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## Official bid to host World Hang-gliding Championship 2007



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## Foreword

Dear Members of the FAI, Members of the sub-committee CIVL for hang-gliding and paragliding,

We wish to present herewith our bid for becoming organizers of the World Championship in Hang-gliding 2007. The championship would be organized and held under the auspices of the President of the Slovak Republic Mr. Ivan Gašparovič, in collaboration with the Union of Hang-gliding /member of Slovak Amateur Aeronautical Association/ and with the Slovak National Aeroclub of M. R. Štefánik. The event of 2007 should be held on the territory of Slovakia, in the region of the neighbouring mountain ranges of the Low Tatras and the Slovenské Rudohorie, situated in the heart of Europe.

The headquarters of the event shall be seated in the town Brezno and in the neighbouring village Podbrezová. General sponsorship has been committed by Železiarne Podbrezová a. s., which company has for many years been the chief organizer and sponsor of competitions in hang-gliding in Slovakia, contributing profoundly the the outstanding reputation that these international events have gained worldwide.

Our proposal to organize World Championship 2007 is being extended to you with the intention of presenting our project at the Ordinary Meeting that is to be held in February 19 to 20, 2005, in Guatemala.

The proposal project has two parts, covering the technical aspects and cultural background. Technical part explains how the project is meant to be carried out. This is the responsibility of the respective committee participated by members of ŽP Šport, a.s., an organization with extensive experience gained during twenty years of holding such events in the region.

Second part of the presentation shows in word and picture Slovakia, its natural and cultural qualities, leisure time and sport resorts.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This statement is based on sound knowledge of all specific attributes of this sport, on experience gained through the years of organizing competitions in hang-gliding and through successful European Championship in 1998. We believe to win your support and favourable verdict. We commit to comply with all conditions and rules by FAI and CIVL set upon organizing such competition, including our compliance with the FAI environment codex.



**Július Kriváň**  
Chairman of ŽP Šport a.s., Podbrezová



**Marián Zima**  
Chairman of the Organization  
Committee

# 1 Site

The territory of Slovakia is mostly mountainous; the mountains are mostly part of the Carpathian mountain range, orientated in the west-east direction. In the north there are the High Tatras, the Low Tatras in the middle and Slovenské rudohorie runs from the centre towards south. The Low Tatras because of their height /1400 - 2000 m above sea level/ are the ideal place for hang-gliding sport. The south-west of Slovakia is rather flat, created by Podunajská lowland that borders with the river Danube in the south. Východoslovenská lowland in the east is of similar character.

Horehronie is situated between the south side of the Low Tatras and the north part of Slovenské rudohorie. The natural border between these two territories is created by the river Hron that springs under mountain Kráľova Hoľa. Most of the surface of Horehronie is mountaineous, the length of the respective mountain ridges reaches up to 40 km with the largest peaks rising over 2000 m above sea level. One maintained road is mostly in every valley, what is very helpful for pilot's orientation and as well as for reaching stranded pilots.

The Low Tatras are the mountains with numerous cave systems. Granite is the prevailing mineral, together with the limestone, slate, dolomite or sandstone. Very diverse composition causes picturesqueness of the surface. A unique cave system can be found on the south side of the peak Dumbier close to the height of 2048 m above sea level.

Kráľova Hoľa on the east of the Low Tatras is a starting site at the height of 1948 m. From this place it is possible to enjoy a splendid view northward where the High Tatras rise up above Liptov valley. Water dam Liptovská Mara, dominant feature of Liptov, provides perfect conditions for water sports and other activities.

The areas of the Low Tatras and Veľká Fatra provide plenty of opportunities for selection of way points, what consequently gives space for wide range of flights. Waypoints coordinates and their photos will be an inseparable part of every day flight task presentation. The length of the course will be within 60 - 180 km long and it can be either a triangular course or alternatively a race to a goal course. The goals will be positioned in short but safe distance from the main routes, what will make their retrieval easier. All the way points and the goals will be easily identifiable because of detail maps on display.

## 1.1 Task Flying Area

### *Return race to goal*

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|--|----------|
| 1. Kráľova Hoľa - Slovenská Ľupča - Telgárt  | 128,5 km |
| 2. Kráľova Hoľa - Skalka - Telgárt           | 78,0 km  |
| 3. Kráľova Hoľa - Slovenská Ľupča - Predajná | 81,5 km  |

### *Race to goal on a curved course*

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|---|----------|
| 1. Kráľova Hoľa - Krásna Hôrka - Drienovec        | 66,0 km  |
| 2. Kráľova Hoľa - Pleše - Oravský Podzámok, sedlo | 119,5 km |
| 3. Kráľova Hoľa - Pleše - Ružomberok              | 96,0 km  |
| 4. Kráľova Hoľa - Spišské Podhradie - Ražňany     | 79,0 km  |
| 5. Kráľova Hoľa - Krásna Hôrka - Košice           | 187,5 km |

**Race to goal with no turning points**

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|-----------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Kráľova Hoľa - Slovenská Ľupča | 63,5 km |
| 2. Kráľova Hoľa - Drienovec       | 66,0 km |

## 1.2 Take-off Sites

### **Kráľova Hoľa**

Grassy top of the summit and large area make the start from this site very convenient and it is possible to place here a large number of gliders without restrictions. The site can be used for three wind directions /south, east, north/, the west wind is possible too, but only if no better starting conditions are found in other starting sites. Westward from Kráľova Hoľa is the main ridge of the Low Tatras, 90 km long, the Hron valley below Kráľova Hoľa is 60 km long and Muránska planina runs 30 km eastward towards Spiš region. The height difference between the starting site and the first possible landing area is 1100 m. The road that goes to the very summit of Kráľova Hoľa makes the starting site accessible by car or bus. The arrival at his starting site is usually coordinated by the organizers, because the site is located in the national park area. The starting site can be reached in 45 minutes. Kráľova Hoľa is 60 km away from the centre of the competition. The grassy starting slope gradually changes into knee timber and forest vegetation.

