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Dear Firebrigade Comrades,

Preparations for the 16th International Fire Brigade Competitions and the 21st International Competition for Cadet-Corps of Fire Brigades are almost completed. The National as well as the International Organization Committee will use their best efforts to ensure that the stay of the competitors and judges in Villach, Austria, will be as pleasant as possible.

## Programme and Schedules

The programme and time schedules have been uploaded to the organizer's homepage where they are now available for download at [www.villachonfire.at](http://www.villachonfire.at)

## Travelling to Villach and Registration

Incoming nations will be registered in the school for Tourism Warmbad Villach, Kumpfallee 87, 9504 Warmbad Villach. The registration office will be open on 9th July 2017 from 08:00 am to 05.00 pm. Participants will receive their accreditation cards, after their payment of the participant's fee has been verified. Nations not having registered their participants in time and/or incompletely have to expect **longer waiting times**. Registered participants may be exchanged at the Link to our Online Registration Platform: <https://ctif-registration.n.feuerwehr.gv.at>... until the arrival date.

At the registration office the Delegation Leader will also receive the accommodation and catering documents.

## Accommodation

### Delegation Leaders and Groups

The accommodation of the competitors and delegation leaders is in public schools. As sleeping quarters cots are provided. Competitors and delegation leaders have to bring their own bedding (pillow, blanket, bed linen or sleeping bag). The rooms are to some extent lockable.

There is an absolute smoking ban in the building and the rooms. At the accreditation per team and room a **deposit of € 150,00** has to be paid, which will be returned if the rooms are left properly.

Judges are accommodated in 2-3-bedrooms in the Campus Warmbad Villach. For judges the bedding (pillow, blanket, bed linen) is provided. There is an absolute smoking ban in the building and the rooms; slippers are obligatory.

**Deposit per room key: € 10,00.**

The accommodations are up to 3 km from Stadium Lind away. Any public transport in the city of Mulhouse may be used free of charge upon presentation of the accreditation card.

## Catering

**Breakfast, Lunch and dinner** will be served in the city town hall „Stadthalle Villach, Tiroler Straße 47, 9500 Villach“.

Catering without an additional charge will be available from dinner on Sunday, 9th July 2017, to breakfast on Sunday, 16th July.

## Time Measurement

Time is measured electronically for all competition types and disciplines.

In addition, all of the judges assigned to the Fire Fighting Attack of the Traditional Fire Brigade Competitions, or as reserve judge for the Fire Fighting Attack, must bring a digital stop watch.

## Interpreters

It is possible to bring interpreters (translators) to the event, however, a special note must have been included in the Delegation Management Report. The entry fees of € 201.00 is to be paid for them as well. They will be catered for as the competitors. At the meetings of the delegation leaders German will be the main conversation language.

## Competition Rules

Any applicable competition rules in their latest version can be downloaded at [www.villachonfire.at](http://www.villachonfire.at) .

At the Traditional International Fire Brigade Competitions the Fire Fighting Attack will be started with a parallel start. The start command will be given through an audio medium via the loudspeaker system in the German language. This text can be download from the organizer`s official homepage ([www.villachonfire.at](http://www.villachonfire.at) ).

Just one more note for groups that want to enter in qualification class B: The Competition Rules clearly indicate in item 2.2 that a group may only enter in class B, if all the group members, even the reserve competitor, are older than 30 years.

## **Transfer Service**

If for the participants a transfer from the airport or train station to the accommodation is needed, then please send the travel information (arrival and departure time, flight or train number) **by no later than June 20<sup>th</sup> 2017** to the National Organizing Committee in Villach: [ctif2017@villach.at](mailto:ctif2017@villach.at)

Costs: Transfer airport Salzburg / Graz (GRZ) / Klagenfurt (KLU) / Ljubljana (LJU)  
– Villach – back: Bus up to 50 people: € 500,00  
Transfer from Villach train station: free of charge

## **Uniforms**

The participants are kindly asked to wear their fire brigade uniforms for the entire duration of the event. It is up to the individual nations, if they attend the opening ceremony and/or the closing ceremony (announcement of winners) in their duty uniform or their festive uniform. Please observe the rule for a consistent appearance of all participants of a nation.

## **Competition Equipment**

Photos of equipment and devices to be used at the Traditional International Fire Brigade Competitions may also be seen on the official homepages [www.villachonfire.at](http://www.villachonfire.at).

The competitors will bring the devices that are permitted to provide, other equipment will be supplied by the National Organization Committee. For the "Wet Fire Fighting Attack" suction hoses with thread couplings as well as B and C pressure hoses with Storz couplings will be used.

## **Press Service**

If a nation wants to bring their own press representatives, these have to be accredited. The registration for members of the press (firefighting related media and daily press / general media) must be sent via e-mail to

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until July 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. Name, media or fire brigade, phone number and e-mail address must be submitted. All members of non-firefighting related press must submit a copy of a press ID as well. Members of the press can pick up their press jacket and the registration ID at three different spots. The jackets have to be returned after work.

Only one press representative per nation, with correct identification will be allowed to enter the competition site.

## **Drivers**

If accommodation should be needed for them, drivers also have to be registered at the Online Registration Platform. The entry fees € 201.00 is to be paid for them as well. They will be catered for as the competitors, but will not receive a competition badge.

Please kindly forward this information to all participants from your nation (delegation leader, trainers, judges, competitors, interpreter, masseurs, bus drivers etc).

With greetings from your comrade

Eduard Kammerer, International Competition Leader of CTIF