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I. WELCOME

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the World Gliding Championships for the Open, 18m and 15m classes at Lüsse/ Berlin next summer 2008! This is the first time that the WGC are flown in 6 classes and at two sites. Greetings and all the best wishes to Rieti/ Italy where the other classes will fly the worlds.

The international Lilienthal Glide with integrated German Nationals in July 2007 enabled us to test our team and facilities for the WGC 2008. Having organized a number of large championships in previous years, we gained again a lot of experience and identified areas for improvement. Nevertheless, the Lilienthal Glide/German Nationals were not only work but also a great time for us – and hopefully for the pilots and guests.

Our airfield is well prepared and offers the full range of new infrastructure required for large-scale international competitions: a huge grass airfield, large hangars, social facilities, and, for easy handling and preparation of each glider 220V power lines and water filling facilities at the glider parking areas.

The competition area has excellent thermal and topographic gliding conditions, and it is easy for outlandings. It is predominantly flat with sandy ground, with an unrestricted number of large fields. There are no airspace restrictions over the airfield, and the surrounding airspace is easy to handle, with few restrictions, no A or B airspaces.

Our goals for the WGC 2008 are:

- To select the world gliding champions in the Open, 18m and 15m classes;
- To promote cross country gliding by showing the environmentally friendly and technically advanced sport of gliding to the general public of the world and to increase interest for it, especially among youths;
- To hold a **safe**, friendly, high quality and challenging competition;
- To foster friendship among glider pilots and crews from all over the world, and to create bonds of friendship within the international gliding community across national borders;
- and last but not least: To have **fun** with the greatest sport on the planet!

Our team is enthusiastically preparing for, and looking forward to the World Gliding Championships 2008 in Lüsse!

Kind regards,



Herbert Martin
Competition Director



Karl Klossok
President Gliding Commission
DAeC

II. TIME SCHEDULE

2007	November	Bulletin No. 1
2008	January 15	Preliminary Entry due
2008	January 31	Bulletin No. 2
2008	March 31	Final Entry Forms and Entry Fee due
2008	May	Bulletin No. 3 (Local Procedures)
2008	June 01	Deadline for class change
2008	June 01	Deadline for approval of new GNSS FRs 2008
2008	July 01 – July 25	Airfield closed for training flights
2008	July 26 – July 28	Unofficial Training (Sat – Sun)
2008	July 29 - August 01	Official Training (Mon – Fri)
2008	July 27 - August 01	Registration
2008	July 27 - July 31	Technical inspection and acceptance check for gliders
2008	July 31	Configuration change closes
2008	August 01	First Team Captains Briefing at 18:00 hrs lcl
2008	August 02	Opening Ceremony at 16:00 hrs lcl; Market Place Belzig
2008	August 02	Opening Briefing at 19:00 hrs lcl; Airfield
2008	August 03 - 15	Contest flying
2008	August 10	Air show (integrated in contest flying)
2008	August 15	Fare well party at 20:00 hrs lcl
2008	August 16	Closing Ceremony and Prize Giving at 10:00 hrs lcl

III. ENTRIES & PROCEDURES

1. Number of entries

Each NAC may enter up to six pilots, with a maximum of two pilots in each class. Additionally, the current World Champions in the Open, 18m and 15m classes and the Women's World Champion in the 15m class may be entered. We will accept a maximum of 130 pilots with no more than 50 pilots in each class.

If the total number of 130 pilots or the number of 50 pilots in one class is exceeded

- first of all the number of registered pilots of each nation, who haven't pay the entry fee until March 31 2008, will be reduced

and if necessary

- we will proceed in accordance with Annex A, Section 3.4.3c: „The allocation of starting rights for the 2nd pilot per NAC has to be made according to the Country Ranking of the IGC Ranking list, valid at the closure date for Final Entries for the relevant Championship.”

Each NAC may nominate a reserve pilot who can replace a nominated pilot in case of a withdrawal.

2. Entry fee

950 Euro per pilot. This covers all operational costs during the Championships except of aero tows.

3. Qualification for competitors

The qualification for competitors will be as defined by the Sporting Code, Annex A, section 3.2 with no modifications.

4. Entry procedures

Preliminary entries shall be submitted not later than January 15, 2008. Preliminary entries shall be submitted per email via the enclosed Preliminary Entry Form (as well as available at: www.wgc2008.org).

In the Preliminary Entry Form, we will also ask whether your NAC requests a **container** (with Internet/WLAN access) **in the nations camp** at your own charge (see further details at # V. General Information). We need this information ASAP for the agreements with suppliers, so please make sure that your NAC is prepared for a definitive answer to this question.