- § Area characteristics: an ideal starting site for hang-gliding and paragliding
- § Coordinates: N 48° 53' 00", E 20° 08' 33"
- § Summit altitude: 1948 MSL
- § Take-off site altitude: 1940 MSL
- § Slope elevation: 1090 m
- § Maximum wind speed: 8 m/s for paraglider, 12 m/s for hang-glider
- § Number of possible gliders: 150
- § The nearest landing site: field southward from Šumiac village
- § Landing site coordinates: N 48° 50' 35", E 20° 06' 04"
- § Landing site altitude: 850 MSL

### **Baranovo**

Baranovo starting site is situated in the west of the Low Tatras on the south slope. Take-off is possible during west wind. The starting area is large enough for gliders and transport vehicles. Slope with grass surface declines gently. The site is accessible from Banská Bystrica /Sásová/ or from tourist centre Šachtičky, 5 km away from the take-off site. Baranovo is 40 km away from the competition centre in Podbrezová.

- § Area characteristics: an ideal starting site for hang-gliding and paragliding
- § Coordinates: N 48° 47' 30", E 19° 08' 12"
- § Summit altitude: 1000 MSL
- § Take-off site altitude: 980 MSL
- § Slope elevation: 500 m
- § Maximum wind speed: 8 m/s for paraglider, 12 m/s for hang-glider
- § Site orientation: south-west, west
- § Number of possible gliders: 150
- § The nearest landing site: field near the roads Zvolenské Nemce, Šachtičky, Sásová, respectively their crossing point
- § Landing site altitude: 480 MSL

### **Panský Diel**

Another starting site with grassy surface, large enough to accommodate more than 130 gliders. The site is suitable for south wind direction, located in the west part of the Low Tatras. Pilots can reach the site following the road going through Podbrezová - Banská Bystrica - Sásová - Šachtičky. From Šachtičky tourist centre pilots have to follow gravel road 10 km long. The site is 40 km away from Podbrezová.

- § Area characteristics: an ideal starting site for hang-gliding and paragliding
- § Coordinates: N 48° 47' 56", E 19° 09' 02"
- § Summit altitude: 1100 MSL
- § Take-off site altitude: 980 MSL
- § Slope elevation: 600 m
- § Maximum wind speed: 6 m/s for paraglider, 10 m/s for hang-glider
- § Site orientation: south-east, south, south-west
- § Number of possible gliders: 150
- § The nearest landing site: field near the roads Zvolenské Nemce, Šachtičky, Sásová, respectively their crossing point
- § Landing site altitude: 480 MSL

### **Čierťaz**

Starting site Čierťaz is situated on the clearing in the wood above village Dubová in Slovenské rudohorie mountains. There are three starting platforms, wide enough with required angle for a safe start. From Dubová, the site can be reached up to 45 minutes by a vehicle. Half of the road is made of gravel and the transport here is always coordinated by the organizers. Area is wide enough for unpacking the gliders. The access to the starting platforms is marked by a tape and is directed by the organizers. Platform start system requires good coordination and pre-start registration. The site is 25 km from Podbrezová.

- § Area characteristics: a starting site with three platforms for hang-gliding and paragliding.
- § Coordinates: N 48° 46' 23", E 19° 26' 35"
- § Summit altitude: 1200 MSL
- § Take-off site altitude: 1140 MSL
- § Slope elevation: 600 m
- § Maximum wind speed: 6 m/s for paraglider, 10 m/s for hang-glider
- § Site orientation: south-east, south, south-west
- § Number of possible gliders: 130
- § The nearest landing site: field near the Hron river and Predajná village
- § Landing site coordinates: N 48° 48' 32", E 19° 27' 17"
- § Landing site altitude: 540 MSL
- § Warning: Pilots should land away from the hill, possibility of turbulence.

### **Podkonické Pleše**

The starting site Podkonické Pleše is above village Podkonice, at the beginning of the Low Tatras. It is also a skiing resort with accommodation possibilities. The starting area and the landing area are close, the height difference between them is only 400m. A grassy meadow creates good conditions with enough space for 150 gliders. The site can be reached from village Podkonice up to SKI cottage and a field road leads up to the top of the hill. The site is 35 km away from the competition centre.

- § Coordinates: N 48° 48' 59", E 19° 14' 34"
- § Altitude above sea level: 981 MSL
- § Altitude of take-off: 960 MSL
- § Altitude of landing place: 480 MSL
- § Elevation's difference: 380 ALZ
- § Site orientation: south-east, south, south-west
- § Maximum wind speed: 8m/s for paraglider, 12 m/s for hang-glider
- § Number of possible gliders: 150
- § The nearest landing place: a field located eastward from Podkonice village
- § Elevation of landing point: 460 - 500 MSL

### ***Martinské Hole***

Martinské Hole is a starting site situated in Veľká Fatra mountains. The grassy surface and wide area make the site suitable for safe and convenient start in east wind directions. After the take-off, the grass changes to forest vegetation. The site is accessible by the road Podbrezová - Banská Bystrica - Martin and then by the cross-country road to the top of Martinské Hole. Because this site is 110 km from the competition centre, we use it only if no other starting site in the High Tatras can be used.

