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im Deutschen Aero Club e.V.**

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To: National Aero Clubs
Cc: National Balloon Federations
Delegates to the FAI Ballooning Commission



Planegg, Monday, January 7th, 2004

Thomas Fink
Event Director

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

We have great pleasure to invite all eligible National Aero Clubs to enter the

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10th FAI World Gas Balloon Championship

to be held in the City of Bitterfeld, Germany

September 8th to September 15th, 2004

Rules

Rules based on the AA Model Event Rules Version 4/01 will be proposed to the AA Working Group to be finalized at the CIA Meeting in March 2004.

Location

Bitterfeld (Germany) is located at 51°27'N 12°17'E about 150 km SSW of Berlin and about 50 km N of Leipzig. Gas Balloon Championships have been held in 1996 at the same location.

Entry Conditions

Each National Aero Club may nominate up to two balloon teams, each consisting of two pilots. In addition the top three competitors of the 9th Gas Balloon Championship will be invited (S1 5.6.1.2). Additional entries up to a total of 20 teams will be accepted under the ranking method in S1 5.6.2.2. National Aero Clubs are asked to inform the organizer by

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March 9th, how many teams they are willing to nominate for available additional entries. In case the maximum number of participants is not reached with the second round, there will be a third round, in which all NACs who nominated pilots for round 1 and two may nominate additional ones to reach the offered number of participants.

Times for Entry procedure

Closing entry date is March, 9th 2004. This will allow for informing all delegates on the CIA plenary meeting about the number of additional places available.
The closing date for additional places will be April 30th.

Entry fee

750 € per Team, includes opening ceremony, prize giving, gas (hydrogen) for up to 3 flights, ballast sand, FAI diplomas for first 10 places, FAI medals (gold, silver, bronze).

Entry fee must reach the organizer by bank transfer by closing entry date. Please make a bank transfer (currency: Euro, all fees to be paid by remittent) to

Deutscher Freiballonsport-Verband e.V.
Raiffeisenbank Fronhausen/Lahn - Konto Nr. 10 13 440 (BLZ 533 617 24)
IBAN: DE 13 5336 1724 0001 0 13 440
BIC: GENODEF 1 EBG

Pilot Qualifications

The NAC must nominate a pilot-in-command (PIC) for each team entered, and this person will be responsible during the whole flight. Each crew must have at least one English speaking pilot aboard, who is capable to communicate with Air Traffic Controls. Each PIC must carry the appropriate licence, valid also for flying at night. PICs shall have been authorized to act as PIC of a gas balloon at least twelve month prior the start of the event. Each PIC shall have accumulated at least 50 hours as PIC for gas balloons before that date.

Ballon restrictions

Only balloons up to a maximum volume of one thousand cubic meters (with a tolerance of 5%) will be admitted to the Championship. The volume capacity of any attached filler tube or overflow ducts will be considered as part of the total volume. Filling gas will be hydrogen.

Minimum insurance in Germany is 5,5 mio € up to 4 places on board, 7,0 mio € up to 6 places on board (no. in balloon papers count). Insurance may be purchased until 1 week prior to check in (generally cheaper via insurance company which ensured the balloon).

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Observers

Each competitor is responsible for making available one Observer with a valid observer license to the competition director. Names of Observers must be submitted for approval together with entry documents. The competitor is responsible for all costs (travelling, accommodation, food, aso.) of the observer. It is proposed to nominate observers who are in the position to act as helpers during inflation and packing of the balloon. If all competitors bring such observers, they will be helped by the observer who is assigned to them in the specific flight.

The organisers are able to help with the names of qualified German observers.

Contest Area and Competition Maps

Contest Area will be the territory of Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic. Official Maps will be the appropriate sectionals for these countries. Maps may be purchased on request from the organizers at cost.

Accommodation

Accommodation in Hotel Mercure, Bitterfeld will be available for 46 € per night for a single and 65 € per night for a double room, both including breakfast. The organiser will help in arrangements with other accommodations. Reservations must be done by the competitors. Rooms at the rate above are reserved under the keyword "World Gas Balloon Championship". Information about the hotel can be found in the internet on:

http://www.mercure.com/mercure/fichehotel/de/mer/5192/fiche_hotel.shtml

Time-table (subject to change)

Wednesday, 8th of September, 1800	General Briefing
Wednesday, 8th of September, 2000	Opening ceremony
Thursday, 9th	1st competition flight (weather permitting)
Saturday, 11th	2nd competition flight (weather permitting)
Monday, 13th	3rd competition flight (weather permitting)
Tuesday, 14th, 1800	Price giving, closing and farewell
Wednesday, 15th	Spare day

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Correspondence

All NACs are requested to forward the names and addresses of nominated pilots to the event director:

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Competition Officials (preliminary)

Jury:	to be nominated by CIA
Competition Director:	Thomas Fink, GER
Deputy Director:	Florian Fuchs, GER
Safety Officer:	Volker Löschhorn, GER
Steward:	Josef Starkbaum, AUT
Scorer:	Alexander Gruber, AUT
Chief Observer:	Martine Besnainou, FRA
Meteorologist:	Jens Öhmichen, GER (Wetterwarte Leipzig)
Internet:	Christian Michel, GER
General Manager:	Marita Krafczyk, GER

If you have any questions, please contact me or the event director for assistance.
We are looking forward to see competitors from your country in Bitterfeld!

Sincerely yours

Deutscher Freiballonsport-Verband e.V.
DAeC-Freiballonkommission
Marita Krafczyk

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Entry Closing Date: March, 9th, 2004

Return to: Thomas Fink, Lange Zeile 3a, 90419 Nürnberg, GERMANY

(Make copies of this application as needed)
(please jump with the key TAB)

PILOT

Name:

Pilot licence no.:

Address:

FAI sporting licence no.:

Phone:

Fax:

E-Mail:

Mobile:

Licensed for gas balloons since:

Hours as PIC (Gas Balloons):

CO-PILOT

Name:

Pilot licence no.:

Address:

FAI sporting licence no.:

Phone:

Fax:

E-Mail:

Mobile:

BALLOON

Registration / Call-sign:

Manufacturer and Type:

Volume:

Artwork/Logo on the envelope:

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OBSERVER

Name: _____ Observer licence no.: _____

Address: _____ issued from: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____ Mobile: _____

Please describe the experience as observer (max 5 lines):

Name, phone and email of someone who can give further information about the recent work of the proposed observer (Event Director, Chief Observer etc.):

CREW

Name 1: _____ Name 2: _____

Name 3: _____ Name 4: _____

Please fill this form carefully, sign it and send it to the event director in time. In addition we ask you to send it together with the following via e-mail to t.fink@dfsv.de:

- Photos of pilot, co-pilot, observer and balloon
- Brief biography of ballooning experience of pilot, co-pilot and observer.

I, the undersigned pilot-in-command hereby declare, that I will fly equipped in accordance with the rules and regulations, obey the rules and fly entirely on my own risk and waive any right of action against the organizer, the owner of launch or landing site and their respective members, employees or personnel for any loss of damage sustained by me in consequence of any act of omission on their part, or on the part of other competitors.

Date (dd.MM.yyyy)

Signature of Pilot-in-command: