



Der Bayerische Ministerpräsident



Welcoming remarks

International ECA Junior Cup Augsburg, 1 and 2 July 2017

A warm welcome to Augsburg to all the young canoeists participating in the ECA Junior Cup!

This year's ECA Junior Cup got off to an inauspicious start with bad weather meaning the first races had to be postponed. Of course, 'bad weather' has a different meaning for canoeists than for most other people, who would normally associate it with too much water. However, the problem for the canoeists – who are not exactly afraid of getting wet – was that there was too little, as the lack of rain in Brittany led to the races having to be rescheduled.

Thanks to the Lech River, Augsburg can offer more certainty in this respect and canoeing enthusiasts can therefore look forward to the two ECA Junior Cup races. The Eiskanal course will give the athletes the opportunity to show how far they have come in their sporting development. They will be tested to the utmost, as the obstacles with their powerful currents and counter-currents can be fiendishly difficult and will call for skill, perfect timing and courage.

I am certain that the young sportswomen and sportsmen will find an appreciative and discerning audience in Augsburg, the bastion of German canoeing. I would therefore like to wish all of them the very best of luck, and may they enjoy success in Augsburg, before moving on to the races in Krakow and Budweis, and ultimately the finale in Bratislava.



WELCOMING REMARKS

A warm welcome to the Eiskanal in Augsburg!

The Eiskanal in Augsburg has for many years been a meeting point for the best young canoe slalom athletes, and this year is no different. On 1 and 2 July 2017, the Augsburg Kajak Verein e.V. will once again be hosting the International ECA Junior Cup on the legendary course from the 1972 Olympics, which is still used regularly for international competitions and top-flight national events. As Chairman of the German Canoeing Federation (DKV), I would like to extend a warm welcome, both personally and on behalf of the Board, to all the participants, all the helpers and officials, and hopefully to many, many spectators.

The International ECA Junior Cup offers young athletes between the ages of 12 and 18 from all over Europe the opportunity to put their skills to the test against each other, and this course poses a particular challenge. Besides the German National Championships, this Cup is therefore one of the highlights of the canoeing season for our juniors here in Germany. However, it is also important that this event brings another highlight to Augsburg as a location for canoeing, thus showcasing the appeal of our sport and the course in Augsburg alike.

I would like to express my thanks to the board and the many helpers, and also to the officials of the City of Augsburg and the sponsors whose support makes this event possible.

I hope this year's ECA Junior Cup runs smoothly, blessed again with good water and weather conditions, and that all of the participants are able to give their best, showing our sport in general and canoe slalom in particular in the best possible light.

GERMAN CANOEING FEDERATION

Yours

Thomas Konietzko

Chairman



Greetings

ECA Junior Cup – an International Slalom for Teens and Juniors in Augsburg

Acordially Welcome to the Fugger- and Canoe City of Augsburg for the ECA Junior Cup, which will take place from 01st – 02nd July 2017 on the “Eiskanal”, which is more or less the most famous Olympic wildwater complex.

This event is of enormous importance for our young athletes as they can breath “international air” under conditions of competition for the first time and make their first experience in an international field. Already in the last years, participants in Olympic Games have been borne on this wildwater parcours, for instance Alexander Grimm, Hannes Aigner, Melanie Pfeifer or Sideris Tasiadis. Today, this is the same situation again and thus, this slalom competition will be an absolutely high-end-event.

To deal with the currents and turbulences of the Eiskanal and together to manage the entire parcours in a shortest possible time without any faults is not easy, even for experienced canoe slalom athletes – more than ever challenging for our canoe slalom trainees.

The organization of this event has been taken over by the proven team of the Augsburgger Kajakverein (AKV), having a rich body of experience in regards of such events. I am convinced that they will provide a performance for the young slalom canoeists, which all will best treasure even after years. After all, we can expect the participation of a lot of young athletes, whose names we probably will often hear in the future.

The executive committee of the Bavarian Canoe Federation is looking forward to this canoe event and to fascinating competitions. I'd like to thank all voluntary assistants of the organizer, all sponsors and of course the City of Augsburg, as without its support this event could not be performed. For the ECA Junior Cup 2017 in Augsburg, I wish all athletes and officials an accident free and sportive fair progress.

Bavarian Canoe Federation

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The President

Oliver Bungers



ECA Junior Cup 2017 – Welcoming Remarks

Dear canoeing fans

Dear sportswomen and sportsmen

The Olympic course here at the Eiskanal has a long history of staging canoe slalom competitions, but we still feel honoured to be chosen to host high-calibre international and national events in this discipline, and welcome this accolade for Augsburg as a sporting location.

On the first two weekends of July, the spotlight will fall on the best young canoeists, both at the international level with the ECA Junior Cup 2017 (1-2 July) and the national level with the German youth and junior championships (8-9 July). There is guaranteed to be no shortage of excitement as the young competitors seek not only to master the difficulties and pitfalls of the course, but also to find the quickest way through the gates.

However, competitions on this scale need more than just participants and their support teams – without the many volunteer helpers of the Augsburger Kajak Verein AKV it would simply not be possible, and my particular thanks go to them for their efforts.

My best wishes for what I hope are two outstanding events, attracting good crowds to cheer on the efforts of the young athletes.

Yours

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Wurm'. The signature is stylized and fluid.

Dirk Wurm

Sports Director