- § Area characteristics: an ideal starting site for hang-gliding and paragliding
- § Coordinates: N 49° 05' 798", E 18° 49' 725"
- § Summit altitude: 1450 MSL
- § Take-off site altitude: 1440 MSL
- § Slope elevation: 1020 m
- § Maximum wind speed: 6 m/s for paraglider, 8 m/s for hang-glider
- § Site orientation: north-east, east, south-east
- § Number of possible gliders: 150
- § The nearest landing site: fields around the city of Martin
- § Landing site altitude: 420 MSL

During championship, each take-off site will be equipped with:

- sufficient number of windsocks
- portable WC
- refreshment bars and sufficient drink water stock for all championship participants.

Parking places on the take-off sites will be marked out and directed by the organizers. First-aid service vehicle will be at disposal at all times.

## **1.3 History of Competitions**

The history of hang-gliding competitions in the Low Tatras area:

- |             |   |
|-------------|---|
| 1979 – 1982 | International non-championship competitions                             |
| 1984        | Slovak Hang-gliding Championship – KOPA Banská Bystrica                 |
| 1986 – 1994 | regional competitions   |
| 1990 – 2004 | the finals of Slovak Championship                                       |
| 1986 – 2004 | International Hang-gliding Competition Podbrezová Cup, FAI II. Category |
| 1993        | Hungarian Championship  |

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1994	Championship of the Czech Republic
1994	Horehron league - non championship competition, Hungarian Championship
1997	Pre-European Championship 1998, FAI II. category
1998	European Championship, FAI I. Category
1999	International Polish Championship
2001	International Hungarian Championship
2002	International Polish Championship
2003	International Czech and Polish Championships
2004	International Polish, Hungarian and Ukrainian Championships

The number of the participating pilots varies from 60 to 130.



## **2 Conditions**

### **2.1 Airspace**

There are no significant limitations within intended airspace for World Championship 2007. In conformity with the law valid for the EU countries, a NOTAMN will be published by the Board of Aviation one month before the beginning of championship, that will provide our preferential availing of requisite airspace and will also provide safety of pilots during flights. We suppose availing of flying levels FL 60 /up to 6000 Ft/ and FL 90 /up to 9000 Ft/.

Airspace: will be free and available above the take-off sites and task flying areas.

Airspace availing will be published in form of NOTAMN report. The coordination with military authorities, flight and operating services will be provided.

### **2.2 Restrictions**

Prohibited areas: The lines have been chosen so, that the prohibited areas will not develop limitations for competition activity of flying crews. Flights above protected areas will be coordinated by responsible state authority.

Frontier crossing arrangements: Competition tasks will be chosen within separate sufficient area with border lines having sufficient distance reserve from the frontier of Slovak Republic. The characteristic terrain relief of Slovakia provides easy visual distinguishing. Competitors will be informed about distinct terrain signs of border areas on daily briefings. The coordination with Poland, Czech Republic and Hungary will be provided with help of state authorities.

Other regulations: The organizer will provide daily informativeness about particular daily flying activity directed at information on times for opening and closing of flying, data about competition task with line specification.

### **2.3 Radio**

Radiocommunication is used for Hang-gliding pilots in Slovakia as a standard one. The connection is possible within the frequency spectrum of 138 - 143,6 MHz.

The organizer will provide the frequency of 143,10 MHz for competition needs, that can be used by all pilots and that will be continual monitored for safety reasons.

### **2.4 Mobile / Phone Coverage**

Slovakia has thick coverage of mobile operator network - Eurotel, GSM and it is actually impossible not to get the connection or stay without signal for longer time.

### **2.5 Weather**

Weather conditions are relatively stabilised in Horehronie region in early August and still enable long flights /3 - 5 hours/. The summer temperatures reach up to 30 degrees Celsius and the winds are obviously light to moderate. Even stronger winds on the top of the highest take-off place Kráľova Hoľa /up to 10 m/s/ proved to be safe for

launching, flying the task and landing during last 20 years with regard to big fields in the Hron valley. Best time of day varies from launching place, Martinske hole take-off place /NE, EP/ is better to launch before 2 p.m., Podkonické Pleše, Panský diel /S/ between 1 to 3 p.m., Baranovo /W/ about 3 p.m., Kráľova Hoľa /S, N/ 12 to 4 p.m., and Čierťaz /N/ 1 to 5 p.m. The main ridge of the Low Tatras at that season time works thermically to 6 p.m., the valley even longer /7 p.m./.

In case of low cloud base or stronger winds in higher altitudes there are various opportunities for choosing the right take-off place especially for the south and north situations /Kráľova Hoľa versus Podkonické Pleše and Panský diel for south wind or Čierťaz for northern wind/.

Thermals are moderate to strong and especially near the ridge can be accompanied by moderate turbulence, in few cases even with strong turbulence. The thermals usually reach the speed up to 5 m/s, in the best conditions flown there /2003/ up to 7 m/s with cloud bases mostly ranging from 2300 MSL to 3000 MSL.

Strong turbulence can be awaited at the lee side of the Low Tatras ridge when flying there at strong northern situation.

## 2.6 Meteorology

Our long term statistics /20 years/ shows that about 70% of scheduled competition days were flown with full validity - see European Hang-gliding Championship 1998, 9 valid tasks of 12 scheduled days. The best statistics was in 2003 /5 valid tasks of 5 scheduled days/ the worst in 2002 - floods in Czech Republic /3 valid tasks of 9 days/.

The danger of thunderstorms rises with humidity in the air and cannot be avoided in the mountain region. There is a good knowledge of the most dangerous places and the tasks can be chosen to reduce the risk.

