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Wereldkampioenschappen Waterski Racing 2009

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Antwerp, June 2008

Dear all,

It is with great pleasure that we are sending you herewith the 1st Info Bulletin regarding the :

16th World WATERSKI RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

hosted in Belgium.

This first bulletin is a « preliminary » one to make you already acquainted with the different venues.

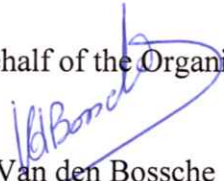
In a short time we will issue the second bulletin, containing the necessary information concerning : entries, how to get where, car rentals, home base at Viersel Waterski Club and all technical aspects of the sites. By then it will also be clear whether we have the possibility to race in Antwerp.

If any further info is required, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Looking forward to welcome you all in Belgium !

Kind regards,

On behalf of the Organising committee,

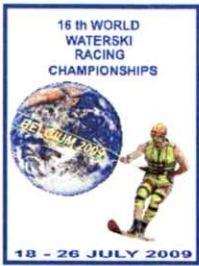

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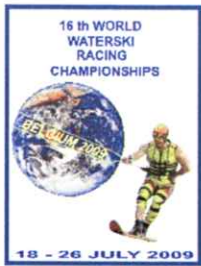


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FOREWORD

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Royal Belgian Water Ski Federation, the Flemish Water Ski Federation and the organising committee, we warmly welcome all competitors, coaches, managers, officials, moms and dads to enjoy the 2009 World Water Ski Racing Championships in Flanders.

Indeed, the four races will take place in Flanders, the northern region of Belgium well known for its hospitality and a burgundic life style with lots of good food (and even better drinks).

In 1995 Belgium hosted the Racing Worlds in Antwerp, Cheratte, Blankenberge and Viersel. This time around the host cities will be Gent, Genk, Antwerp again (hopefully) and the final of course in Viersel at the site of the famous and gruelling Diamond Race.

The 2009 Worlds are a big and important event to the whole of the waterskiing community in our country. We thank the IWSF Racing Council for trusting us to organise this competition.

The experience of the steering committee, the strong commitment from the Flemish Community and the local towns and authorities, will ensure the success of this event.

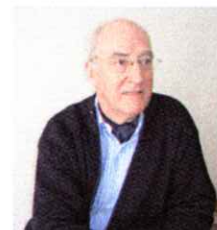
We therefore ask for your trust also, and we would like to assure you that every effort will be undertaken to meet that trust.

On behalf of the WK 2009, the organising committee,

Sid Adriaensen
Treasurer WK 2009

Hugo Engelen
President WK 2009
President Flemish Federation

André Hendrickx
Vice-President WK 2009
Co-President Belgian Federation



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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS (provisional)

Friday July 17, 2009

- **Arrival and registration**
- **Scrutineering**

Saturday July 18, 2009

- **Jury meeting**
- **Team Captains meeting**
- **Official Opening Ceremony**

Sunday July 19, 2009

- **First races in the port of GENT**
- **Prize giving presentations**

Monday July 20, 2009

- **Free day**
- **Sight seeing opportunities**
- **Team Captains meeting**

Tuesday July 21, 2009 (Bank holiday)

- **Second races on the Albert Canal in GENK**
- **Prize giving presentations**

Wednesday July 22, 2009

- **Free day**
- **Sight seeing opportunities**

Thursday July 23, 2009

- Free day
- Sight seeing opportunities
- Team Captains meeting

Friday July 24, 2009

- Third races at the Albert Canal in Viersel (or subsequently Antwerp !!)
(Antwerp to be decided shortly, upon result from City Hall)
- Prize giving presentations

Saturday July 25, 2009

- Free day
- Sight seeing opportunities
- Team Captains meeting

Sunday July 26, 2009

- Fourth races at the Albert Canal in Viersel
- Prize giving presentations
- Final dinner & overall trophy presentations

Dates are confirmed but official time tables will be communicated in due time.

