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## **AUSTRIAN BALLOONING REPORT To the CIA Plenary 2009**

Mr. President, dear Delegates!

In Austria the balloon year 2008 started with several winter meetings, preferably in the Alps where the conditions to fly are usually brilliant during the months December to February. The best known events are Filzmoos, Zell am See, Gossau, Kössen, Bad Mitterndorf and Bad Kleinkirchheim. Sometimes it was even possible to cross to Alps and fly from Salzburg, Tyrol or Carinthia to the Adria in Italy.

During the year there were various balloon meetings, for example in Klagenfurt, Kirchberg, St. Johann in Tyrol, Puch and Stubenberg. In July 2008 the Austrian national championship took place in Mattsee, Salzburg with 26 competitors participating.

The most important event of the last year was the world championship (also known as the Worlds) in Hofkirchen, Styria. We would like to use this opportunity and say again a big thank you to David Levin, Claude Weber, Alex Nagorsky and their team as well as all international and national volunteers who contributed a lot to make the event possible.

We hope that the members of the CIA present at the Worlds in Hofkirchen enjoyed their time in Austria and that the work performed by the local organisation team met the set standards and requirements.

Finally, we would like to inform you that the Austrian nationals 2009 will take place again in Mattsee, Salzburg in the mid of July.

For further information, dates and places regarding balloon events in Austria please refer to our website [www.ballon-austria.info](http://www.ballon-austria.info)!

For 2009 we wish you always soft landings! Thanks for your attention.