Typical flight tasks are those via one or more turnpoints up to 130 km.

## 2.7 Maps

That is a certainty that each competing pilot, teamleader and accompanying person will get maps of a scale 1:250 000, specially prepared for that championship, with take-offs, turn points and landing fields.

Tourist maps of the region of a scale 1:250 000 will also be available for competitors.

Precise topographic maps will be used on take-offs at setting the flying tasks /scale 1:100 000/, with indication of task area and points of each task for particular day.

In the centre of the event, the maps of competition area of a scale 1:50 000 will be at disposal, with indication of hazards near landing areas /power wire, railway lines, etc./

An aeronautical chart ICAO of a scale 1:500 000 will be available for pilots and teamleaders in the centre of the competition, where they can get acquainted with the partition of airspace of Slovakia in detail.

## 2.8 Rescue / Medical Services

Members of Mountain rescue service, police and fire brigade are ready to help in case of emergency. The organizer will provide professional medical attention on take-off and goal and if required also the doping control. In urgent case, it is possible to call helicopter immediately, directly to the site. The equipment of the helicopter includes all recommended first-aid means for difficult accessible grounds and mountains. After

transport, the less complicated cases will be treated in health-service institutions in Brezno or in Banská Bystrica.

First-aid medical service - the ambulance equipment is according to the international standards and includes besides qualified staff, i.e. doctor, nurse and driver, stretcher, stool, vacuum splints for spine, neck, head and extremity injuries, medical monitoring equipment, intubation set, respirator, exhauster, defibrillator, intravenous fluids, all required medicaments, oxygen, dressings, infusion sets, etc.

**Organizing Committee Member – doctor MUDr. Štefan Arin Ianecsko, surgeon:**

Doctor with 1st stage surgery attestation, with eight-year practice in surgery and traumatology of first contact and with five-year practice in first-aid service.

Note: There are not necessary any special vaccinations for visiting of Slovakia.

## **2.9 Event Headquarters**

In Podbrezová, part Lopej, available is a set of buildings housing the school of metallurgy, with a huge parking lot. Every summer during hang-gliding competition the building is reset for the purposes of the event: participants are provided with a big briefing hall, a computer station with high performance computers in required number with the appropriate software and internet connection. Available are telephones, fax, copiers, projector, screeners, writing boards, projecting screen. Computers with internet connection placed in the meeting room are available for competing pilots. All team leaders have permanent access to the latest news and scores. Scores are regularly being put on the wall boards.

### 3 Organisation

Aeroclub ŽP Šport, a.s. is one of the major clubs in Slovakia associating hang-gliding pilots, paragliders and balloon pilots. Extensive history of the club started 25 years ago when the very first glider took off in our country. The club associates practically all current Slovak representatives in hang-gliding and ballooning, and members who wrote the history of this sport since its origin. Active pilots of the club have since 1980 been organizing competitions in hang-gliding in this region. Thousands of flights are started here every year, with so far not a single fatal accident. All routes lead to safe landing sites. Local people are familiar with the tradition and are willing at any time to provide help. The European Championship of 1998 held in Slovakia have spontaneously been called by the gliders to be „the most friendly competition ever experienced“. Appreciated were also technical and organization attributes of the event.

Support and Supervision :

- Federation Aeronautic International
- Slovak National Aeroclub
- Slovak Aeronautical Association
- Železiarne Podbrezová a.s.
- City of Podbrezová
- City of Brezno

#### **Committment by national authorities and by aviation managers**

Upon the intention to enrol as candidates for organizing World Championship 2007 we notified all the respective local authorities and the general sponsor. We asked the President of Slovakia Mr. Gašparovič to hold the championship under his auspices. His acceptance is a part of the annex.



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**Dear CIVL delegates,  
Dear hang-gliding friends,**

January 11, 2005

The Slovak National Aeroclub is ready to present their strong intention to host the World Hang Gliding Championships 2007 in the Slovak Republic to the FAI / CIVL plenary meeting in Guatemala in February 2005.

The venue of the Championships would be in the place called Podbrezová in the region of the Low Tatra mountains, the same place where the very successful European Championships in 1998 were held.

The event is supported by the local authorities that together with the main sponsor - the Ironworks of Podbrezová offer their help with all the preparation and organisation to attain our common goal.

The information on our website [www.zelko.sk/hang-gliding/](http://www.zelko.sk/hang-gliding/) will give an answer to your further inquiries about this event, so do not hesitate to contact us.

Lately our country has become a member of the European Union, thus the visa-free travel to Slovakia is another advantage and reason why to visit our country and to participate in these championships.

On behalf of the Slovak National Aeroclub and the ŽP Šport Podbrezová I would like to ask you to support our bid during the forthcoming FAI CIVL plenary meeting voting.

In case you could not take part in this meeting, our delegate is ready to take your proxy.

Thank you very much for your attention to this letter. I believe that with your support and promotion we could welcome the participants of the World Hang Gliding Championships to the beautiful region of the Low Tatras in Slovakia in 2007.

Yours Sincerely,

Anton Liška  
Secretary General

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21 October 2004

**MATTER**

**The preliminary statement of support related to the planned preparation of the World championship in Hang Gliding in 2007 in Slovakia**

According to the information you have provided about the event of **World Championship in Hang Gliding in 2007** that you would like to organize in Brezno, Podbrezová and surrounding regions of Nízke Tatry (Low Tatras) and Slovenské Rudohorie in Slovakia, in the name of Banská Bystrica Self-governing Region we **state our full support on behalf of the organization of the event mentioned above** in Banská Bystrica Self-governing Region.

