**INVITATION**

**by 2nd Announcement / 23.05.2016.**

**Dear deafblind friends, we kindly invite you at the First World Celebration of the Specific Capabilities of the Deafblind 2016, Bulgaria**

**Important information:**

**Dear friends,**

**we would like to inform you that till 19th of JUNE 2016 we continue to accept participants in the First World Celebration! Because the participants need more time to organize themselves we can accept registration till 19th of June 2016 and thus give more time for them who needs it and wish to participate.**

**Everyone who wishes to participate can register till 19th of June 2016 too!**

**We only kindly ask those who wish to participate, firstly to notify us by short e-mail!**

**Updates in this 2nd Announcement:**

**- prolonging the term of registration till 19th of June 2016**

**- adding Asia in the continents who receives some support from NADbBg**

**- change of name of the same hotel from “Novotel” - Plovdiv to “Grand Hotel Plovdiv”**

**- adding list of countries which participants do NOT need VISAS for Bulgaria**

**- settle the sightseeing - tour to Bachkovo Monastery “Assumption of the Holy Virgin”**

**HOST ORGANIZATION: National Association of the Deafblind in Bulgaria (NADbBg)**

**www.nasgb.org**

**ACCOMMODATION: BULGARIA, the city of Plovdiv, an excellent 5 star hotel**

**the hotel “Novotel” – Plovdiv, changed by their own decision in April 2016, their name as „Grand Hotel Plovdiv“ but it is the same hotel as in 1st Announcement with a new name (please read the attached official letter “GRAND HOTEL\_letter.pdf”).**

**http://grandhotelplovdiv.bg/**

**DATES: from 3rd July 2016 to 10th July 2016 on the following GENERAL PROGRAM:**

**eight separate events for persons with deafblindness,**

**as part of the First World Celebration of the Specific Capabilities of the Deafblind):**

**For more information, please read: the Second Announcement**

**3rd of July 2016, Sunday:**

**Day of arrival**

**(but each day can be day of arrival / departure – see the rule 1.1)**

**4th of July 2016, Monday:**

**1st day of the 1st World Chess Championship of the Deafblind**

**Alternatively on the same time: 1st World Championship on Backgammon of the Deafblind**

**5th of July 2016, Tuesday:**

**2nd day of the 1st World Chess Championship of the Deafblind (till 17:30)**

**Alternatively on the same time:**

**morning: 1st World Championship on Arm Wrestling of the Deafblind**

**afternoon: 1st World Championship on Darts of the Deafblind**

**After 17:30 the BOWLING PRACTICE will be held, in Bowling Complex “Aqualand”**

**6th of July 2016, Wednesday:**

**1st World Bowling Championship of the Deafblind**

**7th of July 2016, Thursday:**

**Touristic programs of sightseeing:**

**Tour by bus to Bachkovo Monastery “Assumption of the Holy Virgin”**

**(30 km south from Plovdiv) http://www.bachkovskimanastir.com/en/**

**Sightseeing is included in participation fee.**

**8th of July 2016, Friday:**

**1st World Championship on Track-and-Field Athletics of the Deafblind**

**9th of July 2016, Saturday:**

**1st World Amateur Arts Festival of the Deafblind**

**10th of July 2016, Sunday:**

**Day of departure.**

**For more information, please read: Preliminary Program of the First World Celebration of the Specific Capabilities of the Deafblind, 2016, Bulgaria (attached document)**

**RULES:**

**1. PARTICIPANTS who can compete in sports championships and who will participate in the amateur arts festival: Deafblind persons**

**Interpreters and assistants of deafblind persons will work and help them during events, but they are sighted and/or hearing persons and they cannot to compete in the sports championships. From all the events, only the Amateur Art Festival is not a competition.**

**1.1. Active participation in one/ several event(s) or to be only a spectator**

**Each day can be day of arrival or day of departure.**

**2. Support for participants from Africa, Latin America and Asia.**

**NADbBg offers some discount for participants from Africa, Latin America and Asia:**

**Participants from Africa, Latin America and Asia (one deafblind + one interpreter per country) have to pay themselves:**

**- their travel to Bulgaria and back (rule 6)**

**- their participation fee 150 euro (rule 8)**

**NADbBg will pay for participants from Africa, Latin America and Asia and offer them for free: accommodation and meals in the hotel Novotel Plovdiv during their participation in the First World Celebration of the Specific Capabilities of the Deafblind (it is about item 9)**

**3. Ranking in sports championships:**

**• 3.1. Individual Ranking**

**in categories by gender, sight, age, weight and arm (in dependence of a championship)**

**• 3.2. Team Ranking**

**The Team Ranking includes National teams and as option, Combined teams.**

**4. Awarding for first, second and third place:**

**4.1. In the Individual Ranking: gold, silver and bronze medal and a diploma**

**4.2. In the Team Ranking: large, medium and small cup and a diploma**

**5. Access to information and communication.**

**5.1. The official language of the Celebration is English (spoken and written). The hosts will provide English interpreters.**

**5.2. Each championship is preceded by a technical conference.**

**5.3. The hosts will provide sound amplification system at the room/location for each technical conference and for each event.**

**6. TRAVEL:**

**All travel cost from home country to Bulgaria are paid from participants themselves.**

**Air Transport is possible to the Sofia airport (1st Terminal or 2nd Terminal).**

**Some international flights also come to the Plovdiv Airport (10 km to Plovdiv).**

**The city of Plovdiv can be reached by train or by bus. Some international buses and trains come to Plovdiv. There are trains and buses from Sofia too.**

