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Dear puzzle-friend,

as there's only two month until the opening of the 6th WSC, I'd like to inform you about the latest information about the 20th World Puzzle Championship and the 6th World Sudoku Championship.

As because this is the first time when the WSC and the WPC is holding together and there was no clear guideline, we're trying to make the rules as flexible as we can – and in November, the WPF's members on the General Assembly can decide about the next year's structure using this year's experiences.

The place

The double event will be in Eger, in the HotelEger&Park (same as in 2005).

The reason why we changed the place of the event (originally we planned Debrecen), because in Debrecen one of the possible hotel was quite close to a bankruptcy (and it was a high risk what we didn't want to accept), the other big one (due to the world economy crises) stop extending its building, so only the capacity remained 150 person (and one part of the participants should be place in a different location – which is against the socialising aspect of the WPCs).

So, we were searching for a new possible place. In Budapest we've found a perfect place (Budapest Congress Centre built together with a 4-star hotel), but their price was a little bit above our possibility and the WPF Board had a decision about not to support any WPC host if they has a deficit.

Finally, as because there was no better option (acceptable price, one big and comfortable hotel for everyone, big competition hall in a same place, etc.) we had to accept Eger's offer – where the City is supporting the event as well. Unfortunately there was enough free capacity only in November, which is a little bit later than we planned our event.

For those who were in Eger, 2005 – we're trying to find some new things to show. I do hope no one will be boring in Eger. We'll have some extra programs in the evenings – while you're waiting for the results –, I do hope you'll love them, too.

For those who will Eger (and Hungary) for the first time, here's some information:

Eger is quite a small, historical town in north-east part of Hungary, with a nice castle from the middle-age.

You can take a virtual tour in Eger on the internet: <http://www.egerpanorama.hu/en/eger/pano/>

From Budapest Airport Eger is only 140 km on highway (1,5 hour), we'll wait all the participants on the airport and on the railways station.

Some useful facts about the hotel

All the rooms were renovated in past few years, all of them is air-conditioned, most of them are non-smoking rooms.

There're some special rooms for disabled person (e.g. with wheel chairs).

In the lobby you can use the hotel's WiFi-internet connection free of charge. In the room there's only a cable-internet connection yet, but probably for November the WiFi-connection will be available in the entire hotel. If not, we'll provide two computers in the lobby for your convenience.

The following facilities will be free of charge for you in the hotel: using the wellness section, the swimming pool, the sauna and the fitness room.

If you're coming by car – we'll provide a safety parking place for you in the hotel.

Some important facts about Hungary:

- The time-zone is GMT +1 hour (EST +6 hours). In Hungary (like in several countries in the world) in summertime we use daylight saving time, which will be over on 6th November 2:00AM (that is the morning of the opening day of the 6th WSC), so that night will be shorten with one hour. Please take this info into consider when you're planning your journey to Hungary (jet-lag effect could be bigger).
- Hungary is member of the European Union, so if you're allowed to travel to the EU without visa (or even without passport), you won't have any trouble. If you need visa, we can provide you an invitation letter in order to help your visa application. Please check your country's status on the website of the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs (http://www.kulugyminiszterium.hu/kum/en/bal/consular_services/Entry_of_Foreigners_to_Hungary/), where you download the Visa Application Forms – if it's need.
- Hungary is not the member of the euro-zone, our currency is the Hungarian Forint (HUF). Now the daily rate (which is quite hectic due to the economy crisis) is 1 EUR = 275 HUF and 1 USD = 195 HUF. The abbreviation of the forint, what you'll seen on price tags is Ft.
- In Hungary the electricity's voltage is 220 V, the frequency is 50 Hz. If you have a different one in your country and you'd like to use your equipment in Hungary, please bring a switcher with you.
- The weather in November is quite vary: sometimes above 20 Celsius, sometimes under 10 Celsius in daytime, so it's highly recommend to come with some warm clothes.
- Even in the popular touristy areas only the major shops accept Euro or USD in cash, but you can pay in most of the shops and in the hotels with major credit cards, bank cards.

If you need more information about Hungary or Eger, please ask for it.

The puzzles

I'm happy to announce that the structure of the event and the puzzle-sets are almost ready, but we don't want to publish all the details about each puzzle part right now, just one week before the event (as usual) – you can see the tentative schedule on the website of the events (<http://www.wscwpc.ini.hu>). Please note, that there could be some minor change (especially in the length of the puzzle parts), because we're still compiling and testing the puzzle sets.

