

To the persons in charge of traffic education



Geneva, February 2009

I N V I T A T I O N

FIA EUROPEAN TRAFFIC EDUCATION CONTEST 11 - 14 SEPTEMBER 2009 – TURKU, FINLAND

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Every day children across the world are faced with dangers on the roads be it on their way to school or when playing. Too many children still get injured or even worse; die in traffic accidents and we have to find a way to reduce these shocking numbers and build a safe future for the most vulnerable road users.

One way your club can contribute to this effort is by taking part in the next FIA European Traffic Education Contest that will be hosted by Autoliitto (AL), the Automobile and Touring Club of Finland in Turku.

We would like to encourage clubs not to treat this event like an Olympic discipline, but as an occasion for children from different cultures to become aware of their differences and their cultural richness and at the same time acquire skills that will ensure their safety in today's complex traffic jungle. We are sure that this event teaches children more than just traffic safety, it also imparts many social skills and gives the opportunity for some children to travel abroad for the first time and to discover some of Europe's rich cultural heritages.

Enclosed you will find further details as well as the draft programme, rules and registration form. We hope that your club will take up this road safety challenge and look forward to receiving your registration.

Sincerely yours,

Werner Kraus
President Region I

DRAFT PROGRAMME



FRIDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2009

All day	Arrival of teams and transfer to accommodation Reception and registration Lunch (snacks for late arrivals)
19.30	Dinner
20.30	Video film with information on the contest

SATURDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2009

07.30-09.00	Breakfast
09.00	Preparation and lining up of teams
09.30	Official opening ceremony
10.00	Beginning of the contest
12.00	Lunch break
13.30	2 nd part of the contest
15.30	End of the contest, closing speeches
16.00-19.00	Time for freshening up or fun activities at the Spa
19.00	Dinner, Prize giving (also of the drawing contest) and party
22.30	End of party

SUNDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2009

08.00 – 09.15	Breakfast
09.30	Sightseeing in Turku, excursion to Väski adventure island, lunch and return trip by steamship Ukkopekka
16.30	Back to hotel
17.30 - 18.30	Dinner
18.30 - 20.45	Fun activities at the Spa of Caribia, snacks on board a pirate ship
21.00	Team coach meeting

MONDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2009

All day	Departure of all teams
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CONTEST INFORMATION

THE CONTEST

The contest is a team event. From every club two girls and two boys (born in 1997, 1998 or 1999) participate and are accompanied by two adults. The contest consists of practical and theoretical tasks which the whole team completes. You will find a more detailed description of the contest in the attached rules. The contest will be carried out in the Holiday Club Caribia in Turku.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation facilities are located in the Holiday Club Caribia, which is a stylish Spa hotel close to the centre of the historic town of Turku on Finland's south-western coast. Turku is located 170 km from Helsinki and about 1,45 hrs drive by coach. Teams and guests will be accommodated in this hotel.

Holiday Club Caribia
Kongressikuja 1, FI-20540 Turku
Tel: +358 (0)20 1234 902
Fax: +358 (0)2 6511 2000
<http://www.holidayclubspahotels.com>



GUESTS

Guests will also be accommodated in the Holiday Club Caribia. We can not guarantee availability of the rooms in the Holiday Club Caribia, so the rooms will be distributed on a first come first served basis. If needed, some of the guests can be accommodated in Sokos Hamburger Bors, a stylish and modern hotel in the heart of Turku.

Prices: EUR 330 per person in a double room
EUR 470 per person in a single room

Prices are per person and include accommodation for 3 nights (in Holiday Club Caribia or Sokos Hamburger Bors), airport transfer to/from Helsinki Vantaa Airport, Helsinki Central Railway Station or Helsinki harbour, dinner on Friday and meals with teams on Saturday and Sunday, excursion on Sunday.



INFORMATION ON THE CONTEST

All information relating to the European Traffic Education Contest will be posted on the private area of the FIA web site www.etec.fia.com. You need a password to access this site.

User name: ETEC2009

Password: Turku

Further information can also be obtained from the web site <http://www.autoliitto.fi/etec>

REGISTRATION

The deadline for registration is **31 MARCH 2009**. You can register by using attached registration form. For organisational reasons please make sure to register on time.

COSTS

The organising club will cover the cost of accommodation, meals, transfer costs from Helsinki to Turku and entertainment for four children and two accompanying adults of every participating club.

