

## **4th WORLD PARAGLIDING ACCURACY CHAMPIONSHIP**

11<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2007 - TRAKAI, LITHUANIA



Lithuanian Hang Gliding and Paragliding Sport Federation

The Lithuanian Hang gliding and Paragliding Sport Federation and the Lithuanian Aero Club would like to organize the 4<sup>th</sup> World Paragliding Accuracy Championship in Trakai, Lithuania in February 2007.

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**Site**



Map of Lithuania

The competition site, the historical town of Trakai, is located in the southeastern part of Lithuania, approximately 28 km south from the capital, Vilnius. Trakai has population of 38 00 and lies in between four lakes; the biggest one of these is Lake Galve (338 ha).

In winter Lake Galve is covered by ice, making it a natural flying site where take-offs with stationary winches are possible in all directions. The take-offs and landings happen in close vicinity to town center, right next to the 15<sup>th</sup> century castle that stands on an island in the middle of the lake. Paragliding at this site has always attracted a lot of spectators and media, because Trakai is a town that attracts a lot of visitors.

There is an alternative flying site that could also be used for the championship - Paluknio airfield. Airfield is located 20 km from Trakai (towards southwest). Paragliding xc competitions have been organized in Paluknio since 1995. Airfield is big (1400 m x 800 m) and covered with grass. The area is drained so even in winter the area is dry and winching is possible, to all directions.

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***Travel to Trakai***

The easiest way to travel to the competition site is to fly to Vilnius. Vilnius international airport can be reached by air from most the European major cities. Competition organization will provide transport to the competition site from the airport. There are also train and bus connections to Vilnius from other countries. Traveling by a private car is also possible, for example via a ferry connection from southern Sweden.

**History of PLA competitions in Lithuania**

National and international accuracy landing competitions have successfully been held on Lake Galve since 1999. Ice has always been thick enough for flying; usually the ice cover measures more than 20 cm and can easily carry both people and small vehicles.

In 2002 we organized in Trakai our first FAI category 2 competition in accuracy landing with participation of 30 pilots from 5 countries. Another international competition with 25 pilots from 5 countries was organized in February 2004. In that competition 10 competition rounds were flown in 3 days. In February of 2005 we will have a European Cup competition of paragliding landing accuracy and we estimate that the competition attracts about 70 competitors from more than 7 countries. The organization staff for World Championships 2007 will mostly be the same than for the previous international competitions in Lithuania.

In general we are sure that we have good knowledge of PA as a discipline; Lithuanian pilots and judges participated the 2nd World Championship in PA in Slovenia and in several category 2 events during the last years. Lithuania is also going to send a team to the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Championships in Serbia.

**Weather**

Time of competition in February 2007 is selected with purpose to involved more pilots in accuracy landing competitions at world level and to show an alternative (winter) site for accuracy landing.

February temperature in Lithuania is usually between 0 C – -7 C and southwesterly winds of 3-7 m/s dominate. During the competition we will have daily forecasts and weather information from Lithuanian Hydrometeorological Institute and via Internet from Polish Hydrometeorological Institute. Besides this we will have local electronic wind speed and direction indicators at start and landing places.

**Maps**

Maps of the flying site will be provided to show the location of start and landing and the winching system's location. Other maps are not necessary for accuracy landing.

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### **Rescue/medical services**

During the competition during the competition there will be a doctor and ambulance on site at all times.

The doctor is familiar with the most common paragliding injuries (back and leg injuries). In case of a serious injury, the transport to Trakai hospital will take maximum 5 minutes. Trakai hospital is capable of dealing with emergencies and first aid, for major injuries the patients are usually taken to Vilnius. The transport to Vilnius will take about 20 minutes. All hospitals in Vilnius will be available for competitors and other participants of this championship.

### **Event Headquarters**

The championship headquarters will be in Trakai Culture House, which is in the middle of the town, at about 10 min walking distance from the competition site. On the first floor there will be the competitors' registration place and information desk. A separate place will be reserved for competition office (with computers, fax, printer, internet etc.) We will have an internet access for competitors as well and a separate press room.

A separate place will also be prepared for team leaders, competition officials, CIVL officials and judges. In the Culture House there is an auditorium for 500 people and this will be used for opening and prize giving ceremonies. There is also a large room for briefings.

In the same building there is a small cafeteria and Trakai Tourist information center. Trakai local radio could be used for announcements of important information.

### **The landing area**

An information board for competitors and spectators will be set up at the competition site. We will also set up a warm tent for participants, organization members and judges. During the competition the participants will be served hot beverages. There is a restaurant/café by the shore so food and beverages are generally easily available.