We are convinced that regarding to the organizer's long-time experiences in running international competitions in hang gliding and paragliding and due to the strong general sponsor the organizers will succeed and accomplish the championship according to the all expectations and will also contribute to the positive visualization of Banská Bystrica Self-governing Region as well as Slovakia.

Kind regards

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Podbrezová, October 25th, 2004

Federation Aeronautique Internationale  
Podbrezová, October 21st, 2004  
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Dear Mr. President , Dear Delegates , Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of Železiarne Podbrezová a.s. and in my name, too, may I express my great pleasure that the Aeroclub of ŽP Šport a.s. Podbrezová, the associated member of the Slovak National Aeroclub, became one of the candidates for organizing the Hang Gliding Championship 2007. Almost twenty years we have been supporting organization of championships in hang gliding held in this part of the Slovak Republic. It is my pleasure to learn that this same team decided to run among candidates for organizing this remarkable event. I hope and believe, that the devotion and professional approach of the members of the organization committee, who so far have been arranging and organizing a number of significant international competitions in hang gliding, shall be appreciated and granted your trust, and that Podbrezová will become the place where the World Championship in Hang Gliding 2007 shall be held. May I assure you that me as well as all my colleagues are committed to develop both financial and organizational assistance to this remarkable sport event.

Sincerely yours

Ing. Vladimír Soták  
Chairman of the Board  
And Director General



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SLOVENSKEJ REPUBLIKY**

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**Dear Mr. President,  
Dear Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

The Aircraft Amateur Association of Slovak Republic (LAA SR), representing hang gliding and paragliding sports in Slovakia would like to present their bid to the FAI – International Hang Gliding Commission to host the World Hang Gliding Championship 2007 in Slovak Republic.

The venue of the Championship would be in the place called Podbrezova /the same place where the European Hang Gliding Championship where held/ in the region of the Low Tatras mountains.

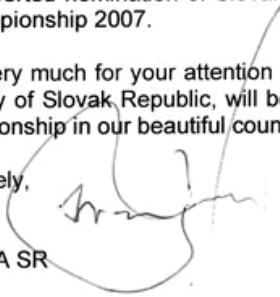
Referring to our long-time experience with ZP Sport Podbrezova as organisator of the race of hang gliding we deem honor to ask ZP Sport Podbrezova in order to offer candidacy of World Hang Gliding Championship 2007 in Slovak republic.

LAA SR supported nomination of Slovak republic for organization of the Word Hang Gliding Championship 2007.

Thank you very much for your attention to this letter. I believe that with your support the candidacy of Slovak Republic, will be able to welcome all the participants of the world championship in our beautiful country in 2007.

Yours Sincerely,

Ivan Priesol  
President LAA SR

  
**Letecká amatérska asociácia  
Slovenskej republiky**  
Horný val č. 24, 010 01 ŽILINA





Ing. Jaroslav Demian  
Mayor of the town of Brezno

Brezno, October 20, 2004  
Number: 3391/2004

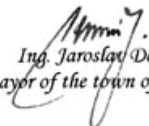
*Dear chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Hang-gliding  
World Championship 2007,*

*The town of Brezno and me, as a town statutory representative, express an agreement with organizing the Hang-gliding World Championship in the year 2007 as a reply on your request.*

*The town of Brezno actively supports and also helps in organizing plenty of sport events. It has organized a lot of significant international sport functions. The town of Brezno wants and it also will participate in organizing this international sport event. It will also prepare good surrounding and conditions for organizers, all participants and for guests to create successfull Hang-gliding World Championship 2007.*

*Our region of Horehronie offers great natural conditions for this special kind of sport and I will help organizers to prepare the successfull event for satisfied participants.*

*Yours faithfully*

  
Ing. Jaroslav Demian  
Mayor of the town of Brezno

Mr. Marian Zima  
Chairman of the Organizing Committee  
of the Hang-gliding World Championship 2007  
PODOBREZOVÁ



**OBEC PODBREZOVÁ**

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Federation Aeronautique Internationale  
International Hang Gliding Commission  
Avenue Mon-Repos 24  
CH-1005 Lausanne  
Switzerland

Dear Sirs,

*This is to declare our true interest and support to the project of the World Hang Gliding Championship 2007 in Slovak Republic.*

*Having experience with over 20-year-tradition in hang gliding in our region, hosting also the European Hang Gliding Championship 1998, 1<sup>st</sup> category FAI, it would be our honour and immense pleasure to host the world event. Right in our place, right in our beautiful region in the heart of our country.*

*We hereby proclaim that by all our powers we will support, actively cooperate with event organizers, and will conduce to the preparation of the event in all our competencies and abilities, so that*

*Finally, let us express our deep belief that the CIVL delegates will appreciate the enormous efforts and enthusiasm of Hang Gliding Club ŽP Šport a.s. Podbrezová, Slovak National Aeroclub associate, and will depute the organization of the World Hang Gliding Championship 2007 into its hands.*

*Yours faithfully,*

Ing. Ján Šteller  
mayor



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**Environmental County Office**  
**Department of environmental protection**  
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No: 2004/00657 - Ku

Banská Bystrica  
21.10.2004

**Subject: World hang-gliding Championship in 2007 - the preliminary office statement**

We are replying your letter from No 22/MS 2007 from 4.10. 2004 asking for our consent to stage and organize World hang – gliding Championship in 2007.

The Environmental County Office preliminary agrees with the project of the championship under the following conditions:

It is supposed that the area of Kráľova Hoľa, situated in The Low Tatras National Park, will be used as one of the starting sites as well as the sites of Podkonické Pleše, Panský diel and Baranovo, all located in the protective zone of The Low Tatras.


