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Dear Karate Friends,



It is with great pleasure that I invite you to the 13th World Championships for Cadets, Juniors and Seniors and World Cup for Children, in Belgrade, Serbia, from 15th to 17th November 2019.

First of all I wish to introduce myself, although I believe we have met many times before in various WKC international events, since I have been long time competitor and more recently I was involved in refereeing.

I was appointed Chief of the local organizing team in charge of technical aspects of the organization. It's a great honour for the Serbian Karate Union to organize the forthcoming Championships. We will do our best to have an event organized to the highest possible standard. We have also secured the best sports facilities and accommodation in the city for you.

We are sure that you will have a fantastic time at the forthcoming Championships and together we will strengthen the World Karate Confederation even more.

Aleksandar Makic
President of the Local Organizing Team



Important news!

Due to the anticipated number of competitors expected to attend the WKC World Championships later this year, the SKU - Serbian Karate Union has transferred the event from Požarevac into the city of Belgrade, capital of Serbia!

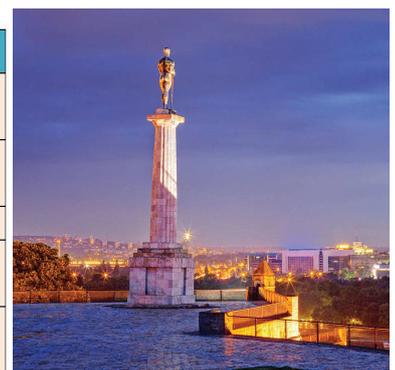
Importantly, the date has not been changed and remains the same (November 15-17, 2019). The switch, however, means we have a larger venue, an international airport only 19 km from the city centre and a bigger variety of hotels.

Belgrade is one of Europe's oldest and most historical cities. Bigger facilities allow us to organize a much better event.

In this Newsletter you will find most of the information that concern accommodation, transfers and event venue.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Dates	What	Where
Thursday, 14th November and Friday, 15th November	REGISTRATION	Hotel Serbia
Friday, 15th November	COACH AND REFEREE SEMINAR	Hotel Serbia
Friday, 15th November	DAN GRADING	Hotel Serbia
Friday, 15th November	PRESIDENTIAL MEETING	Hotel Serbia
Saturday and Sunday, 16th and 17th November	COMPETITIONS	Sport Hall



CHAMPIONSHIPS VENUE . . .

Sport Hall BANJICA

Address: Crnotravska 4, Belgrade

Sports Centre "Banjica" was built in 1973 on an area of 4.7 hectares of woods and contains large sport arena with 2.500 – 3.000 seating capacity, two closed Olympic and two open Olympic swimming pools, as well as a number of supporting facilities such as: relax centre (three saunas), gym, trim cabinet (hall) , trim trails, ambulance, table tennis tables hall and catering facilities. The main floor area can accommodate 6-8 tatamis.



The main arena



The area where the sport complex Banjica is located.



Banjica is one of the most popular locations for karate events

ABOUT BELGRADE

Belgrade (Serbian: Београд, Beograd) is the capital and the largest city of Serbia, and has a population of around 2 million. It is situated in South-Eastern Europe, on the Balkan Peninsula, at the confluence of the



Sava and Danube rivers. It is one of the oldest cities in Europe and since the ancient times has been an important strategic point for traffic,

an intersection of the roads of Eastern and Western Europe.

Belgrade is the capital of Serbian culture, education, science and economy. As a result of its long history, Belgrade has for centuries been home to many nationalities. The official language is Serbian, while visitors from abroad can use English to communicate.

Belgrade is the fourth largest city in South-eastern Europe, after Istanbul, Athens and Bucharest. Its name in Serbian translates to "White city".

It was first inhabited by the Thracio-Dacian tribe of Singi who would give the name to the city after a fortress was founded in 3rd century BC by the Celts who named it Singidunum. It was awarded city rights by the Romans before it was permanently settled by

Slavic tribes named "White Serbs" from the 7th century onwards. As a strategic location, the city was battled over in 115 wars and razed to the ground 44 times since the ancient period by countless armies of the East and West. In medieval times, it was in the possession of Byzantine, Frankish, Bulgarian, Hungarian and Serbian rulers. In 1521 Belgrade was conquered by the Ottomans and became the principal city of Ottoman Europe and among the largest European cities. Frequently passing from Ottoman to Austrian rule which saw destruction of most of the city, the status of Serbian capital would be regained only in 1841, after the Serbian revolution. Northern Belgrade, though, remained a Habsburg outpost until the breakup of Austria-Hungary in 1918. The united city then became the capital of several incarnations of Yugoslavia, up to 2006, when Serbia became an independent state again.



