

***BID FOR 4TH EUROPEAN PARAGLIDING CHAMPIONSHIP
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**4th FAI EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP
PARAGLIDING ACCURACY LANDING**

**31st August – 7th September 2014
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Aeronautical Union of Serbia
Belgrade, December 2011

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1. Name of Championship

4th European Championship Paragliding Accuracy Landing, Vršac, Serbia

2. Proposed dates of Championship

31st August – 07th September 2014

3. Location of Championship

Vršac, Serbia

4. Sites

Take-off site Vrsac tower is located in the NE part of Serbia, 85 km from Belgrade. The town of Vršac has good road links with the capital. It is also possible to come to Vrsac from the direction of Novi Sad, which is about 150km away. The town is situated near the border with Romania. The distance from the airport in Timisoara, in Romania is 90 km. Take-off site Vrsac tower is located above the town of Vrsac itself. This take-off site is very popular among the pilots in Serbia and has been cherishing tradition of paragliding and hang gliding since 1990. We have organized many competitions of FAI2 category: three competitions of the league of Serbia in precision landing, which were at the same time OPEN competitions, state championships of Serbia and World Cup 2011, visited by 104 athletes from 12 countries and that was a record at world cups. Takeoff site is at 399 ASL, and landing site at 89 ASL. The landing site is located on a large grassy meadow near the regional road. A great number of XC competitions have also been organized at this take-off site.

5. Site details

Takeoff site is at 400 ASL, and landing site at 80 ASL. Landing site is located on large grassy meadow where is possible to land from all sides. Take-off and landing sites are located in the region of the Flight academy SMATSA. The winds convenient for taking-off from this start are ranging from WNW-NW-N-NNE. At the start itself, there is space for take-off of two paragliders at the same time, as well as space for unpacking and preparing of competitors. It is possible to reach the start by car and larger transport vehicles, which would be used to transport the participants. The toilets (separated for male and female), protection from sun and rain, and stands for refreshment will be available at the takeoff site.

6. Distance/access to site(s)

Distance from HQ is 1km strait line, 7 km on the road which is suitable for private cars. Organizer arranges transport for competitors, officials

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and guests. It is possible to reach the take-off by van used for transport of competitors. Parking places are limited only to the vehicles from the organisation.

7. Task flying area

Task flying area extends 500m to the NW, where is landing area. Landing site is spacious and there are no any obstacles. It is 200m away from the local road.

8. Airspace

During The championship in accuracy, airspace will be completely available from take-off to landing all the time. All the paragliding activities inside the flying area will be announced by NOTAM and controlled by appropriate government service (flight control).

9. Airspace and other restrictions

There is no prohibited areas and no restricted access areas.

10. Maps of task area

Maps of the flying area will be visible HQ but not distributed, as it is not necessary for accuracy.

11. Transport & Retrieves

The competitors will be transported from the landing site and HQ to the take-off site by vans. The vans are air-conditioned and will not be overcrowded by competitors.

12. Site Safety record

This take-off site and the area for flying itself are very safe. Many paragliding schools bring their students here to perform their first flights. There have never been any fatal injuries during flying, as well as during competitions.

13. Other safety initiatives under consideration

Training skills of pilots needed at this take-off site and the competition are PARAPRO 4.

14. Rescue/Medical Services

During the competition a doctor and ambulance will be available all the time at the take-off and landing area. For serious injuries, evacuation to hospital (Clinic of Orthopaedics and Traumatology) will last 10 minutes max. All hospitals in Vršac area will be available for competitors and participants of this Championship.

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15. **Liaison with police, military, public services**
There will be cooperation concerning securing of the competition with the police, as well as with the border police.
16. **Insurance**
Documentary proof of insurance (in English or Serbian) covering public liability risk to a value of Euros 800.000,00 must be presented to the organizers before the start of the championship, as well as a personal accident insurance covering medical assistance and repatriation (section 7).
Aeronautical Union of Serbia will provide specific insurance for the pilots who need it and it will be available to be purchased on site (third party liability, extra individual coverage).
The organizer will have liability insurance to cover the event.
17. **Communications**
Official frequency during the competition will be 146.675 MHz. Each team is allowed to use its own VHF frequency within range 144-146 MHz.
18. **Weather**
Time of competition is selected in such manner to provide most often wind directions from north-west and nice and warm sunny days with low precipitation. Recommended maximum wind speed on launch and for task flying is 6m/s.
Thermals usually appear from 11:00 to 17:00, but not stronger than max 4m/s in some places.
There is not turbulence areas.
19. **Meteorology**
According to meteorological statistics and our 10 years long ACC experience, the best period for ACC flying is the second half of June. The best time of the day for early launch is 08.00 AM.
For forecasting we use data received from Republic Weather Bureau, meteo service at the Airport Vrsac (2km from take-off) and from Anti-hail defence service which has meteo-radar.
Automatic wind station monitoring will be put at the take-off and landing sites.
We measure speed and wind direction at the take-off continually.
20. **Event Headquarters**
The Championships HQ will be at the Hotel "SRBIJA" in Vršac, where there will be information desk, briefing room for team leaders

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and facilities. There will be a room for Championship officials (for meetings, rest, etc.) equipped with computers, fax machine, photocopier and internet access, as well as a press room. There will be a separate judges' room.

