



# EUROPEAN DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION

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## Official Invitation

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### 13th EUROPEAN CLUB CREW CHAMPIONSHIPS

Budapest, Hungary

10-12 July 2009

All European Dragon Boat Federation (EDBF) Member Associations

Dear Sports Colleagues,

On behalf of the EDBF Council and the Hungarian Dragon Boat Federation, you are cordially invited to participate in the **13th EUROPEAN CLUB CREW CHAMPIONSHIPS**, for dragon boat clubs, to be held at the Lagymanyosi Bay in Budapest, Hungary, during the period Friday 10th until Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2009.

The European Club Crew Championships will be organized by the Hungarian Dragon Boat Federation and the local organizing committee in conjunction with the EDBF. All European club crews that are members of their National Dragon Boat Federation are invited to attend. Club crews are also welcome from countries which do not have a dragon boat federation, but they must have approval from the EDBF Board. Crews from outside of Europe, or not approved by their National Dragon Boat Federation can only participate out of competition at the ECCC if the number of entries make that possible.

The opening ceremony is planned for Thursday, 9 July and racing will take place from Friday 10 July to Sunday 12 July, inclusive, on the Lagymanyosi Bay, which has previously been the scene of the Budapest Dragon Boat Festival and the site of one of the 2008 EuroLeague races.

The ECCC will be conducted under the EDBF Competition Regulations and IDBF Rules of Racing by appointed IDBF International Race Officials and HDBF National Officials, under the direction of an IDBF-appointed Chief Official and with a Jury nominated by the EDBF Executive Committee. The race course complies with the requirements of the IDBF Competition Regulations. The course will be fully buoyed with fixed starting pontoons at 200 and 500 meters.

The European Club Crew Championships will consist of the following competition classes, in IDBF Spec Standard Dragon Boats (20 paddlers, total crew 22): **Premier, Junior A&B, Under-23 and Senior A&B**. For this European Club Crew Championship, each EDBF member country may enter five crews for each competition class.

The provisional program for the Championships is shown in **Information Bulletin No.1**, attached to this Invitation, together with the entry conditions, entry forms, deadlines and the details of the regatta fees. All other details will be notified by the Organizing Committee through Championship Information Bulletins, between now and late-June 2009. **Provisional entries must be received by 20 February 2009.**

The EDBF Council encourages your organization to enter Representative Crews in the **2009 EUROPEAN CLUB CREW CHAMPIONSHIPS** and looks forward, together with the Hungarian Dragon Boat Federation, to welcoming European dragon boat sport participants and supporters to an exciting championship in Budapest.

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