Visa regime:

Serbia has a non-visa regime with a great number of countries. A special advantage of this is that a visa is not required for the Russian Federation, all EU countries, South America, and since last year for India.

Before making your travel plans, please check whether you need an entry visa. You will find accurate information on the visa regime on the official web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

<http://www.mfa.gov.rs/en/consular-affairs/entry-serbia/visa-regime>

If you need an entry visa, do not hesitate to contact the SKU office:

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We will be glad to assist and send you the invitation letter.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION HOTEL SERBIA

The official event hotel is hotel "Serbia" and everything is centralized in it!

Hotel Rooms: 310, total no. of beds: 650.

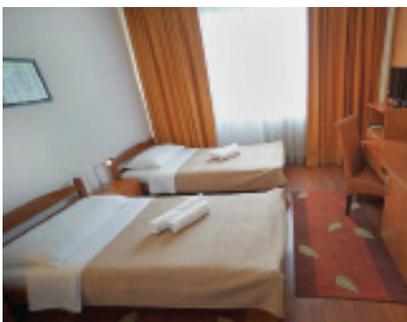
The local Organizing Committee has decided to recommend all participants a very convenient and comfortable hotel – "Srbija" ("Serbia") because they can accommodate large number or even all of our participants!

Address: Ustanicka str. 127 c, Belgrade.

Situated within an 18-floor tower next to a picturesque wooded park in a quiet and pleasant area of Belgrade, Hotel Srbija houses 2 luxurious top floor restaurants with breathtaking city views, serving a rich breakfast buffet and à la carte menu is available for lunch and dinner.

The advantage of this hotel that we can organize all events in it, such as technical seminars, registration and various meetings. Furthermore, the hotel has given us the most convenient rates and we truly recommend everyone to book in here.

Each room has a bathroom, air conditioning, TV and mini bar. Hotel has an aperitif bar, conference room, beauty salon, business club, internet cafe, exchange office and a rent-a-car. Hotel Srbija is located in part of Belgrade so called Šumice very close to the biggest highway in the country. It is 4 km far away from centre of Belgrade and 20 km away from the airport. Wireless internet free of charge is available in the entire hotel and there is a private free parking area for hotel guests.



HOTEL RATES

in Euro / per person & per day

type of room	BB	HB
standard single room	38 €	44 €
twin room	30 €	36 €
triple room	25 €	31 €

BB – bed & breakfast

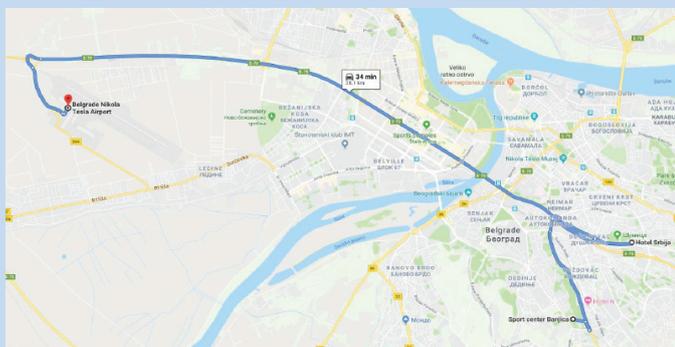
HB – half board (breakfast & dinner)

Please find the attached file - "Hotel booking form" and fill it in .



AIRPORT TRANSFER

We can arrange airport transfer (bus / minibus / car - depending on number of passengers) from and to Belgrade airport for all participants travelling by air. Return fare per person is 15 euro.



LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Since the Sport hall Banjica is about 5 km away from the hotel, the local hosting team will provide bus transportation for all participants staying in hotel "Serbia" during championships days, i.e. Saturday and Sunday (in the morning from the hotel to the sport hall and in the evening back to hotel).



Local Organizing Committee with President Marko Nicovic.

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