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to
all competitors of the Berlin Open 2010

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Dear competing couples of the
10th Berlin Open Championships for women and men couples
on Saturday the 20th of June 2009 !

We would like to thank you for your registration. With 81 entries from 10 different countries the Berlin Open 2009 are going to become a big, a very international and a thrilling competition as well. We would like to give you now some indications concerning our tournament.

The competition will be held in the sports center of *Turngemeinde in Berlin 1848 e.V.* at Columbiadamm 111 between the former *Airport Berlin-Tempelhof* and the park *Hasenheide*.

The closest underground station is *Südstern* (U7). From here it is a 10 minutes walk along the *Lilienthalstraße* to our dance venue.

Furthermore there is a bus connection (line 104) which goes between the underground stations *Platz der Luftbrücke* (U6) and *Boddinstraße* (U8) every 10 minutes. Departures from *Platz der Luftbrücke* are at 10:18, 10:28, 10:38 and so on; departures from *Boddinstraße* at 10:26, 10:36, and so on. The bus stop *Friedhöfe Columbiadamm* is directly in front of the sports center. All underground lines apart from the U4 operate the whole night through during week-ends. So enjoy your stay without time pressure! During the night departures from *Südstern* are quarterly in both directions at 06/07, 21/22, 36/37 and 51/52. The last buses are leaving our sport centre at 0:02 + 0:22 (in direction to *Boddinstraße*) and 0:32 + 0:52 (going to *Platz der Luftbrücke*). One-day-tickets (6,10 Euro) are valid till 3 am in the night and available at ticket machines and with the bus drivers.

If you prefer to arrive by car you can park directly on the parking site in front of the sport centre or at the Columbiadamm.

The dance hall is on the 1st floor of the TiB-sports center. There are separated changing rooms for men and women with showers on the 1st floor. On the 2nd floor you will find another changing room, which will be mixed. An iron will be present there. The small dance room on the 2nd floor with mirrors will only be available for warming-up from 5:00pm.

From 10:30am you can check in on the ground floor and use the changing rooms on the 2nd floor. At 11:00am we will open the 1st floor including the dance floor, the ticket desk and the separated changing rooms. After a short welcome, the competition will be started at 12:00pm with a General Look (one dance; Tango/Rumba) and the classification rounds of the female standard couples (three dances). The male latin competition will start at 12.30 pm with its General Look and classification round. Male standard and

female latin will follow in the afternoon from 4:30pm.

The heats of the classification rounds will be of mixed levels but will avoid couples of the A class and the D class in the same heat.

The mens latin competition will be held in two or three classes due to the small number of registered couples. In the other competitions we are calculating on four levels (A-D).

All classification rounds, preliminary rounds and finals of all levels of the first segment (female standard and male latin) will be held in the afternoon up to 4:00 pm. The second segment (male standard and female latin) will also include all rounds up to the A finals. In order to make it possible for the winning couples of the levels D, C and B to take part in the next higher class, we will carry out the complete D level before the first round of the C level and so on. Women and men will alternate. There will be enough time for the couples between two rounds therefore. There will be no visible judging during the finals of the D, C and B class, but visible judging for all A class finals this year!

The dances of the A level finals in the afternoon and in the evening as well will be presented alternately starting with Slow Waltz followed by Cha-Cha, Tango, Samba and so on.

Every couple of the A finals is requested to introduce themselves to the audience with a short presentation dance.

There will be no formal dance ball in the evening this year. Resulting from this there will be some modifications compared to former Berlin Open Championships:

-- There won't be a break between an afternoon session and an evening session. You do not have to leave the dance hall.

-- Visitor tickets are valid all day through. The price of 10€ is higher than former daytime tickets but considerably cheaper than former all-day/ball tickets.

-- The marching-in of couples will not be carried out at the beginning of the evening session but before the two competition blocks (at noon and at 4:30 pm).

After the last victory ceremonies and the awarding of the best female and male allround couple the dance floor is open for informal social dancing for everyone.

The tournament will be presented in German and English by Mette Bugge from Copenhagen and Stefan Wendt from Hamburg/Berlin.

The adjudicators are:

Ballroom:

--- Stefan Bartholomae (Berlin/GER)
 --- Dagmar Borchert (Berlin/GER)
 --- Regina Gombar (Vienna/AUT)
 --- Robert Panther (Königstein/GER)
 --- Lutz Peinke-Dean (Frankfurt/GER)
 --- Beat Römmel (Sulthurn/SUI)
 --- Kerstin Stettner (Nürnberg/GER)

Latin:

--- Anita Eggert(Berlin/GER)
 --- Regina Gombar (Vienna/AUT)
 --- Annabell Kindler (Berlin/GER)
 --- Robert Panther (Königstein/GER)
 --- Beat Römmel (Sulthurn/SUI)
 --- Christoph Schüth (Bochum/GER)
 --- Kerstin Stettner (Nürnberg/GER)

All German adjudicators are holding a high licence (A or S) of the German Dancesport Federation (DTV). The adjudicators from abroad are also license holders of their national dance sport federation.

On the ground floor of the sports center there is a bistro where you can purchase hot and cold drinks and meals. Additionally there will be a buffet on the first floor and a barbecue in the afternoon and early evening.

If you would like to join the closing brunch for competitors and friends on Sunday (11am till 3pm on the sun terrace of our clubhouse) and are not registered for it yet, please modify your online registration. You can register also your friends via your account. Admission is 5 Euro pp only. This fee

is payable on Sunday. Please do not pay the brunch fee at the check-in.

If you are interested in a practise on Friday feel free to test the competition floor till 6pm or use our clubhouse (opposite of the competition venue) till 7pm. In the evening we will start to prepare and to decorate the competition venue. So there will be only limited space and opportunity for practise.

In order to avoid queuing we are offering an early bird check-in at the competition venue on Friday evening between 7pm and 8:30pm. By paying the competition fee you will receive your welcome package and your start number(s) for Saturday.

If you are already arriving on Thursday, you are invited to join one of our dance classes for free. You can choose between four groups: Wednesday 7pm-8:30pm (club house, higher level Latin, same-sex couples) Thursday 6pm-7.30pm (sports centre, lower competition level Standard, same-sex couples only), 7.30pm-9pm (sports centre, mixed level Standard, mixed couples and same-sex couples) and 9pm-10.30pm (sports centre, medium competition level Standard, same-sex couples only). Unfortunately there are no latin classes on Thursdays and no possibility for individual practice.

As a competitor you do not need a separate visitor ticket. Tickets for companions are available at the door all day through. Prebooking of tickets is not required as we had not to close the venue due to overcrowding during the last years.

We are looking forward to welcoming you on Saturday !

In emergency cases you can call us on Saturday : (0049) +172-8720614 (Jens Neumann)
Please inform us in advance if you are not able to compete for any reason so that we do not wait for you in vain.

in behalf of the organisation team of the 11th Berlin Open

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