



WELCOMING REMARKS

A very warm welcome to the International ECA Junior Cup 2018!

The Eiskanal in Augsburg is once again the setting for this year's International ECA Junior Cup. This slalom event for up-and-coming athletes has for many years been a firm fixture in the schedule of competitions organised by the German Canoeing Federation (DKV). On 23 and 24 July 2018, Augsburg's Eiskanal – the 'mother of all artificial canoe slalom courses' – will play host to the next generation of athletes, who will join battle to determine the winner in the various classes. 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.

Once again, young sportswomen and sportsmen from more than 15 countries will be joining us here for this international event, putting their skills to the test against our athletes aged between 12 and 17. 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 maintaining the appeal of our sport and the course in Augsburg alike.

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

The ECA Junior Cup always poses a special challenge for the young athletes, and I hope this year's event runs smoothly, with favourable conditions on and off the water. I look forward to seeing all of the participants being able to give their best, showing our sport in general and canoe slalom in particular in the best possible light.

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Yours

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