IMPORTANT

In order to ensure good communication between the Organising Committee and the teams, **it is essential that one of the team coaches speaks English, French or German**. The organising club will provide one hostess per team to accompany and act as interpreter. However it can **NOT** be guaranteed that this person will speak the native language of the team.



TRAVEL INFORMATION

GETTING TO TURKU

Teams and guests travelling by plane should fly to Helsinki Vantaa Airport. From there AL will arrange transfers to Turku. The transfer takes about 1,45 hours.

Upon request, AL will provide those travelling by car, coach, ship or train with an itinerary.

ENTRY REGULATIONS AND VISA REQUIREMENTS

For travelling to Finland you need a valid passport or identification card. Some countries require a visa in order to enter Finland. Please check this with the Finnish consulate or embassy in your country. Teams needing a Letter of Invitation in order to obtain a visa please contact: susanna.suokonautio-hynninen@autoliitto.fi

CURRENCY

Currency is EURO in Finland. It is possible to exchange money at the FOREX Service Center in Turku and Helsinki Vantaa Airport. Hotel Caribia accepts major credit cards. The cash machine can be found outside the Hotel Caribia, near the hotel entrance.

WEATHER IN SEPTEMBER

The weather can vary a lot in September. Normally the temperatures are from +10 °C to +15°C. Please bring a warm jacket and gloves with you. It is possible that temperatures drop heavily at night. Rain can not be ruled out, so please bring your rain clothes with you as well.





TOURISTIC INFORMATION ON FINLAND

In area, Finland is the seventh biggest country in Europe. Water accounts for 10%, forest 69 % and cultivated land for 8% of this area. Finland has a population of 5.3 million. The mother tongue of 92% of the Finns is Finnish, while Swedish is the first language of 6% of the population. A vast majority of the Finns (85%) subscribe to the Lutheran faith.

Finland has been an independent republic since December 6, 1917.

Finland is much more than just snow and Santa (though, of course, the real one does hail from Finnish Lapland). It is of course also Nokia mobile phones, Sibelius, Sauna....

Finland's landscapes are a glorious variation on the themes of forest and water - Finland has 188.000 lakes. Each region has its distinct character, from the wilds of Lapland to the inspiring lakes of the East and the archipelagos of the South-West. Finland is full of interesting contrasts, such as the four seasons, the midnight sun and the northern lights.

The capital of Finland is Helsinki. This seaside city stretches out to pretty islands where green expanses are never far away. Helsinki offers many architectural styles from art nouveau to functionalist. City sightseeing, the old steam train journey to Porvoo, a cruise through the archipelago, a night at the Opera, it can all be easily achieved in a short break.

TOURISTIC INFORMATION ON TURKU

The City of Turku came into existence in 1229 at Koroinen, a few kilometres from the Turku market square, and trading took place on this historic site as early as in the 1150's. Turku's population is 175,000, which makes it the fifth largest city in Finland.

Turku is the oldest City in Finland. It is situated in the south western part of the country. City life is focused around the river, on whose shores some of the most interesting sights, including the Turku Castle and Finland's national shrine, the Turku Cathedral, are situated. The Old Grand Market Square is also located by Aurajoki.

The Aurajoki River can be regarded as the heart of Turku, and especially in the summer time people gather on its shores. There are several restaurant boats along the riverside. Many water buses, which provide passenger service to the archipelago, add their own particular flair to Turku. The journey to the world's most extensive – and in many peoples opinion, the most beautiful archipelago can be made on foot, by bike, ferry, car or water bus.

From Turku harbour Viking Line and Silja Line ferries sail daily to Sweden.

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REGISTRATION FORM

- Teams have to consist of two girls and two boys with the year of birth 1997, 1998 or 1999.
- Two adult coaches accompany the team.
- **At least one of the coaches needs to be able to speak English, German or French.**
- Please indicate the approximate number of additional persons (drivers, invited club guests)
- The AL will contact you in due time for further details and payment conditions for additional persons.

Club:

Contact person:

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Address:

Estimated number of club guests:

We will travel by plane

We will travel by train

We will travel by coach/car/ship/

Date and Place:

Signature:

**PLEASE RETURN THIS REGISTRATION FORM BY
31 MARCH 2009 TO:
VANESSA QUINCHE, FIA EVENTS MANAGER
FAX: +41 22 544 45 50 OR E-MAIL: VQUINCHE@FIA.COM**