21. Local facilities

The City of Vršac (45,000 inhabitants) offers different solutions for accommodation for the participants:

- Hotels;
- Motels;
- Houses to rent;
- Restaurants and Pubs;
- Supermarkets;
- many other facilities.

22. Media coverage, publicity, sponsorship

The competition will begin promoting itself since the moment we get the organisation. The announcement will be made in local newspapers and on all TV sports channels. Special pages for this event will be provided in our Aeronautical Magazine. During competition will be live transmission on main regional TV station. We did it on PWCA, too.

City of Vrsac, Ministry of Youth and Sport, some firms will be sponsors of this event. We already got promises from these institutions.

23. Competition website

Before, during and after the competition, all necessary information about 4th European Paragliding Championship in Accuracy – VRŠAC 2014 will be available at official Website

<http://www.pgeuropean2014serbia.rs>

Website will be active from the end of 2012 and it will be useful for Test event 2013, too. During the competitions, all results will be directly uploaded on website, almost in real time.

24. Organizers, Directors and key officials

ORGANIZER of 4th FAI European Paragliding Championship in accuracy will be Aeronautical Union of Serbia.

Organizers on the site will be mostly people from local paragliding club "Berkut", Municipality of Vršac and City Assembly of Vršac.

Support and Supervision

FAI - International Aeronautic Federation

CIVL - Commission internationale de Vol Libre

Serbia Sports Institute

Serbia Air Force

National institute of Medical Emergency

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Organisation Director: Ovuka Zeljko
Meet Director: Maletic Slobodan
Safety Director: Djurkovic Goran
Chief Launch Marshal: Ivanovic Milorad
Chief Goal Marshal: Jadranka Ogrizovic-Milojkovic
Meteorologist: Olgica Lazic
Scorer: Srđan Stanojević
Retrieve/Check in: Dragomir Milićević
HQ/Admin manager: Ninko Kljukovnica

25. Finance and sponsorship

The Championship will be sponsored and supported by:

- Ministry of Youth and Sports of Serbia,
- Vršac City Assembly
- Aeronautical Union of Serbia
- Local Sponsors

Expected percentage of budget from pilot entry fees is 25%.

26. Entry Fee for Category 1 championship

The Entry fee:

250 EUR per pilot;

125 EUR per female competitors, other team
members and accompanied persons;

125 EUR per Team leader.

Late entry fee payments will be increased by 10% surcharge.

The Entry fee includes:

- transport to the take-off and retrieve for all the registered pilots during all competition days, and official training day
- competitor and glider identification
- ID card
- lunch package, water or juice
- snacks at the goal line (biscuits, juices, fruits)
- competition shirt,
- free tickets to all championship events and parties,
- free entry in the cities sporting clubs
- free internet access at the HQ and landing area

27. Pilot Entry & team size

The Championships are open to all Member and Associated Member countries of FAI who may enter the team with the maximum 7 pilots not exceeding 5 of one sex.

The maximum number of pilots is 120. All entries must be made on the official Entry Form, signed by NAC representative.

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28. Guest pilots

Max 20 guest pilots. The minimum requirements for guest pilots are the same as for the competitors.

29. Entry to Serbia

Pilots from the most European countries entry Serbia without visa. For pilots who need it, we'll provide easy getting visa in our Embassies all over the world on invitation letter basis. It is not possible that anyone will be refused to entry to Serbia.

There is no recommendation for any kind of vaccinations.

30. Early arrivals.

For all competitors who arrive earlier local club will take a care of them, and help to find accommodation, to organize transportation, etc. It is not important when they arrive.

31. Customs arrangements

Customs arrangements for temporary importation of gliders will be published on our web site.

32. Test Event

Proposed date of Test Event is 30th August 2013 to 01st September 2013. Pilot qualifications will be same as for ECh, and it will be open event, with expected entry fee of 60 EUR.

Name: Željko Ovuka

Position in Organisation: Secretary General

Signed:



Date: 04th December 2011

