



The XVI-th Velikie Luki International Balloon Meet  
 Cup of FRIENDSHIP  
 Cup of RUSSIA  
 1-st Women's Championship of RUSSIA  
 Cup of princess OLGA  
 Cup of Velikie Luki

11-18, June 2011

Dear Pilot,

This year the city of Velikie Luki will host the International Balloon Meet for the 16<sup>th</sup> time.

Russian hot-air ballooning has come a long way in recent years. Event organizers will do their best to ensure that the sporting part of the event is up to international standards and provide equal opportunities for all competitors to show of their skills. Hospitable city Velikie Luki wish you a lot of nice flights and soft landings and will be glad to welcome you in Pskov region – the oldest region of Russia.

**Event Schedule\***

**Saturday, June 11**

Arrival & check-in (*Music school – Lenin square, 3*)

9<sup>00</sup>-16<sup>00</sup>

Welcome party

17<sup>00</sup>

Briefing (*Airport*) & free flight

20<sup>00</sup>

**Sunday, June 12**

Briefing (*Airport*) & free flight

6<sup>00</sup>

Check-in & press-conference (*Music school – Lenin square, 3*)

9<sup>00</sup>-13<sup>00</sup>

General briefing (*Airport*)

15<sup>00</sup>

Opening ceremony & presentation of participants (*Summer theatre*)

19<sup>00</sup>

Briefing & free flight

20<sup>00</sup>

Monday, June 13 – Thursday, June 16

Morning & evening competition flights (June 13-16)

5<sup>00</sup> / 18<sup>00</sup>

**Friday, June 17**

Morning competition reserve or free flight

5<sup>00</sup>/6<sup>00</sup>

Awards ceremony

15<sup>00</sup>

Farewell party

16<sup>00</sup>

Free flight & Night Glow

22<sup>00</sup>

**Saturday, June 18**

Morning free flight

6<sup>00</sup>

Rest&Sightseeing (at the choice of participants)

\*Subject to changes

**16<sup>th</sup> Velikie Luki International Balloon Meet will comprise the following 5 competitions:**

- \* **4<sup>th</sup> Cup of Friendship** (international competition)
- \* **7<sup>th</sup> Cup of Russia** (national competition)
- \* **1-st Women's Championship of Russia** ((national competition)
- \* **5<sup>th</sup> Cup of Princess Olga** (international competition)
- \* **7<sup>th</sup> Cup of Velikie Luki** (international competition)

**1. DEFINITION OF WINNERS**

**Cup of Friendship** Winner will be determined as the competitor with the highest aggregate score among all competitors by the end of the event.

*Cup of Friendship international competition was established by the government of Pskov region.*

**Cup of Russia** Winner will be determined as the Russian competitor with the highest aggregate score among Russian pilots by the end of the event.

**1-st Women's Championship of Russia** Winner will be determined as the Russian female pilot with the highest aggregate score among Russian female competitors by the end of the event.

**Cup of Velikie Luki** Winner will be determined as the competitor with the highest aggregate score by the end of the event – among competitors, that participated in Velikie Luki Balloon Meet more than once.

*Velikie Luki Cup was established by the municipal authorities with the support of Russian Balloon Federation in 2005 to honour the contribution of Velikie Luki to the development of Russian ballooning.*

**Cup of Princess Olga** Winner will be determined as the female pilot with the highest aggregate score among all female competitors by the end of the event. In compliance with FAI Sporting Code /“...In the feminine category all persons on board of the aerostat must be female ...”/ navigator or other person on the board of the aerostat must be female.

*Cup of Princess Olga was established for female pilots by Pskov region government in 2007. The mission of the event is to contribute to the development of ballooning in Russia as well as promote the historical heritage of Pskov region. The Cup is named after Princess Olga (Saint Olga). She was the first Russian ruler to convert to Christianity and is considered the first saint of the Russian Orthodox Church. The first mention of Pskov city in chronicles (903) is related to the years of Princess Olga's government. She made a great contribution to Russia's state life and culture.*

## **2. RULES AND LANGUAGES OF THE COMPETITION**

The Competition will be run based on AX MODEL EVENT RULES for GPS LOGGERS version 2010 (or version 2011).

The official languages of the competition will be English and Russian.

## **3. ENTRY CONDITIONS & TERMS**

Pilots-in-command shall have been authorized to act as pilot-in-command of a hot air balloon at least one year prior to the start of the event. Each pilot-in-command shall have accumulated at least 40 hours as pilot-in-command of aerostats of that sub-class by the date of registration for the event. No more than 40 pilots will participate in the event.

