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On final glide to Luesse . . .

... only a few weeks are left until we see each other at Luesse. Our preparations are close to final. We will open the World Gliding Championships on 2nd August and hope for good gliding weather until 16th August (☺). The opening will be made by Germany's Vice Chancellor and Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier. All ambassadors of the participating nations have been invited. In addition, we have invited all living former World Champions as well as living gliding legends, so this is the opportunity to meet old friends!!

We look forward to welcome all participants and crews, honorary and all other guests, and many, many old friends here! Have a safe trip to Germany!

Herbert Maertin
Competition Director

In Memoriam Detlev Graupner

I have a very sad announcement to make: We are mourning the passing of our true and dear friend Detlev Graupner.



In the middle of the preparations for „our“ world championships, Detlev Graupner passed away completely unexpectedly on 13th June 2008. Our deepest sympathy is with his wife Hilde and his children at this very difficult time.

Detlev was the secretary of the German Aero Club's Gliding Commission since many years. He could be approached at any time with any question regarding German and international gliding sports, and would always come up with a solution. He was one of the core members of the WGC organiser team from the beginning. Detlev could always be relied upon. We will miss him very much!

Herbert Maertin for the whole organiser team



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TIME SCHEDULE

A few changes have been made to the time schedule in the Local Procedures. Please check the time schedule at: www.wgc2008.org.

FINAL ENTRIES

After a number of cancellations, class changes and – unfortunately – reduction measures to comply with the rules, the list of final entries is now complete. Please check the Participants tab at: www.wgc2008.org.

A few contest IDs must still be modified because of similarities. We have asked the respective Team Captains to assist us in sorting this out.

LOCAL PROCEDURES AND SELF BRIEFING

Please study the Local Procedures and the Self briefing in order to arrive well-prepared at the WGC (tab Downloads at: www.wgc2008.org).

Also, please check the latest version of Annex A to Section 3 of the Sporting Code, published on April 17, 2008, at: http://www.fai.org/gliding/sporting_code/sc3a. A list of the most recent changes is included.



DOCUMENTS AT REGISTRATION

When you register at Luesse airfield, please have all the documents at hand that are set out in the [Local Procedures at 3.5.](#)

If you do not have the required personal medical insurance, we can arrange for personal medical insurance at registration @ 1.10 € per day.

DOPING CONTROLS

Doping controls have been removed from Annex A because they are not – as was stated in the heading of Annex A 1.4 – a responsibility of the organisers. However, this does not mean that no testing will be made. The Deutscher Aero Club (DAeC) as the responsible NAC will carry out doping controls on behalf of FAI in terms of testing and analysis. The results management remains under the responsibility of FAI. Testing will be conducted by a WADA accredited company in cooperation with the Stewards and in accordance with the FAI Anti Doping Rules and Procedures which refer to the International Standards for Testing. The company mentioned above will also be responsible for sending Doping Control Samples for analysis to WADA-accredited laboratories. All results will be transmitted to FAI for final judgment.

Pilots with a documented medical condition requiring the use of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method as listed in WADA's 2008 Prohibited List, must obtain a Therapeutic Use Exemption ("TUE") prior to the competition. FAI accepts any TUE issued by the pilots National Anti-Doping Organisation. Any TUE has to be presented during registration.

No registration will be accepted unless the pilot has signed and presented an Anti Doping Testing - Acknowledgment and Agreement.

MEET YOUR COMPETITION OFFICIALS

Dick Bradley, Chief Steward, South Africa



Dick ran the World Gliding Championships in South Africa 2001 as Competition Director and has served as Chief Steward at 3 World and 1 European Championships. However, he still loves competition gliding and competes on a regular basis, finishing 2nd in the 2008 South African Nationals (besides, he was competition director, met man and task setter!), a competition that he has won on 7 previous occasions albeit some years ago. He has represented South Africa as a pilot at 6 WGC and has 5300 gliding hours and 1400 powered hours as a tug pilot.

Dick is a past Chairman of the Soaring Society of South Africa, and of his home gliding club, and he is currently the IGC Delegate for South Africa.

Professionally he retired as MD of a listed software development company in 2002 to start a hire and fly gliding operation Soaring Safaris. They operate in South Africa from Bloemfontein and specialise in cross country training for less experienced cross country pilots.

Dick has been married to Brenda for the past 40 years and they have raised 4 children three of whom are addicted aviators. Their elder daughter Claire is a 737 Captain as well as a glider and tug pilot. Their younger son Douglas and daughter Jennifer are both committed glider pilots who have competed at World level in Junior and Women's Championships.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Gliding is an environmentally friendly sport in the nature and with the nature. The gliding community respects the environment, especially the people living on the ground and the nature. The organisers of the World Gliding Championships 2008 are committed to keeping effects on the environment, particularly in form of waste or engine sound of tow planes and motorised gliders, and any other potential disturbance for the environment to a minimum.

