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FAI Gliding Commission
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Lithuania's Bid to host the 12th European Gliding Championship in 2004 .

Lithuanian Gliding Federation together with the Lithuanian Aeroclub, the Department of Physical Culture and Sports, the government of the Kaunas County and Kaunas aviation sports club propose to host the 12th European Championship in FAI class in 2004.

Kaunas aviation sport club in Pociunai was held the 1-th World Women Gliding Championship. The Lithuanian Department of Physical Culture and Sports, the government of the Kaunas County was grant for this event 150.000,-USD. All these money was spend to arrange the club base.

The Championships would be organized in the airfield of Kaunas aviation sports club in Pociunai. This airfield hosts annaul Nationals and it used to host 1st World Women's Gliding Championships. The club is able to accommodate in airfield 60 people in normal conditions and about 60 people could be accommodated in wooden cottages without essential conveniences. A camping would be installed with water, electricity, toilets and showers. In the camping enough place for about 50 caravans and 50 tents. The expenses of the participants will be minimum because we don't need additional money for base arrangement and preparation.

Lithuanian Aeroclub and Lithuanian Gliging Federation hope that their offer to hold the 12th European Gliding Championships in FAI classes will find support and at the same time favourable possibilities for promoting gliding in East - European countries will be enhanced.

Faithfully Yours

President of Lithuanian Aeroclub

Stasys Murza

President of Lithuanian Gliding Federation

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Bid to host the 12th European Gliding Championship in 2004.

1. Event and year

The 12th European Gliding Championship in 2004.

1.1 This bid is made by :

Lithuanian Aeroclub and
Lithuanian Gliding Federation
Daukanto 15 3000 Kaunas
Lithuanian Republic

1.2 Number of active gliding pilots:

420 organized in 14 clubs
80 active glider pilots in Kaunas Aviation Sport Club.

2. Site

2.1 Name of airfield:

Pociunai

Address:

Kauno AASK
Daukanto 15
3000 Kaunas
Tel: ++ 370 7 221775
Fax: ++ 370 49 53039

Co-ordinates of airfield:

54° 39,40'' N, 024° 02,00'' E

Direction and distance to town:

The airfield lies 7 km east from center of Prienai and 30 km south from Kaunas the second city of Lithuanian Republic.

2.2 Experience of staff in organizing championship events.

The members of the Aeroclub Kaunas had organized 1st World Women's Gliding Championship, many National Gliding Championship (more than 15 time), in former time the Gliding National Championships of USSR was held 3 times.

2.3 Proposed period for the event.

First two weeks of August 2004 - for competition.
Last week of July 2004 - for training.

2.4 Training possibility.

Open National Gliding Championship in any class in Pociunai 2002 -2003.
Any time of 2002 - 2003 years.

2.5 Airfield surface.

Grass field: - length 1.100 m
width 900 m

2.6 Championships Classes - Open class, 18-m Class, 15-m class, Standart class.
(Country permit to entry two pilots in every class).

2.7 Maximum number of sailplanes which can be accepted : 120
(In one class not more than 40 pilots)

2.8 Number of towplanes - minimum 12(will be employed in relation with the number of participants).

2.9 Meteorological facilities - professional meteorologist will provide meteorological service.

2.10 Sailplane parking - unrestricted parking in the open.

2.11 Repair facilities - full workshop service, including the radio and instruments repairing, with professional staff from the aviation factory, which are near of the airfield.

2.12 Briefing room - take place in hangar. All normal visual and acoustic aids are available.

2.13 Rooms for staff, international jury and secretary - available in the Club buildings.

2.14 Press Center - several possibilities: fax, telephones, computers, public phones already in place.

2.15 Postal and Banking - the nearest Post-office is 10 km far. Exchange provided more in the city. Major credit cards accepted subject to daily limitations on value.

2.16 Insurance - can be arranged by staff.

2.17 Toilets and wash/shower rooms. In main buildings and in camping area are toilets and showers and mobile units will be installed according to requirements.

2.18 Car parking - at the glider parking and camping area. Night guard service provided for events.

2.19 Emergency service - permanent service is in the aviation factory buildings. The main hospital is 10 km away in Prienai. Ambulance and fire service will be arranged on full time standby.

3. Accommodation catering.

A camping with sanitary installation and electricity will be located at the airfield near the sauna . There is the place for about 50 caravans and 50 tents. In Bir tonas in a distance of 5 km. is very nice tourist hostel in the forest near the river Nemunas with small cottage and separate rooms in country house . In the town Bir tonas is many sanatoria were is possibility to book the rooms for one or two persons with TV, refrigerator , toilet and bathroom . In towns Bir tonas and Prienai are some hotels. In the airfield will be organized restaurant which will be opened all the day. Many of restaurants is located in the towns Prienai and Bir tonas. Also home-hotels will be available in Prienai.

4. Competition area - generally towards the North-west, West , South and East. Pociunai and the task area have no serious airspace limitation. Triangles from 200 up to 500 km are typical task for club class gliders.

5. Weather - average temperatures in August are around 19 degrees Celsius and about 15 days are possible to use for competition. Cloudbase and climbrates on an average competition day are 1500m and 1.5 - 2.5 m/s.

6. Road and traffic conditions - main roads are in good conditions. Speed limits are strictly enforced. Alcohol limits are 0.4 .

7. Standard of telephone communications - world - wide, European normal standard. Mobile phone communication available for GSM and NMT standards at major of territory.

8. Rules - the latest IGC Competition Rules will be used. Particular conditions or possible restrictions will be given in the Local Rules.

9. Special restriction for pilots, crews, sailplanes - none.

10. Costs:

Entry fee - 750 EUR per glider. Services supplied for entry fee - all airfield service, maps, turn points book, developing of films, meteorological information, results service, trophies, medals certificates, farewell party.

Aerotows - 27 EUR per launch.

Camping at the airfield (electricity and hot showers) - 3 EUR per person/day

Hotel room - 15 - 20 EUR person / day

Room in wooden cottages (using showers in camping area) - 6 EUR per person/day

Hotels or airfield meals - 10 -15 EUR per day.

Cost of fuel - gasoline approximately 0.7 EUR per litter

diesel approximately 0.5 EUR per litter

bier approximately 0.5 EUR per 0.5litter

Car rental - could be arranged. Details will be given in bulletins.

Team (for 8 pilots, crew and team captain) expsenses:

Entry - $8 \times 750 = 6000$ EUR

Accommodation - $17 \times 21 \times 15 = 5355$ EUR

Meal - $17 \times 21 \times 10 = 3570$ EUR

Towings - $8 \times 16 \times 27 = 3456$ EUR

TOTAL: 18381 EUR (for one pilot 2000 - 2297 EUR)