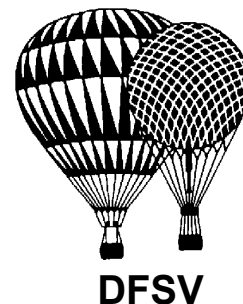


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To:

Delegates of the International Ballooning Commission of the
Fédération Aéronautique Internationale

From:

Delegate to International Ballooning Commission representing Germany
Markus Haggenev

May, 2001

**Invitation to attend the
45th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett**

Distinguished Delegates!

Following the winning of the year 2000 race launched in St. Hubert/Belgium by the German pilots Wilhelm Eimers & Bernd Landsmann, the country of Germany has the great honour to welcome the ballooning world to the 45th Coupe and invite gas-balloon crews from all over the world to come to the

**City of Warstein from
August 31st – September 8th, 2001.**

Many of you have been to this town for two previous Gordon Bennett Race launches before, so we trust that we have put everything together to set up another great race for the pilots and crews.

The technicalities, the rules and the official team have been discussed in working groups and finally approved during the Plenary Session of this year's International Ballooning Commission conference in the city of Bern in Switzerland.

We kindly ask you to check the attached documents and submit the names and further details latest until June 30th, 2001. Also, as this invitation has been surface-mailed to the delegates only, please copy or forward this letter to the pilots and crews of your country. All official documents will also be put on the internet. Please check the Balloon Federation's web page www.dfsv.de for updates.

We look forward to organizing the gas-ballooning highlight and do hope for wonderful, safe and long flights across Europe.

The German Balloon Federation is looking forward to welcoming you here in August in Germany.

Sincerely,

Markus Haggenev