

Serbian Go Federation*, Kragujevac City Go Federation
Go clubs: **Radnicki*** and other go clubs from Kragujevac
(*main organizers)

Invite you to:

5th BALKAN GO CONGRESS

13th - 19th August, 2007

Eligible participants:

All tournaments are open for go players from all countries and they may participate and compete for all prizes except for medals and for the title of champion of Balkan - that right belongs to players from countries that already compete at Balkan championships in other sports. Anyway, all other go players are welcome.

System of competitions:

- Individual (Main) championship of Balkan: McMahon system in seven rounds, one game per day. Tempo of play is 2 hours per player. Byoyomi is 1 minute for boards with electronic clocks, or Canadian byoyomi (10 stones/5 minutes) for others. Komi is 6.5. Game rules: Japanese. Tournament rules: by EGF. Registrations for a round (except for the 1st round) and notices of withdraw must be closed before 09:00 (it is better to do it in previous day).
- Team championship of Balkan (national teams): circle system (probably), depending of the number of teams. Maximum two teams per country, in the case of odd number of teams, organizer provides a third team. Teams are consisted from four players, reserves are allowed.
- Pair-go championship of Balkan: circle or Swiss system, depending of the number of pairs. The number of pairs per country is not restricted.
- Junior + Female + Student championships of Balkan: circle system or Swiss system, depending of number of participants.
- Lightning championship of Balkan: a cup system with dropping out after two losses.

Playing place (venue):

Kragujevac, Student Hotel Sloboda, street Branka Radicevica no. 1 + Sport society Radnicki (and Chess club Radnicki), street Kragujevacog oktobra no. 110.

Directions to the place of tournament:

There are buses from Belgrade to Kragujevac (about 100 km South), at every hour (except by night). By car: from the main road Belgrade - Nis (E5/E75), take the exit to Batocina and then another one to Kragujevac (about 20 km). Once you enter the city, you will notice on your right side a small lake placed right next to the Sports arena "Jezero". The place of the tournament will be 15 minutes ride if you catch a taxi or a bus. For any further information refer to the contacts listed bellow.

Tournament schedule:

	Mo 13th	Tu 14th	We 15th	Th 16th	Fr 17th	Sa 18th	Su 19th
Registration	X						
Opening	X						
Individuals	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Teams					X	X	
Pair-Go		X	X	X			
Lightning				X			
Juniors		X	X	X			
Females					X	X	
Students		X	X	X			
BGF Meeting					X		
Closing							X

Monday, 13th August

- 11:30 End of registration
- 12:00 1st round Individuals
- 19:00 Opening ceremony

Tuesday, 14th August

- 10:00 2nd round Individuals
- 15:00 – 21:00 Pair-go + Juniors + Students

Wednesday, 15th August

- 10:00 3rd round Individuals
- 15:00 – 21:00 Pair-go + Juniors + Students

Thursday, 16th August

- 10:00 4th round Individuals
- 15:00 – 19:00 Pair-go + Juniors + Students
- 19:00 Lightning

Friday, 17th August

- 10:00 5th round Individuals
- 15:00 – 20:30 Teams
- 21:00 BGF meeting + Coctail-Party

Saturday, 18th August

- 10:00 6th round Individuals
- 15:00 – 19:00 Teams

Sunday, 19th August

- 10:00 7th round Individuals
- 15:00 – 17:00 Teams (if needed)
- 16:00 (17:00) Closing ceremony

Notice: Every day, free games are welcome.

Notice Two: The presence of some pro players at the Congress is possible as well as game commentaries on the venue and local TV-s.

Prizes:

Many prizes are provided (or expected) for best results at tournaments (money, cups, medals and others), depending on the size of prize fund.

Accommodation:

- Student hotel Sloboda, street Branka Radicevica no. 1. All rooms are with one or two beds, with bathroom and WC. Prices: (1 euro = 81 din.) accommodation 650 din. per person/ per night, breakfast 110 din, lunch 230 din, supper 170 din. There is a self-serving restoran in the same building, with even more cheap (but very good) meals.

- Hotels (not so cheap): Kragujevac, Zelengora, Sumarice, Stari grad, Zeneva etc.

- **Notice:** We expect to cover the costs of accommodation during the Teams Championship for first teams (four members) of every competing Balkan country (but instead of enlargement of the prize fund, maybe).

Entry fee:

Entry fee is 162 din. / 2 Euro per day. For players younger than 18 years entry fee is 81 din. / 1 Euro.

Places for fun and sightseeing:

There are swimming pools (most are open day and night) and the biggest aquarium in Serbia near of playing site, as well as walking zones with over 100 all-night-active cafes and restaurants, several Internet cafes and fun clubs. Kragujevac offers (for sightseeing) some old buildings from the 19th century when Kragujevac was capital city of Serbia. If you are looking for a place to relax or take a walk in the nature, you can visit Memorial park "Sumarice".

Notice:

At this moment, most of EU citizens need no visa (for tourist trip shorter then 30 days).

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Sincerely yours,

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