes 1 and 2)

Class:	Premier			Snr A / Snr B-GDs			Jnr A U18/ Jnr B U16			Under 23s		
	Opn	Wmn	Mxd	Opn	Wmn	Mxd	Opn	Wmn	Mxd	Opn	Wmn	Mxd
200m				/	/	/	/	/	/			
500m				/	/	/	/	/	/			
1000m				/		/			/			
2000m				/	/	/	/	/	/			

(1) Seniors: A over 40 as of 1 June 09; Senior B (Grand Dragons): over 50 as of 1 June 2009.

Maximum of 1 Entry, per Senior Class.

(2) Juniors: under 18 but over 11 as of January 1, 2009. **Any 2nd Jnr Crew should be under 16**

(3) Under 23s: under 23 but over 17 as of January 1, 2009

Number of People expected to travel to Prague:

Team Crew Members *	Supporters **	Media	IDBF Race Officials	Congress Delegates	Total
Arrival Date			Departure Date		

* Includes all competitors, managers, coaches, medics, etc.

** includes sponsors, family, friends, etc.

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____





PROVISIONAL ACCOMMODATION RESERVATION FORM

On behalf of
(Enter Team Name)

I confirm that we would like to provisionally make the following request for accommodation at the 2009 IDBF WORLD NATIONS DRAGON BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS.

PART.1 University Campus Accommodation - Package A

We would like to be considered for the University Package at the University Campus in Prague.

No. of: Competitors ___ Officials ___ Supporters ___ Others ___ Total Group ___

PART. 2 - Hotel Accommodation - Packages B and C

We would like further information on Hotel and Guest House accommodation in Prague

We would like ___ rooms for the following dates: _____ to _____

consisting of ___ (Single) _____ (double) _____ (twin bed) rooms.

PART. 3 - Camping – Package D

We would like further information on the Championships' Camp & Caravan Site in Prague/Racice

for the following dates: _____ to _____ Number of people _____

Contact Details.

Contact Name: _____

Correspondence Address: _____

Contact Telephone Number (s) _____

Contact Fax Number (s) _____

Email Address _____

Return this provisional Reservation form

ON or BEFORE 31st March 2009.