In The Low Tatras National Park, the 3<sup>rd</sup> protective degree of protection applies for the whole locality and the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree is in force in the protective zone under the law No 543/2002 and further applications.

The operational site Kráľova Hoľa is in the protected location of the Low Tatras and in the suggested locality of European importance - Kráľovohorské Nizke Tatry.

The operational site Baranovo is a part of suggested locality of European importance Baranovo, where it is a priority to protect the landscape and to exclude the activities with harmful effect. The conditions are stated in Section 13 and 14 Law No 543/ 2002 about environmental protection and further applications which specify the prohibited activities and the activities that require further permission.

Because of this reasons, we advice to ask the states authorities in charge of environmental protection to grant the permissions and exceptions needed for the prohibited activities

Krajský úrad životného prostredia  
v Banskej Bystrici

  
Ing. Jozef Živor  
Department superintendent

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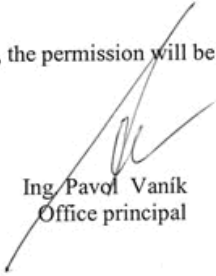
The operational areas Podkonické Pleše, Panský diel and Baranovo are located in the protective zone of the Low Tatras. Similar sport events organized in this area in the past did not cause any negative effect to the countryside in this region.

In the protective zone of the Low Tatras National Park, 2nd protective degree applies under the law No 543/ 2002. Baranovo area is in the habitat of European significance, where strict protective procedures must apply and all the harmful activities should be excluded.

Because of this reasons, we advice to ask local authority for the permit for hang-gliding activities two months in advance before the event. This must be negotiated with the Administrative Office of The Low Tatras National Park as well as with the land owners of the locality considered.

When all the conditions under the law 543/2002 are met, the permission will be granted.

Obvodný úrad životného prostredia  
974 01 v Banskej Bystrici



Ing. Pavol Vaník  
Office principal





The President of Slovakia  
Office

**Peter Priputen**

*charged with running of protocol department*

*Vybavuje : Ľubica Štvrtecká*

*Tel : 02 5441 00 15*

*Bratislava, 5. 11. 2004*

*Dear Mr. Chairman,*

*With regard to your letter from October, 20, 2004 concerning your application for taking the patronage I would like to inform you, that the President of Slovakia H.E. Mr. Ivan Gašparovič*

***has taken the patronage***

*of sporting event „Hang Gliding World Championship 2007“, that you are timetabled to hold in Slovakia, in the Low Tatras and Slovak Ore Mountains regions, in 2007.*

*I hope, the International Air Federation FAI will get off positive standpoint about your bid for realizing of that sporting event in the region of our country.*

*Yours faithfull*

*Dear Mr.*

***Marián ZIMA***

*Chairman of*

*WCH 2007 Organizing Committee*

### 3.1 World Championship 2007 Director and Key Officials

**The meet director will be Ján Jagoš,**

an experienced pilot, who has been flying paragliders and hang-gliders for more than 18 years. Since 1995 he has been directing Podbrezová hang-gliding event, including European Championship in 1998. He is a member of Slovak Amateur Aeronautical Association, has flown more than 800 hours and knows the area of the Low Tatras very well. Mr. Jagoš is a person who can use his experience, leading and organizing skills, and his reputation among the pilots to make the competition run smoothly. He speaks English and German.

**Marián Zima,**

the member of the Board of directors of ŽP Šport a.s., will be the **chairman of the Organizing committee**. Mr. Zima has been the leading person behind all the hang-gliding events in this region for more than 10 years. For his exceptional organizing and leading skills he was awarded FAI air sport medal in 1998. Thanks to his ability to promote hang-gliding sport in front of the media, he can attract number of people and find many sponsors and other supporters.

**Július Kriváň, safety director,**

he is chairman of the Board of directors of ŽP Šport a.s. in Podbrezová, he has excellent managing and organizational skills. He has been official and manager of sporting and aerial activities in Podbrezová since long time. He is very prompt and speaks fluently English, German and Russian.

**Vladimír Soták, finance and marketing,**

he is official of ŽP Šport a.s. His working field is business and he is an excellent expert in marketing. He speaks good English and is very efficient in organizational matters.

**Eva Banasová, presentation and publicity,**

she is expert in the field of video and audio media. She speaks English, German and understands her field very well.

**Lenka Zimová, transport,**

she has been participating in hang-gliding competitions since 8 years, she is an excellent and prompt organizer, speaks English and German.

**Chief Launch Marshal, Michal Oravec,**

he has been flying hang-gliders and paragliders since 1996. He has good experiences with competition organization. He has been working active on various organizational positions within Hang-gliding championships since 1997. He speaks English, Russian and has excellent managing skills.

**Meteorologist, Dipl. Ing. Michael Mayerhofer from Austria,**

he has been preparing weather forecasts in this region since 9 years. He is well-known to hang-glider public. He works in National Institute for weather forecast. He was at World aerial games and European Championship 1998, World Championship 1999 as a meteorologist. He speaks excellent English and knows the whole competing area of prepared World Championship 2007 in detail.

**Steward, Laszlo Kerekes from Hungary,**

he is a veteran organizer of all international and national hang-glider competitions in Hungary. He is chairman of hang-gliding and paragliding federation of Hungary. He speaks English and he is the author of several publications about flying. He is hang-glider and paraglider pilot.

**Scoring, Peter Gašparovič,**

he has been working with scoring and software for hang-gliding since 4 years. He has been achieving excellent results. He speaks English and is hang-glider pilot. At present, he is the management member of hang-gliding federation in Slovakia and member of Slovak hang-gliding representation.