Please help to contribute to a positive public image of the gliding sport by following the simple rules imposed.

- Please dispose any waste, fluids and lubricants in a safe manner in the designated containers. Please contact a member of the organiser team should you have difficulties to find the appropriate container.
- Do not drop any waste (including cigarette stubs, scrap tapes, etc.) on the airfield or on the camping site – please dispose any such waste in the waste baskets.
- If you fly a motorised glider, please do not run the engine in the area north of Luesse airfield, and avoid residential zones.

The competition management will take additional measures to ensure that the competition's impact on the environment is minimised. It will

- Inform all members of the organisational team and all participants about how the competition's effect on the environment can be reduced.
- Manage the competition in a way that environmentally friendly procedures are used, within the framework of the competition rules and safe operating limits.
- Show consideration to the interests of the local community.



Luesse airfield feels a special responsibility for the nature because it is located close to a sanctuary for great bustards or Otis tarda (in German: Großtrappe), a very rare, red-listed bird. Our contribution to protect these beautiful birds is the bird sanctuary in the airspace file. Please do not violate the boundaries (vertically and horizontally) of the bird sanctuary!

Juvenile great bustard (Otis tarda)

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Accommodation – Camping on Luesse Airfield

We received relatively few registrations for camping on the airfield. However, we cannot finalize our planning if we do not know the number of people, caravans and tents.

If you want to camp on the airfield during the WGC, please register the number of people at: administration@wgc2008.org by June 30 at the latest. Prices are published on the website, tab accommodation.

2. Rental Cars from Europcar

As announced on the website, we can arrange for car rentals from our sponsor Europcar at significantly (40-50 %!!) reduced rates. Here are the details and process:



The following cars (all fitted with a tow hitch) may be rented:

Mercedes Benz E-class (station)
VW Sharan (van)
Audi Q7 (SUV) (1 available)



The cars may be collected and returned only at the Europcar car hire locations set out below. Each car must be returned at the same rental location where it has been collected:

- Frankfurt/Main airport
- Berlin-Tegel airport
- Luesse airfield

Please send an e-mail with a binding reservation to: jennifer.rodiek@fccberlin.de once you have decided to accept one of the options. We will then send you the rental contract and make the necessary arrangements.

3. Events/Social Functions

The competition will not only consist of flying, but also of a number of events and social functions. Please note the following logistics on your events calendar:

Saturday August 2, 2008: 16:00 hrs local, Belzig market square: Opening Ceremony.

A bus shuttle between the airfield and Belzig will be available.

We have invited the Ambassadors to Germany of all participating nations as well as former champions and gliding legends to attend. Team Captains have been asked to alert their embassies.

Saturday August 9, 2008: Ju 52 arrival

Saturday evening August 9, 2008: Halfway party ("Bergfest") with buffet dinner

Sunday August 10, 2008: Air show (integrated in the Championships), including acrobatics with Extra 300, glider acrobatics with 2 Lo 100; Ju 52 flights, historic gliders (Phoebus, Grunau Baby) and historic power planes (e.g., Me 108 Taifun)

Friday evening August 15, 2008: Farewell party

Catering: Hotel InterContinental Berlin, buffet dinner

Saturday August 16, 2008: 10:00 hrs local: Closing Ceremony & Prize Giving

with Youth Symphony Orchestra Berlin

Team Captains: please remember to provide national flags and anthems file.

Nations evenings: If your nation wants to host a nation's evening, please contact events@wgc2008.org to identify an appropriate day. Unfortunately, we cannot turn over our kitchen facilities to your team due to health authority restrictions. However, our kitchen personnel will do everything to accommodate your menu plans.



The Dutch team and the British team are already planning a joint national evening with our event management. Here is the Dutch team (courtesy of Frouwke Kuijpers) offering some Dutch cheese specialties (lekker!!) at the last European Championships.

Alternative program: Should the weather not allow flying, or if crews can use free time to explore the area, our information desk provides help and tips, including

- road safety training at nearby Linthe,
- tourism & shopping in Berlin, Potsdam, Leipzig or Dresden,
- the aviation museum or classic architectural museum Bauhaus at Dessau
- the historical Wörlitzer Park,
- giant open-cast mining machines museum Ferropolis,
- spas at Belzig or Luckenwalde, or
- holiday park Tropical Islands.

4. Invitation to World Air Games Torino 2009

The new World Champions are invited to participate in the next World Air Games at Torino/Italy in 2009. The invitation will be posted on the black board at Luesse airfield.

5. Call for Volunteer – PR Team

Unfortunately, our person for English press releases etc. had to cancel her participation in the competition team for personal reasons. We thus call for a volunteer with a quick, fluent pen in English to join the PR team. We offer a Lufthansa return flight to Berlin, accommodation and meals on the airfield!

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