Should you have any question, please send an e-mail to: administration@wgc2008.org.

Final entries shall be submitted not later than March 31, 2008. Final Entry Forms (for pilots, Team Captains, and crews) will be available on the website and shall be submitted online together with digital photos and a short description of the pilots and team captains at: www.wgc2008.org.

Final entries shall also (without the photos and descriptions) be sent as a hard copy (original), signed by the NAC, to:

Deutscher Aero Club e.V. ("DAeC")
Gliding Commission
Hermann-Blenk-Strasse 28
38108 Braunschweig, Germany

IV. LOCAL PROCEDURES

As soon as the IGC bureau has approved the Local Procedures, they will be published on the homepage at: www.wgc2008.org

As for Lillienthal Glide, the operational procedures for Lüsse airfield will be published on the website as a self-briefing presentation.

V. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Contact Platforms

We will publish on our website at: www.wgc2008.org:

- a contact platform for glider hires
- a contact platform for crew members (incl. crew with car)
- accommodation information (hotels, B&B, guest houses, caravans)

2. Nations Camp Containers

Office containers can be rented by each NAC at own charge.

Type A: 5.00 m x 6.00 m = 1800 Euro

Type B: 2.50 m x 6.00 m = 850 Euro

The containers are equipped with basic furniture (table, chairs), electric supply 220 V, telephone access, WLAN (or LAN). The fee includes end cleaning.

50% of the total rental fee of the containers must be wired at the time of the preliminary entry. Details will be provided in the preliminary entry form.

3. Accommodation

Camping facilities on the airfield can accommodate 100 or more caravans, with electricity. Please indicate on the preliminary entry form if you request camping lots.

We have reserved a limited number of **rental caravans**. Please check the website at www.wgc2008.org/accommodation.htm. The agreements must be concluded directly with the rental agencies.

Addresses of **other facilities (hotels, B&B, guest houses, etc.)** are available on our website at www.wgc2008.org/accommodation.htm, including a link to the hotel/accommodation website of nearby town Belzig tourist agency.

4. Towing fees

Depending on the development of fuel prices, we expect towing fees to range between 45 and 50 Euro.



5. Catering

Catering on the airfield will be provided in our club's airfield restaurant. In addition, a bar and an open-air terrace at the clubhouse are available for participants and guests.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served. In addition, snacks will be available in a variety of international dishes.

For self-catering, there are several supermarkets in the nearby shopping centers (4-6 km from the airfield).

VI. SPONSORING



Lufthansa

In the absence of public funding, we are working hard to develop a sustainable sponsoring concept for the WGC 2008 in Lüsse/Berlin.

We are proud and grateful to have won **Lufthansa German Airlines** as the **main sponsor** for the WGC 2008! Additional sponsors will join.

Sponsoring and public relations are two sides of the same medal. Thus, we kindly ask all teams and pilots for their co-operation in this regard. More details will be contained in the Local Procedures.

Moreover, we would like to encourage all teams and pilots to travel with Lufthansa to the WGC 2008. Under certain circumstances **special conditions** may be available exclusively for **all-Lufthansa flights**.

Please email director@wgc2008.org if you are interested.

VII. COMPETITION MANAGEMENT & OFFICIALS

1. International Jury

Bob Henderson (chairman), New Zealand

Roland Stuck, France

Karl Klossok, Germany

2. Stewards

Dick Bradley (chief steward), South Africa

Janusz Szczupak, Poland

Hannes Linke, USA

3. Organizer Team

Competition Director: Herbert Maertin

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Events: Jens Jähmig events@wgc2008.org

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Bulletins: Natalie Luebben bulletin@wgc2008.org



VIII. COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

1. Webpage

Before and during the competition we will use the homepage www.wgc2008.org as the prime source for information.

Please visit the home page regularly.

2. Mailing list

We ask all Team Captains to send an email to Herbert via director@wgc2008.org and report their email address. As soon as we have any new information we will publish it on the homepage and also send a mail to all Team Captains.

3. SMS to Team Captains

During the competition, we will use a SMS system for information to the Team Captains.

4. Wireless network at Lüsse airfield

There is a wireless network that can be accessed free of charge on the airfield.

5. Bulletin facts

The official information bulletin about the 30th FAI World Gliding Championships 2008 in the 15m, 18m and Open classes at Lüsse/Berlin, Germany.

The editor is Natalie Luebben. Emails to the editor are welcomed to: bulletin@wgc2008.org.