

The Danube Alps Pokal

CAI-A and Danube Alps Pokal in Topolčianky 2010 – Tradition with a modern touch!

The Danube Alps Pokal Committee was established at the end of the 70ies to boost the Pair driving sport. Even before the first World Championship for Pairs the importance of this traditional driving class was elevated via the regular establishment of an International main event – the Danube Alps Pokal. Members and therefore eligible to participate were the middle-European countries along the Danube and around the Alps. The DAP is currently being held every other year – since 1985 in the years between the FEI Pairs World Championships.



The time has changed Europe and the driving sport – modernization is necessary!

In January 2010 the organizers of the DAP 2010 – the Slovakian National Stud Topolčianky – had initiated the DAP committee to a presentation meeting. Both groups have jointly agreed the following modernizations for the traditional competition.

News for the Danube Alps Pokal 2010 in Topoľčianky

First ever – Invitation extended to a Guest nation for the Danube Alps Pokal - „Serdecznie witamy - Polska! “

In 2010 the DAP committee and the organizers in Topoľčianky will invite a guest nation to participate in the Danube Alps Pokal. The Drivers of the guest nations will participate and be evaluated in the presentation, in the individual- and the national competition of the DAP 2010.

The guest nation will also be invited to present itself during the show program and via companies in the exhibition area.

Based on the actual top results in the International Pair driving sport as well as the long-standing excellent sport-diplomatic relationship with the organizers it was agreed, that the invitation for the guest nation 2010 would be given to Poland.

A strong Polish team – with the current winners of the FEI top driver award – is being expected to be welcomed in the Slovakian Nation Stud.



Presentation new – test version of a modernized presentation competition!

The DAP Presentation competition will be held in Topoľčianky 2010 in a new format – as a competition of Nations. Each Nation will be represented by one team and has the ability to represent itself in a nationally-based, optimized way to the top level jury. During the opening ceremony the starters will be presented in detailed to the spectators.

Details of the execution and the regulation are currently being discussed.

Presentation New!

PRESENTATION COMPETITION OPTIMALIZ → become a Nation's competition!

The team from each nation will be represented by one carriage only - bring together one carriage for the presentation competition – horses, drivers, grooms and equipment should represent the best match of the nation team

The competition is embedded in the opening ceremony with Showprogram

DONAU ALPEN POKAL SHOW

Less competitors and carriages but higher quality

Competitors and carriages – more time to showcase - more interesting for the visitors and the competitors, to the viewers in detail – optically better, with more audience appeal, more showeffect, more nation oriented (music, ...)



DAP, CAI – A 1,2,4 and SVK CAN Championship from September 9. - 12, 2010

The Danube Alps Pokal 2010 in Topoľčianky will be held as part of an International A-competition. Beside the traditional Pairs class also international competitions for Singles and Teams as well as the National Slovakian Pairs Championship will be held at the same time.



A competition for the drivers – Good sport via top conditions!

The driving sport complex of the Slovakian National Stud Topoľčianky, which is located in the historical stud area and the racing course, has optimal conditions for the driving sport. Sufficient trainings- and preparation areas are available and a dressage field at the perfect grass of the racing

In the last years the marathon obstacles, which are located in the middle of the racing court, had been modernized and respectively newly built to meet International top level requirements. The FEI-O-Course Designer Gábor Fintha, Hungary, will also be responsible in 2010.

The other invited officials are – Dr. Franz-Josef Vetter – GER, Hanspeter Rüsclin – SUI, Jiří Kunát – CZE, Pierre Cazas – FRA, Robert Fekár– SVK, Technical Delegate József Borka – HUN and as FEI Chief Steward, also championship-experienced, Frank Spadinger AUT.

Since last year the preparation by the organizing committee Topoľčianky 2010 are at top speed, and aimed to welcome the European Driving Sport Community in September in Topoľčianky.

More information will be available at the event home page, which is going to be online soon, as well as at www.hippoevent.at

