

## **OFFICIAL INVITATION TO VIITASAARI BALLOON CUP 2006**

Dear Balloonist,

We are pleased to invite you to our hot air balloon meeting which will take place in Viitasaari, Finland at 17-19 February 2006.

You will be able to discover surprising landscapes in Viitasaari, Finland and fly over the snow covered frozen lakes during the weekend.

The number of participants will be 10-20.

### **Schedule:**

Friday, February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Check in at 12.00
Friday, February 17 <sup>th</sup>	first training flight at 15.00
Friday, February 17 <sup>th</sup>	General Briefing at 19.00
Saturday – Sunday	Competition Flights according agreed schedules

**Entry fee:** Free

### **Conditions for invitation and participation:**

Pilots must hold a valid licence for Hot Air Balloons.

Each pilot is responsible for the payment of his hotel, food, transportation and travel to Viitasaari, Finland.

### **Insurance Requirements:**

A competitor is responsible to cover a third parties liability according to general insurance policy. If a competitor intends to fly with co-pilot, observer or other passengers during the competition, he must have an accident insurance.

**Event Director:** Mrs Inkeri Kortelainen

During the wintertime there should be enough places for fine landings.

### **Competition Centre:**

The competition centre Muikunlahden Kartano ([www.muikunlahdenkartano.fi](http://www.muikunlahdenkartano.fi)) is just few kilometres to the north from the centre of town Viitasaari. The mansion is reserved to balloon teams for the weekend. During the weekend You will have an excellent possibility to have traditional Finnish Sauna, have a refreshing dip in the hole in the ice and meet other balloonist.

The accommodation in only 32 €/person/day including breakfast and sauna.

**First three foreign balloon teams will have a free accommodation and gas during the meeting (two nights)!**

### **Language:**

The official language of the Balloon Cup Viitasaari is English.

English is pretty good spoken in Finland. The organisers do not see any serious communication problems.

**Competition map:**

1:200.000 scale local "GT-MAP" which must be arranged by the competitor

**Weather information:**

Weather information is provided by the Event Director.

**LPG:**

High Quality pure propane is available at reasonable price.

**Driving in Finland:**

In Finland you have to drive on the right side of road. The maximum speed with a trailer on regular streets is 80 km/h, on Highways 100 km/h during the winter time, in villages 50 km/h. Please note that You have to have winter tires.

**Registration:**

For the registration please fill in the attached Registration Form and send it by email to [pertti.mero@eera.fi](mailto:pertti.mero@eera.fi).

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Welcome!

Hope to see You in Finland!

With best regards,

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