**Viersel Waterski Club will be « the home base » for these events, secretary's office, paddock for boats – secured at night, camping area, etc...
Further information will follow shortly.**

If further info is required , please contact secretary's office :

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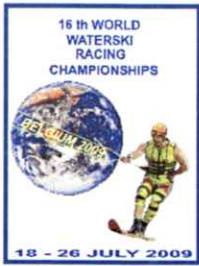
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Welcome to Gent



Ghent is situated at the intersection of the motorways E17 and E40 and can easily be reached by car. National and international trains stop in Ghent (stations Sint-Pieters and Dampoort). The city has an extensive public transport network serving the city centre and surrounding area.

It can be no coincidence that Ghent, the capital of East Flanders, was given several pretty names: historic heart of Flanders, a city of all times, one of the most beautiful historic cities in Europe.

The city combines an impressive past with a vivid present. Numerous tourists visit Ghent of which the citizens carry the nickname "stroppendragers" or noose-bearers and use the extensive accommodation possibilities. The historic heart of the city offers a lot of places of interest. From St Michael's bridge there is a wonderful view on the skyline of Ghent with the three impressive towers of St Nicholas' Church, the Belfry with its bell tower and St Bavo's cathedral with the world famous painting "The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb" by Jan van Eyck.

Traces of the Middle Ages were preserved at a lot of places. The old port with its guild halls on the Graslei and Korenlei is merely one example of the beautiful views this town has to offer.

Not far from the Graslei arises the Castle of the Counts, once the medieval fortress of the Count of Flanders. Nowadays it is a major tourist attraction.

Ghent also has several museums, abbeys, beguinages, dozens of churches and historical buildings.

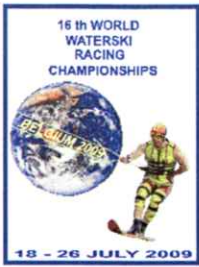
Not only art lovers but everyone can find something here to suit his taste. Ghent offers a lot of shops, restaurants and an exciting nightlife.

Ghent can be discovered by boat, carriage, bicycle or on foot



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This is Genk - Limburg in the heart of Europe



Rich in opportunities - for investors, tourists, visitors, people enjoying life ... That is Limburg. This Flemish province combines the best of Flanders with the opportunities of Europe. And it adds the spice of its surprising, young and pure, fun-loving character. Get to know a unique part of Belgium in the heart of Europe.

Europe > Belgium > Flanders > **Limburg** > Flanders > Belgium > Europe. Limburg lies in the north-east of Belgium, in the very heart of the European Union. It borders Holland, Germany and the Belgian provinces of Flemish Brabant, Antwerp and Liege. In the east the Meuse river creates a natural frontier with the Dutch province of Limburg

Limburg can boast of an excellent infrastructure. Three major arteries traverse the region: the E313 (Antwerp-Liege) and E314 (Brussels/Louvain-Aachen) motorways and the Albert canal. They make Limburg an excellent centre for all kinds of activities – from tourism to business. Hospitable, hard working, enjoying life... The people of Limburg are known for their enthusiasm and dynamism. It is this mindset that contributes to the province's unique character.

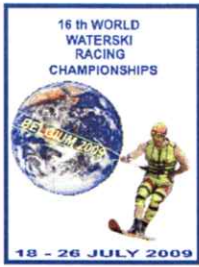
Limburg is a great place to live. You won't find large cities here, but rather picturesque towns and church villages with a low population density. **The Hasselt-Genk urban district** is the beating heart of government, services and shopping. The *Mining District* is famed for its industrial heritage and southern passion. Limburg prides itself on its fertile and varied countryside.

Within Flanders, Limburg is a veritable microcosm with a culture, economy and lifestyle all its own. The special Limburg character has been shaped in the course of many centuries. And it is exactly this which makes Limburg so unique, exciting and attractive.



