



To the attention of the

EAA Member Federations
General Secretary

31 January 2005

5th European Athletics U23 Championships, Erfurt (GER), 14-17 July 2005

Dear General Secretary,

On behalf of the German Athletic Federation (DLV) and the Local Organising Committee, we have the pleasure to invite your Federation to participate in the 5th European Athletics U23 Championships which will be held in Erfurt from 14-17 July 2005.

We hope that you have received Bulletin No. 1 which provides further information about the event and was distributed at the European Calendar Conference in Tallinn last October. You may also visit the Event Website at: www.erfurt2005.org.

Travel to Erfurt

The best option is to arrive directly to Erfurt airport which is connected with the following domestic airports by regular scheduled flights: Düsseldorf, Hamburg, Cologne-Bonn, Munich and Nürnberg.

It should be taken into consideration that rather small planes operate between Erfurt and the above mentioned domestic airports.

In addition there are holiday charter flights to several destinations in Europe which might also be an option as well as own charter flights to Erfurt.

For more information about the airport and an overview on the daily flight connections please refer to the website of Erfurt Airport: www.airport-erfurt.de.

Please note that Cirrus Airlines which is operating between Erfurt and Munich entered into a co-operation with Lufthansa offering well-timed connecting flights to 94 destinations in Europe. Also favourable prices are offered: If the flight to Munich is booked with Lufthansa (or a Star Alliance Partner) then the connecting flight to Erfurt with Cirrus Airlines is practically at no additional cost.

As soon as the available flights are sold out and there are additional booking inquiries for the leg Munich – Erfurt Cirrus Airlines will check whether they can set up additional flights or increase the flight capacities. Therefore, all federations are kindly requested to make their booking inquiries as soon as possible with their travel agencies and to contact Tamara Paul at the DLV Office if any further assistance is required.

The second official airport to this event will be Leipzig-Halle. The distance from Leipzig to Erfurt is approximately 100 km. Transportation to Erfurt will be arranged for.

We would like to stress that the LOC will not assist with arrivals into airports other than Erfurt and Leipzig.

All participating federations are requested to inform the LOC about their team's travel plans (date of arrival and departure / arrival airports) as soon as possible but latest together with the preliminary entries (EAA online entry system).

Entry Deadlines

The following entry deadlines apply for the European Athletics U23 Championships:

Preliminary Entries: **14 March 2005**

Final Entries: **05 July 2005**

Entries shall be made through the EAA online entry system.

Visa Matters

Citizens of the following countries require a visa to enter Germany: ALB, ARM, AZE, BLR, BIH, GEO, MDA, MKD, RUS, SCG, TUR, UKR. Visa applications should be made in due time at the relevant German Consulate or Embassy.

This invitation may be useful in assisting with your delegation's visa application. If this invitation is not sufficient, please contact the German Athletics Federation as soon as possible, for further assistance.

LOC Contact

For more information regarding this event please do not hesitate to contact:

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The Organisers of the 5th European Athletics U23 Championships are looking forward to welcoming you in Erfurt in July 2005.

With best regards,



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General Secretary of the German Athletic
Federation