Most of the puzzles are provided by Zoltán Horváth, Zoltán Németh, Pál Madarassy, László Mérő, László Osvalt, Gyula Slenker, Boglár Major, Károly Kresz and Zoltán Gyimesi.

In order to help your team practising for the upcoming event, I'm offer to visit the LMI's website, because in July there was a contest with Hungarian puzzles (<http://logicmastersindia.com/lmitests/?test=M201107P2>). The Hungarian National Championship will be on 17th September, and both of the puzzle sets (WSC and WPC qualifying test) will be available after that.

Of course, there will be lot of new types in November, but I think it is always better to get a taste about the puzzle types in advance.

Participants

In the past months I've got several questions about the rules (especially about the amount of the participants).

Because in the past years there was different rules for the WPC and for the WSC (about A and B teams, about the number of the official and unofficial individual participants), we tried to build together the rules.

- each team will be formed by 4 puzzlers (both on WSC, both on WPC), because the WPC's teams were always 4-membered
- on the WPF 4, on the WSC 6 individuals per country will be listed on the official ranking (like in the past), the other member of the delegation can take part on the individual parts, but they will be regarded as non-official (cannot get bonus points and awards)
- one team per country will be listed on the official ranking (as usual), the other team will be regarded as 'unofficial' (cannot get bonus points and awards)

The name of the official individuals and the list of the A-team should be finalised before the start of the event.

So, there will be a following (hopefully, understandable) assignment for the member of the delegation (can be different for the two championships), please use these codes in the attached registration form:

A – member of the official A-team, officially individual puzzler (max. 4 person in each championship)

BO – member of the non-official B-team, officially individual puzzler (2 person on the WSC, nobody on the WPC)

B – member of the non-official B-team, non-officially individual puzzler (2 person on the WSC, 4 person on the WPC)

CA – captain of the A-team (one person)

CB – captain of the B-team (one person)

C – captain of the A and B-team (one person – if the CA and the CB is the same)

G – guest (no limit*, not competing)

IO – officially individual participant (max. 3 person, only for those countries who cannot send a full A-team for WSC or WPC, and max. 2 person in the WSC, if there's 6 puzzlers from a same country, and they cannot form a full B-team)

I – non-officially individual participant (no limit*, if your country has a full A or a full A and B team, but some more would like to take part on the events)

** = no limit means if there's a capacity in the hotel and in the competition hall (please contact the organiser in advance)*

In the officially individually ranking there will be the following:

WSC: A, BO, IO

WPC: A, IO

In the team ranking only the A-team and those “United Nations Team” which is formed by those IOs whom has no A-team from their country will be regarded as officially.

We'll always provide the full ranking as well, with all the participants and teams.

There was a question from our Turkish friends, that is it possible to come with a Junior Team, and have a special Junior ranking (and awarding). We're supporting this idea, so if you have a young puzzlers, you can nominate them as individual participants and we'll make a special ranking and awarding. There will be some more awards as well (not just the top puzzlers of the full championships), more information about it will be announced later.

If you have doubt about the correct code to any of your team member, please contact me. I'm pretty sure, that some simplification is necessary for the upcoming years (e.g. same number of officially individual participant on both events).

24-Hour Puzzle Championship

We were asked by some puzzlers to organise our yearly event together with the WSC-WPC. We discussed it, and we're willing to do it, if there will be a large amount of puzzlers who cannot try it in other times. As because we have enough work with the WSC-WPC puzzles, we'd like to use "foreign" puzzles – so we'll provide only the accommodation for the event.

Due to the fact, that everyone would like to buy his/her flight-ticket in advance – the information about the possible number of you puzzlers whom are planning to take part on the 24HPC should be sent until 30th September (earlier is better, of course), because we have to announce at least a month before, will there be 24HPC in this year or not (depends on the number of the possible participants).

Registration

I kindly ask everyone to send me your registration in the attached excel-sheet. You can re-send it several times, when you have more information (e.g. about your travelling) or anything is changed. Even the minimum (or maximum) number of your delegation would be a useful information for us – in order to reserve the right number of rooms in the hotel.

If you have any special request which is not fit to the excel-sheet (e.g. you'll arrive two days before to Hungary, but you want to stay in Budapest, so you need transfer from the airport to a hotel in Budapest and two days later you need a transfer from Budapest to Eger), send it to me in a simple e-mail.

About the rooms: please use S and D letter to indicate what kind of rooms you need. If your team members already knows who'll be with whom in a double room, please use D1-D1 (for the first roommate-pair) and D2-D2 (for the second roommate-pair). The roommates can be different during the two events. This information can speed up the administrative matters in the hotel reception upon your arrive.