**6.1. VISAS:**

**Citizens of these countries DO NOT NEED visas to enter Bulgaria:**

**Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, China - Hong Kong (Special Administrative Region of the PRC), China - Macao (Special Administrative Region of the PRC), Columbia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Ireland, Island, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lichtenstein, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Macedonia, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherland, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Palau, Panamas, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Republic of Korea, Romania, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Serbia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Uruguay, USA, Vanuatu, Vatican City State, Venezuela.**

**Participants from other countres NEED visas for their stay in Bulgaria.**

**Each participant must check the visa regulations particular for their country. If you need official invitation please inform us in advance and we will provide you.**

**7. AIRPORT TRANSFER / transfer from bus / train stations:**

**NADbBg will arrange car and bus transportation of the participants from Sofia airport (1st Terminal or 1st Terminal) to the hotel Novotel – Plovdiv and back from hotel Novotel – Plovdiv to Sofia airport.**

**Distance between Sofia airport and the hotel Novotel – Plovdiv is 146 km on the “Trakia” highway that takes 1 hour 30 minutes.**

**If there are participants come from Plovdiv Airport or bus/train stations in Plovdiv, they will be transferred to the hotel too.**

**Transfer service is included in participation fee.**

**8. PARTICIPATION FEE:**

**The participation fee is 150 Euro per person (per deafblind persons, interpreters, assistants etc., as for active competitors as for spectators)**

**The participation fee includes part of expenses for arrangement of the events: transfer service, facilities, equipment and materials, personnel, sightseeing etc.**

**Participation fee is fixed per person and cannot be reduced for particular reasons.**

**9. ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS in the Hotel Novotel Plovdiv – 5 star hotel:**

**(with new name „Grand Hotel Plovdiv“) http://grandhotelplovdiv.bg/**

**NADbBg succeed to negotiate with Hotel Novotel Plovdiv a special discount pack price per person per night lodging and day meals, including:**

**- one night accommodation, and**

**- one day of full board: breakfast on a set menu, lunch on a set menu, dinner on a set menu;**

**In dependence of lodging of a person in single room or in double room, the price is:**

**• Single room: 100 Euro - per person per night lodging and day meals full board;**

**• Double room: 80 Euro - per person per night lodging and day meals full board;**

**10. REGISTRATION:**

**According to item 11, please fill the attached:**

**1) Application Form for participation in the First World Celebration of the Specific Capabilities of the Deafblind - 2016, Bulgaria (word document)**

**2) List of Participants of the First World Celebration of the Specific Capabilities of the Deafblind - 2016, Bulgaria (excel document) – Sheets: Events, Arrival, Departure, Accommodation, Dietary.**

**11. DEADLINE for Registration.**

**The files - Application Form and List of Participants has to be filled carefully in all the details.**

**Deadline for Registration: the 19th of JUNE 2016.**

**We only kindly ask those who wish to participate, firstly to notify us by short e-mail!**

**12. CONTACT DETAILS with the hosts NADbBg:**

**Please send your Application Form; List of Participants**

**by e-mail to the address:**

**nadbbg@mbox.contact.bg**

**The Application Forms can be sending from organizations regarding a group of participants. But every other group of participants or other individual deafblind participant can send their own form. We accept it from all of them.**

**Please do not hesitate to send all your questions to us, if something is not clear for you.**

**13. PAYMENT of the Participation fee and the Costs for nights-and-days packs for accommodation and meals in the hotel Novotel Plovdiv.**

**The Participation fee of 150 Euro per person, regarding the persons registered in the List of participants, and the Costs for nights-and-days packs for accommodation and meals in the hotel Novotel Plovdiv, regarding the persons registered in the List of participants as it is shown by you in the bottom row “Whole Grand Total” in sheet “Accommodation” of file “List of Participants” must be paid up the 19th of JUNE 2016.**

**Payment should be only in Euro by Bank Transfer. You can make only a single bank transfer for the whole amount of Euro for all your List of participants altogether of all the Participation fees and the Costs for nights-and-days packs for accommodation and meals in the hotel Novotel Plovdiv. All bank fees are to be on account of the participant and NADbBg must receive full amount of Payment as it is shown by you in the bottom row “Whole Grand Total” in sheet “Accommodation” of file “List of Participants”.**

**Once all the fees have been paid, registration will be confirmed.**

**Bank Details for Payment to NADbBg:**

**Beneficiary: National Association of the Deafblind in Bulgaria**

**Name: NADbB c/c Dimitar Parapanov**

**Address: 30, Vesela street**

**Area codes: 4018 Plovdiv**

**Country: Bulgaria**

**Name of bank: Raiffeisenbank (Bulgaria) EAD, office Plovdiv 2;**

**Address of bank: 125, “Shesti Septemvri” Blvd.**

**Area codes: 4000 Plovdiv**

**Country: Bulgaria**

**IBAN: BG28RZBB91551002642784**

**BIC: RZBBBGSF**

**SWIFT: RZBBBGSF**

**14. CONFIRMATION of registration:**

**Participants will receive by e-mail a written confirmation of registration.**

**15. The Invoice issued from NADbBg if you warn us that you would like to receive it.**

**Please indicate in your e-mail letter (when you send your List of Participants) if you would like to receive an invoice from NADbBg for the PAYMENT of the Participation fee and the Costs for nights-and-days packs for accommodation and meals in the hotel Novotel Plovdiv. Please include all the details that you have to be included in the invoice.**

**Welcome!**

**With warm regards,**

**Dimitar Parapanov,**

**President of the National Association of the Deafblind in Bulgaria**

**President of the National Sports Federation of the Deafblind in Bulgaria**

**President of the International Sports Federation of the Deafblind**

**EDBU Auditor**

**WFDB Auditor**