To enter the event a pilot must submit a completed entry form. The said entry form must reach the organizers by April 20, 2011. The organizers will appreciate your enclosing information about sizes of the jacket&cup of the pilot; a colour photo of pilot and photo of his/her balloon with the entry form.

## **4. ENTRY FEE (EUR 200)**

***The first 3 international pilots (from countries outside CIS) who file entry forms before March 20, 2011 will be entered into competition with NO ENTRY FEE and will be provided (team consisting of 3 members - pilot and 2 team members) with accommodation (hotel in city centre) and board a day for the period from 9.00/June 11, 2011 to 12.00/ June 18, 2011;***

All competing teams will be provided with:

- competition rulebook;
- maps (2 copies);
- meteo- and other flight information;
- morning coffee (from June 13 to June 16, 2011);
- propane;
- entry tickets to the welcome party and awards dinner, local sightseeing and other social events;
- event souvenirs.

Entry fee and accommodation & meals for extra team members can be paid at check-in.

Accommodation & meals for extra team members (*from 9 a.m. June 11, 2011 to 12 a.m. June 18, 2011*):

- Single room (shower, phone, TV) and board – EUR 140-180\*\* per person.
- Double room, shared with team member (shower, phone, TV) and board – EUR 120-150\*\* per person.

*\* Special rates for the duration of event.*

*\*\*Availability and rates for required room categories should be inquired after with organizers during booking. Accommodation & meals for extra team members should be booked before May 17, 2011.*

## **5. CHASE VEHICLE RENT**

Chase vehicle (with a local driver) rent applications must be submitted to organizers in writing by May 17, 2011. Rent rate (driver services and petrol included) for the duration of event – EUR 220.

## **6. VOLUNTEERS / CREW MEMBERS**

Volunteer crew members are provided by organizers upon request. Requests for volunteer crew members should be submitted by April 20, 2011.

## **7. REGISTRATION**

Check-in for pilots and officials will be held at **Musorgskiy music school (Lenin square, 3):**

**Saturday, June 11, 2011 (09.00–16.00)**

**Sunday, June 18, 2011 (09.00–13.00)**

The originals of the following documents shall be presented at check-in:

- pilot certificate / license,
- pilot logbook,
- balloon registration document,
- balloon certificate of airworthiness,
- certificate of insurance,
- FAI Sporting License or a liability certifying that a competitor knows and understands the FAI Sporting Code and commits himself to abide by it,
- Passport or Identity Document.

The Organizing Committee would also appreciate your preparing copies of the above-mentioned documents in advance.

## **8. ADVERTISEMENT**

Event Organisers retain the right to place an advertisement on the gondola of a balloon.

## **9. INSURANCE**

Each competitor must be insured to a minimum of EUR 50000 against third parties. Each pilot and each passenger must be insured to a minimum of EUR 25000.

## **10. EQUIPMENT RENT**

For information on renting balloons, baskets and other equipment please contact the Organizers in advance.

## **11. TRAVEL**

You can reach Velikie Luki by taking a plane to Moscow or St Petersburg and then a train from either to Velikie Luki.

You can drive from Moscow or St Petersburg to Velikie Luki.

Another easy way is to come from Europe by car through Poland and Belarus (Poland/Latvia/Lithuania). You can take a ferry to Riga or Tallinn and then go by train or drive to Velikie Luki. It is possible to drive across Finland and enter Russia in Vyborg.

Upon receiving necessary information about members of your team before April 01, 2011 the Organizing Committee will send you a special official invitation for completing visa formalities.

Upon receiving information about your chosen route to Velikie Luki and information about your team and equipment (balloon, car/trailer) before April 30, 2011 the Organizing Committee will render you all possible assistance.

## **12. EVENT LOCATION**

The city of Velikie Luki (120000 people) is located in Pskov region 450 km west of Moscow and 400 km from St Petersburg, 100 km from Russia western border. The city was founded in 1166. The co-ordinates are: 56N23'/30E37'. The city has good railway and motorway connections with Moscow, St Petersburg, Riga, Pskov and Minsk.

### **13. SIGHTSEEING AND SOCIAL EVENTS**

All participants and guests of the event will have an opportunity to see the city and the region and take part in social events arranged by the organizers and local authorities.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

You are welcome to contact the Organizing Committee for further information and questions at:

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**See in Velikie Luki !**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Orlov', written in a cursive style.

*Sincerely yours,*

*Vladimir Orlov  
Event manager*