If there's an odd number of male/female participants in your team, we'll find a roommate for them from other nation.

Early check-in and late check-out is possible, if you're flight arrives quite early or departure quite late in the evening.

Important request! Please let me know immediately if someone in your team has any kind of disable, like problems with moving (e.g. wheeled-chair or using crutches for walking) or has a problem with his/her eyes (e.g. colourblind), etc., because in some of the puzzles it might cause some troubles – we can rearrange these puzzles, but it would be convenience for everyone, if we can use colours or prepare mechanical puzzles which needs two healthy hands.

Please note that the guests and non-officially individual competitors are welcomed only up to the available capacity of the hotel, please ask a confirmation from us about these extra persons.

Registration fees

The registration fees for the official participants of the tournaments is the same, as it was announced in advance:

Official team members + team captains are (double room/single room):

WSC: 350/450 Euros (4 nights)

WPC: 400/520 Euros (5 nights)

WSC+WPC: 550/700 Euros (7 nights)

For the non-official puzzlers extra 25% fee will be charged for the double rooms fee. (We won't charge it for those puzzlers who are officially participants on WSC as a 5th or 6th puzzler, and would like take part on the WPC as well.) If they want a single room, we'll charge for them the guest's fee.

WSC: 435 Euros (4 nights)

WPC: 500 Euros (5 nights)

WSC+WPC: 685 Euros (7 nights)

For the guests extra 50% fee will be charged – but they get a single room for this price. If they accept a double room, we'll charge for them the non-official puzzlers' fee.

WSC: 525 Euros (4 nights)

WPC: 600 Euros (5 nights)

WSC+WPC: 825 Euros (7 nights)

The reason for this special fare: we have some sponsor – like the town of Eger – which supports only the official puzzlers, because they're are interested to welcome more countries (and they don't care is there only 4 or 8 puzzlers from a same country), and – like in the past – for those who're arriving for the WSC/WPC as a guest (e.g. as a business man) pay the highest fee. The fees are not higher then it was in 2005 (500 Euros for B-teams, 600 Euros for guests)

There is no any extra tax (like VAT) on any of the fees.

The registration fee for those who has special requirement (like plus/minus nights – which might cause an extra transfer from/to airports) will be calculated personally on the daily rates of the costs. Please ask for the exact prices in advance.

The fees are covering the transfer between the airports/railway stations to the hotel and back, the hotel price with taxes, meals from the first day's dinner until the last day's breakfast, the excursions, extra programs in the evenings and of course the puzzles. All the meal will be served in a buffet style, so you can always choose from many different foods.

We'll make an invoice about every registration fee. Please let us know, what should be on your invoice, e.g. your company name and address, tax-number etc. (The invoice will be written both in Hungarian and in English). Please, also let us know do you need the invoice in advance (we can scan and e-mail it, or if it's obligatory for you, we can send by air mail), or it's enough to get the original invoice only in Eger.

If you have some sponsors, and you need more invoices (e.g. partly paid by a sponsors, partly paid by your organisation, partly paid by the puzzlers), feel free to ask for it.

If you want to pay in other currency than Euro (and you need the invoice e.g. in USD), please let me know, and on the daily rate we'll change the euro-amount into dollar.

Payment

The registration fees should be sent to the bank account of the ROE, not later than 4 weeks before the event. For unique request this deadline can be overstepped, but please ask for it in advance. For special and acceptable reasons will accept your payment in cash in Eger.

We have two different bank accounts for EUR and USD:

(Please note: the 0 is always zero, not O-letters):

EUR: IBAN HU75137890170257710400000000

USD: IBAN HU18137010170257710400000000

The other information are the same:

The bank name is: ING BANK

SWIFT code: ingb huhb

Reuters code: INGA

The address of the bank: H-1068 Budapest, Dozsa Gyorgy street 84/B. HUNGARY

If you need more info how to transfer the fee, please ask for it. When you're transfer the fee, please use the SHARE option about the bank charges (your bank's transferring fee should be paid by you, our bank's fee will be paid ourselves).

Well, I do hope this large information letter can give you answers for most of your question, finally, I'd like to ask you again to help our work with information about your delegation (at least about the minimum number of the puzzlers on the WSC+WPC and the possible interest about the 24HPC) as soon as possible. The list of the registered participants will be updated on the website of the event at:
<http://www.wscwpc.ini.hu>

Looking forward to welcome all of you in Eger!

Best regards on behalf of the organising committee,

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