The target area will be situated near the shore of the lake as in previous competitions in Trakai. The target area will be prepared of a material that allows the participants to land as on grassy/sandy surface. Spectators will have access to the shore where they can easily watch the competition, but will not be an obstacle to competitors. A presenter will be on site to keep participants and spectators informed during the competition.

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### **Local facilities**

Trakai is a historical town that attracts a lot of tourists. Thus there are many possibilities for accommodation: European standard hotels (price levels from 20 Euro/night), motels (European standard from 15 Euro/night), hostels (from 7 Euros/night) and private houses of authentic Lithuanian wooden style with all conveniences, prices from 60 Euros/night). A wooden house accommodates, of course, several people.

Organisers will assist pilots in finding accommodation. Trakai is tourist resort and many inhabitants are familiar with several languages, including English, German and Russian besides the native Lithuanian.

There are also many restaurants and pubs in the town as well as supermarkets and small shops. A dinner in a restaurant costs from 5 Euro.

More information in Lithuanian, English, German and Russian you can find on the website [www.trakai.lt](http://www.trakai.lt)

### **Entry Requirements**

Competition will be organized according to FAI/CIVL rules and regulations (General Section, Section 7, annex for paragliding landing accuracy) and the Local Regulations.

Competition participants must hold a valid FAI Sporting License issued by his/her NAC, a pilot's license for paragliding, insurance (3<sup>rd</sup> party liability insurance and personal accident insurance). Pilots are also required to have documentation on their paraglider according to PA annex in Section 7. The pilots shall have their own equipment for towing (a tow release) or they can rent it from the organizer.

### **Team size**

Team size is likely to be  $x+2$ , with  $y$  scores contributing to the team score in each round. This will be confirmed in the Local Regulations.

### **Towing**

During the competition the pilots will be winched by stationary winches. There will be three winches and one reserve winch; the number of winches used simultaneously depends on the weather conditions. Towing staff for this competition is very experienced. Lithuania is a flat country and winching with stationary winches is the most common take-off method. We have a lot of experience in organizing competitions with towing and we know that this system can guarantee smooth running of the competition. All winches are equipped with a quick release system and a tension meter.

We are hoping to provide some tow training facilities prior to the

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competition for pilots less experienced in tow launching.

### **Insurance**

Documentary proof of insurance in English (or in Lithuanian) covering public liability up to a value of 100 000 Euros must be presented to the organizers at registration, as well as a personal accident insurance covering medical assistance and repatriation (Section 7 2.13). The organizers provide the pilots a possibility of purchasing both insurances during the registration for about 20 Euros per insurance.

### **Entry Fees**

Entry fee will be Euro 250 per pilot and Euro 150 for team leaders. Entry fee includes:

- Winching: competition flights and official training flights
- Transportation (if it's necessary) to the competition side (from Vilnius airport, bus and train stations and from accommodation place to reserve start place in Paluknio airfield, if needed)
- Event T-shirt
- Lunch package for every competition day, and free hot beverages daily
- Accommodation in a school dormitory
- Competitor identification number and card
- Access to all championship events

### **Currency**

Today the currency in Lithuania is the Litas. Information about currency and exchanges rates will be published on championship's web site. But in 2007 Lithuania will most likely be a Euro zone.

### **Airspace**

The airspace over Trakai will be reserved for the 4<sup>th</sup> Paragliding Landing Accuracy championship for the whole duration of the event.

### **Radio**

Official frequency (2 meter radios) will be announced before the competition.

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### **Entry into Lithuania**

Lithuania is a member of the European Union so for most of the pilots no visa is required. Organizers will assist the pilots who might need a visa.

### **Early Arrivals**

No restrictions.

### **Organization**

#### Organizator

Lithuanian Hang Gliding and Paragliding Sport Federation  
The local administration of Trakai region

#### Support and supervision

FAI/CIVL  
NAC of Lithuania – The Lithuanian Aero Club  
Lithuanian sport department

#### Director and key officials

Event director – Adomas Baublys

Meet director – Darius Jakubauskas

Championship Coordinator – Violeta Grigoraitiene

Judging team - from several active paragliding landing accuracy nations

Technical assistant/steward - Riikka Vilkuna

Technical director – Jevgenij Blocha

Other key officials will be selected later

### **Finance and sponsorship**

The championship will be sponsored and supported by:

- Lithuanian sport department

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- Trakai region municipality
- NAC of Lithuania – Lithuanian Aero Club
- Local sponsors