### **3.2 Members of Organizing Committee**

**Anton Liška,**

he is the secretary general of Slovak National Aeroclub. He has been participating in organization of hang-gliding competitions since 8 years. He has excellent managing and organizational skills and 20 years of flying experience.

**Martin Sladký,**

he is official of Železiarne Podbrezová a.s. His working field is manager. He speaks good English and is very efficient in organizational matters.

**Vladimír Vaník,**

he is the executive director of ŽP Šport a.s. He has been participating in organization of hang-gliding competitions since 5 years. He has excellent managing and organizational skills.

**Juraj Sladký,**

he has been flying in ŽP Šport Podbrezová a.s. since 1985. He is chairman of Slovak hang-gliding federation and member of the chairmanship of Amateur Aeronautic Association of Slovak Republic. He is the absolutely number one in Slovakia, at present. He has gained the title of Slovak champion for seven times as well as a lot of further important triumphs within world and European events, during his career. He speaks English and German and is the Slovak CIVL delegate.

**Anna Nociarová,**

she has been flying hang-glider and paraglider since her seventeenth. She is hot-air balloon representant of Slovakia, at present. She has good organizational skills. She has been participating in organizing of Hang-gliding Championships in Podbrezová since 19 years. She is the management member of hang-gliding federation of Amateur aeronautic association of Slovak Republic. She speaks English and Russian.



## 4 Local Facilities

Podbrezová lies on the border of two mountain ranges: the Low Tatras and the Slovenské Rudohorie - mountains used for more than 20 years by hang-gliders and paragliders. Starting points are suitable for advanced pilots. Flight along 70 km mountain ridge is a real treat for every sportsman. All necessary service is available. Participants can use the building of the local private school of metallurgy owned by the sponsor Železiarne Podbrezová a.s. The house has huge meeting rooms, social rooms, big parking lot, restaurant, outdoor rest place, simple accommodation with amenities /WC, shower/, telephone, free internet, volleyball playground, camping site. Comfortable hotels with indoor pool, sauna and fitness are available within 5 – 10 km. Available are also small pensions, private apartments, and cabins to be rented. Podbrezová has its own health care centre, pharmacy, several restaurants and small shops, shopping centre, house of culture, number of sporting lots, swimming pool, post, bank, car service, hotel, fuel station and several pensions /for 300 people/. The region is rich in places of interest.

Grand opening and closing ceremonies of Championship 2007 shall be held in Brezno town, the centre of the Horehron region, situated 10 km from Podbrezová. Brezno traditionally plays this role in all important sport events held here. The main square is always crowded with keen local people at the opening and closing occasions.

### 4.1 How to get to Podbrezová

The biggest airport for out-of-Europe members is Schwechat in Vienna, Austria, situated 270 km from the competition centre. Available are international airports in Slovakia: Bratislava - 240 km from the competition centre, Sliač - Banská Bystrica 30 km from the competition centre. Slovakia has complete network of motor-ways and roads allowing for comfortable individual car approach. Podbrezová is situated in the heart of Slovakia, west of the town Banská Bystrica. Every competitor is offered assistance with his arrival to the competition site.

### 4.2 Accommodation

The organizers will arrange accommodation for the pilots and the team members in advance, according to the entry forms received.

Right in the competition centre we offer a simple type of tourist accommodation /room, shower, toilet/ as three-bed or single-bed rooms. In the centre, available capacity is 100 people, including boarding. Also there is a possibility to built up own tents in the centre area. Alternatively, we offer other types of accommodation at higher standards within 15 km from the competition centre.

We can recommend these types of accommodation:

- tourist accommodation – room with shower and toilet /for 3 or for 1 person/, possibility to order breakfast and dinners. Cost: 20 EUR
- hotel accommodation – /6 - 10 km from the competition centre/. Single or double-bedded rooms or apartments. The pilots order their dish individually. Cost: 40 –100 EUR /apartments/

- accommodation in private houses, providing kitchen and parking place. This can be arranged in Podbrezová or in Lopej or within wider area of the Low Tatras. Cost: 15 - 20 EUR

Web sites: [www.tale.sk](http://www.tale.sk), [www.dovolenky.sk](http://www.dovolenky.sk)

### **4.3 Insurance**

The required public liability cover for hang-glider pilots in Slovakia is 1 million SK - i.e. about 25 000 EUR at present. That kind of insurance has been provided for foreign pilots through Aeronautical Amateur Association of Slovakia and they were accepted as its members. The insurance and membership were 20 EUR. We will try to use this form also at public liability insurance of pilots, which we will ask for. We suppose the insurance price will be higher. The organizer will have cover against damage of property and physical injury and losses; however each competitor will participate in the event at his own risk. Each pilot will be bound to sign a form concerning this matter. The organizer is not on any account responsible for injuries that have not been caused by him and for injuries, that the pilots will cause each other. The pilots will be required to show the traveling insurance, which will serve as insurance for covering first-aid services in case of an accident.

### **4.4 Entry Fees and Other Charges**

The entry fee has not yet been decided. The exact amount depends on the sponsors' contributions and on the state funds raised for this event. The advertising contracts and other financial documents will be signed as soon as the championship is delegated for Slovakia.

It is our effort that the entry fee will not exceed 300 EUR per competitor and 150 EUR for team leaders and assistants and for women competitors 50 EUR. This will cover packed lunches for the pilots, drinks, morning refreshment for the team leaders, Championship T- shirt and other souvenirs. Moreover, it will include free admission to the reception after winning ceremony for all the pilots.

All the competitors will have free internet access and free parking place. Every pilot will receive all the necessary items, such as numbers, maps, list of waypoints, competition regulations and the meteorological information.