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Welcome to Antwerp

Antwerp is the real urban deal, a refreshingly down-to-earth yet vivacious cosmopolitan habitat blessed with magnificent architecture, fashionable shop fronts, beer-washed pubs, dazzling monuments, jazzed-up clubs, inspired artworks and restaurant tables piled with plates of superb Belgian and multicultural food. Antwerp, home of the Flemish Baroque master Rubens, not only has a wealth of outstanding museums, picturesque galleries, sculpted streets and beautiful architecture, but is also laced with refreshing greenery and urban haunts. Its culture, history, vibrant nightlife and world class shopping are within easy reach, thanks to excellent access by air, train, motorway and even water. Antwerp, a pocket-size metropolis.

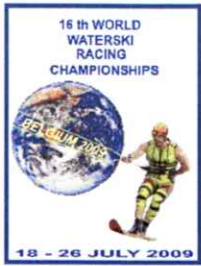


Welcome to the official website of Tourism Antwerp: www.antwerpen.be



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Welcome to Viersel



Viersel is part of the municipality of Zandhoven and situated approx. 25 Km from Antwerp. Viersel outgrewed itself in our waterski-mids, thanks to the Viersel Waterski Club by organizing the world-famous « Viersel Diamond Race ». They will now, as in 1995, take care of the 3rd (or Antwerp) and 4th and final race of these World Championships Waterski Racing 2009.

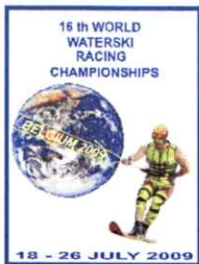
The different small villages of the municipality of Zandhoven are very picturesque places « where live is good ! ». The village-center of Zandhoven is very attractive. You can find the oldest bell of Western Europe in the handsome renovated Church of Sint Petrus and Paulus. She is called « Maria » and was founded in 1309. The possibilities for walks are legion in this area with a lot of historical monuments.

Viersel will be the center of activities during the whole week of these World Championships Waterski Racing and the Viersel Waterski Club will welcome you more then warmly !



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OFFICIAL HOTEL FOR THE WORLDS 2009 – BELGIUM

THE « SCANDIC HOTEL »

Scandic Antwerp is situated near the Antwerp ring road, offering easy access to Brussels, Ghent, Hasselt, Germany and the Netherlands. The hotel has 204 rooms and 14 meeting rooms.

The guest rooms are all refurbished and offer all the comfort you could ask for (air conditioning, Satellite TV, High speed Wireless internet, Large working desk, Minibar, Trouser press, Hairdryer).

Special conditions have been obtained for the duration of the World Racing Championships (15th – 30th of July 2009).

Single room :	80,00 €
Twin room :	90,00 €
Triple room :	120,00 €
Quad/Family room :	150,00 €

Children till 12 years old (staying with min. 2 adults in the same room) are free of charge and Large Breakfast Buffet is included.

All rates are per room/night, Large breakfast Buffet, services, taxes including.

- Leisure Center (swimming pool, sauna and steambath) is free of charge
 - Fitness Center (recently opened) at 10,- € /day
 - A Lunch Buffet is offered at a rate of 18,- € /person
 - A Dinner Buffet is offered at a rate of 22,- € / person
- Reservations to be made 2 days in front at the reception desk.

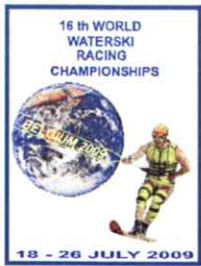
All reservations have to be made through the organisation office.

Please check out for further information www.scandic-hotels.com/antwerp



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HOTELS in ANTWERP

Although the « **SCANDIC HOTEL** » is the **official Hotel** for these Championships, there is a variety of Hotels in Antwerp.

Please find herewith some alternatives :

- Hilton Antwerp Hotel (www1.hilton.com)
- Hotel Florida (www.hotelflorida.be)
- Alfa De keyser Hotel (www.vhv-hotels.be)
- Hotel Plaza (www.plaza.be)
- Aldhem Hotel (Grobbendonk)

Please check out the web-sites :

- [google /Hotels Antwerp](http://google.com/search?q=Hotels+Antwerp)
- www.HotelSpecials.be/Antwerpen

Credit Cards : most of the hotels accept American Express, Diners Club Eurocard/Mastercard, Visa.



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