The proposed Budget for the 4th World Paragliding Accuracy Championship:

Income	Euros
Entry fees	25 000
Trakai region municipality	20 000
NAC of Lithuania	10 000
Lithuanian sport department	25 000
Local sponsors	23 000
Total:	103 000
Expenses	
FAI sanction fee	670
Others	830
CIVL officials	5 000
Officials car	2 000
Managment	5 000
Headquarters	5 000
Winching	7 000
Transport	4 000
Tents	2 000
Office expenses	3 000
Staff	8 000
Medical assistance	4 000
Weather forecasts	1 000
Internet- webmaster	2 000
Opening ceremony	6 000
Gifts	6 000
Scoring	2 000
Telecommunications	5 000
Media coverage	8 000
Insurance	5 000
Entertainment	3 000
Marketing	5 000
Other expences	13 500
Total:	103 000



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**Proposed competition schedule**

**2005**

12-13 of February 2005, an European cup competition of Paragliding Accuracy  
We will start preparation for the World Championships as soon as we receive an answer from the CIVL.

**2006**

Pre-event for the World Championships, February 12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of February: arrivals, training flights, registration.

Thursday - Saturday 16-18<sup>th</sup> of February: opening ceremony, competitions days, closing ceremony.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of February: reserve day.

**2007**

World Championship, 2007 February

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> of February: arrivals, training flights, registration, opening ceremony.

Monday- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> of February: competition days.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> of February: closing ceremony.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> of February: reserve day.

**Media**

Before, during and after the Championship all information, pilot interviews and daily reports will be published by:

National TV: LTV, LNK, TV3. Baltijos TV  
Regional and Cable TV: TV5, TV1, TV11  
National newspapers

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Regional newspapers  
Specialized press  
National radio  
Regional radio  
Web News portals

**Website**

Before, during and after the competition all necessary information about 4thWorld Paragliding Accuracy Championship will be available at official website. The address of the website will be [www.pagaukveja.lt](http://www.pagaukveja.lt)

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CIVL Delegates

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**LETTER OF SUPPORT**

The Trakai region Municipality has taken great pleasure in hearing that Lithuania Hanggliding and Paragliding Sport Federation has expressed the intend to host the World Paragliding Accuracy championship in 2007. This will greatly add to the development and popularization of the flying sport in our country, while also it will contribute to the promotion of our region. The previews competitions that have been organized together with Lithuania Hanggliding and Paragliding Sport Federation, only confirm that our country, and region offers great possibilities for organizing International Paragliding Accuracy Championships. Welcome in Trakai.

Sincerely,

Mayor of Trakai region Municipality

Vytautas Petkevičius

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**KŪNO KULTŪROS IR SPORTO DEPARTAMENTAS  
PRIE LIETUVOS RESPUBLIKOS VYRIAUSYBĖS**

**DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS  
UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA**

*Vilnius, 14 January 2005*

*№. 34 - 29*

To whom it may concern

Department of Physical Education and Sports under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania supports application of Lithuanian Hanggliding and Paragliding Sport Federation to organize the Pre World and World paragliding Championship in Accuracy Landing 2006/2007.

*Yours sincerely,*



*Vytas Nenius  
Director General*

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Letter of Support for the organization of 4th World Paragliding Championship in Accuracy 2007 and Pre World paragliding Accuracy Championship 2006

Dear CIVL delegates,

This letter is to express the Lithuanian Aeroclub support to Lithuanian Hanggliding and Paragliding Sport Federation in the organization of World Paragliding Accuracy Championship in 2007 and Pre World in 2006.

We hope that many pilots would like to come to Lithuania and thus help Lithuania to appear in the map of paragliding countries as well as to become familiar with our country.

Lithuanian Hanggliding and Paragliding Sport Federation has been successfully organizing Lithuanian Paragliding Accuracy Championships for the past 7 years, the Lithuanian Open Paragliding AL competition in February 2004 as well as Paragliding Accuracy European cup competition just recently, in February 2005. Therefore, we are highly convinced that, supported by Lithuanian Aeroclub, Lithuanian Hanggliding and Paragliding Sport Federation will successfully organize the Paragliding Accuracy World Championship in 2007.

Though Lithuania is for the first time bidding for the organization of such an event, we hope that we will be honored to be the host of this competition. This will help a lot to promote paragliding sport in Lithuania as Paragliding Accuracy competition is a very attractive event for spectators.

Hope to see you in Trakai in Pre World 2006

✓ President of Lithuania Aeroclub



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