Apart from that, the organizers will arrange social program for pilots during free days. This is practically free; eventually it brings minimum extra costs. The entry fee should also cover transport of the competing pilots and registered team members during the championship.

### **4.5 Timescale**

We will start preparations of the World Championship as soon as we finally get the organization from FAI – CIVL.

### **4.6 Finance and Sponsorship**

The organizers will develop considerable effort to inform all the important national and international media. All the information about the event preparations, advertising material and other relevant issues will be announced by means of press briefings before and during the championship. Available shall be a press conference centre with

professional journalists and the organizers will arrange for interviewing the participating pilots.

The general sponsor of the World Championship will be Železiarne Podbrezová a.s. a share holding company, that has been supporting this sport and the Slovak national teams for years. In 2003 FAI awarded Železiarne Podbrezová a.s. a Honorary Group Diploma for their contribution.

The financial sponsorship amount will be announced immediately after the budget of this event is prepared and approved. This will include also the budget of a pre-championship in 2006.

Other potential sponsors are telecommunication companies, companies working in metallurgical industry or companies distributing sport items. Local authorities also present a traditional group of sponsors of this event.

We will elaborate the **budget for World Championship 2007** and submit that to the regular CIVL meeting. Financial means for providing the championship will consist of entry fees from competing pilots, of state grant and sponsor contributions of the general partner, Železiarne Podbrezová a.s. as well as other sponsors of the event.

#### 4.7 Retrieves

Transport of the pilots and the team members to the launch sites as well as their retrieval will be arranged by buses and by small transport lorries. The organizers hope that the cost of transport will be included in the entry fee. Those competitors who will have their own vehicles will have free access to all the launch sites during the event.

#### 4.8 FAI Entry Rule

We oblige that no pilot from FAI member country will be declined to enter World Championship 2007 .

#### 4.9 Early Arrivals

No restrictions.

#### 4.10 Proposed Dates

##### **Pre-championship 2006**

4. - 6. 8. 2006 /Friday, Saturday, Sunday/ .....	free training flights
5. 8. 2006 /Saturday/, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. ....	registration
6. 8. 2006 /Sunday/, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. ....	registration
6. 8. 2006 /Sunday/, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. ....	opening ceremony
7. - 18. 8. 2006 .....	competition flights
18. 8. 2006 .....	closing ceremony, results presentation

##### **World Championship 2007**

3. - 5. 8. 2007 /Friday, Saturday, Sunday/ .....	free training flights
4. 8. 2007 /Saturday/, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. ....	registration
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World Championship 2007 - Brezno, 10 km from the competition centre

6. - 17. 8. 2007 ..... competition flights  
17. 8. 2007 ..... results presentation,  
closing ceremony in Brezno

#### **4.11 Statement of Compliance with FAI Code on the Environmental**

We commit to comply with all conditions and rules by FAI and CIVL set upon organizing such competition, including our compliance with the FAI environment codex.

#### **4.12 Details of Visa Required for Visitors from FAI Members Nations**

The entry to Slovakia will be facilitated to all competing pilots, national team members of all FAI associated members in accordance with the valid laws and the opinion of Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Pilots and team members from EU countries have a free entry. There are many countries without visa liability and only a few that need visa for entry to Slovakia. Those will be cleared very quickly on the basis of invitation letters sent to the concerned pilots and team members on demand.

Details: Entry dispensing with visa for 90 days or 3 months: Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Czech Republic /unlimited/, Denmark, Finland, France, Guatemala, the Netherlands, Croatia, Israel, Japan, Canada, Hungary, Germany, Norway, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Austria, Slovenia, England, USA, Spain, Sweden, Italy, Turkey, Lithuania, Latvia.

Entry with visa: Kazakhstan, Russia, the Ukraine, Byelorussia.

#### **4.13 Details of Customs Arrangements**

Importation of hang-gliders and further competition equipment of competing pilots to Slovakia is permitted in accordance with the regulations of Customs administration of Slovak Republic – like sporting equipment. According to the laws of our country it is not necessary to make any regular customs clearance for that kind of imported equipment. Hang-gliders conveyed by air will be cleared directly by hired forwarders with the form Atacarnet and CARGO. We will ask the central head office of Customs administration of Slovak Republic in advance for advising all bigger entry points in Slovak Republic of the character of the conveyed equipment of competing pilots, to make their arrival to our country easier. The recommended entry points will be listed on our websites World Championship 2007 early enough.

On demand, we are ready to help in case of individual requests of competitors.

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#### **4.15 Web Site**

More detailed information on service for pilots and possibility of participation of guest pilots including requirements on their eligibility will be available on the websites World Championship 2007, which will be the main means of disseminating information about the championship at least 60 days before the closing date for entries. The websites are already available and include the project with documentary video about the site of proposed championship.

The address: [www.zelpo.sk/hang-gliding/](http://www.zelpo.sk/hang-gliding/).

E-mail address of the organizer: [cumulus@zelpo.sk](mailto:cumulus@zelpo.sk)

Entry application forms: competitors can send them online directly on the websites of the championship; however they become applicable after payment of entry fee to the designate account, as usual.

#### **4.16 Liaison with Police, Military, Public Services**

Our cooperation is very good by tradition. Police have been offering their assistance at organizing regularly and they are ready to join at any problems that can occur during the championship. The army has always done their best to make the airspace free and they are also ready to help at organizing the event. The local authorities together with ministries are ready to support the holding Hang-gliding World Championship 2007 in Slovakia.

*January 13th, 2005*



**Marián Zima**

Chairman of the Organization  
Committee