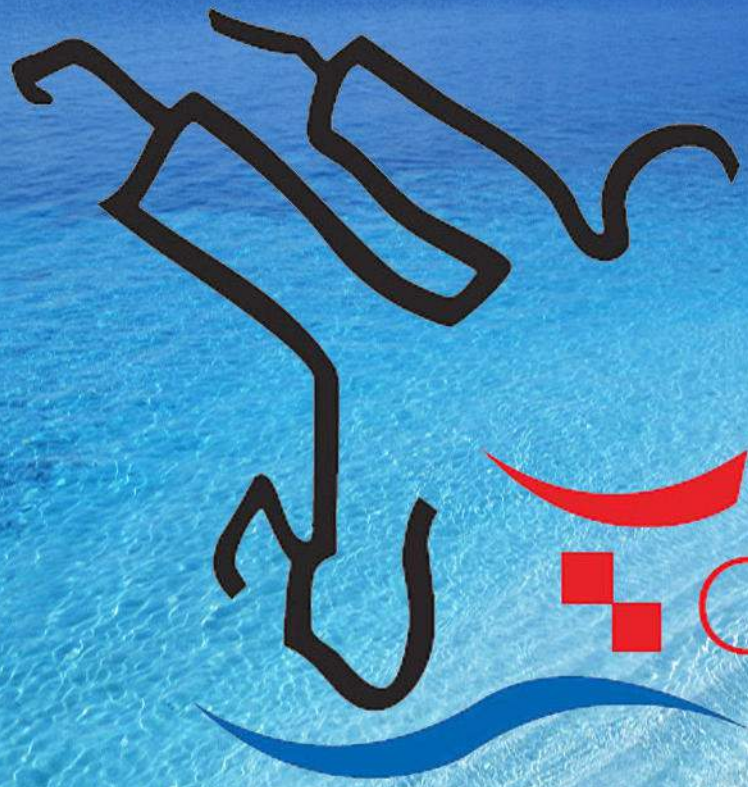


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15th INTERNATIONAL KARATE TOURNAMENT



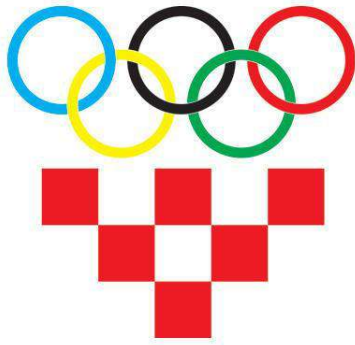
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TAD RIJEKA





Dear athletes and karate fans,

It is a great pleasure for me as the Chairman of Croatian Olympic Committee to have this opportunity to address you in this first issue of the bulletin dedicated to the “15th Croatia Open“ which will take place in Rijeka from October 3rd-4th, 2015.

Rijeka, as a town that also boasts an athletic spirit, and Croatia are going to host a major sport event. October of 2015 will see the best karatekas out there, and on behalf of the Croatian Olympic and athletic family, I'm extending my best wishes for a successful sport event as well as an enjoyable stay in Rijeka.

Karate in Croatia boasts a long tradition of being practiced, promoted and popularised in an organised fashion. Croatian Karate Federation nowadays comprises as many as 156 clubs and over 10.000 registered competitors.

In this light we expect from this great event to further contribute to popularisation of karate in Croatia and wider, as well as to promote the city of Rijeka as its Mediterranean host.

Regards to the athletes from

Chairman of Croatian
Olympic Committee

Dr. sc. Zlatko Mateša



Dear athletes, sport officials, dear guests,

it is a great honour and pleasure to bid you welcome to the Republic of Croatia and city of Rijeka to this "15th Croatia Open" that will take place in October, 3rd-4th, on behalf of the Croatian Karate Federation and the Organisational Board of the "15th Croatia Open 2015".

The city of Rijeka is very proud to have again been entrusted with hosting such an important karate competition, and relying on its previous experience with organisation of major sport events, such as the Mediterranean Championship in 2001, the European Cadet and Junior Championship in 2004 and Croatia Open this year, the Organisation Committee and the Karate Federation are sure to do their best to make this a pleasant event for the participants.

"15th Croatia Open 2015" will also be an opportunity for national teams of partner countries to test their form for the world championship in Jakarta in November 2015.

In addition to the competition itself that is once again going to be held at the Zamet Sports Centre, I also hope that the city itself will do its best to offer many a pleasant and lovely moment to remember for the future.

See you in Rijeka in October!

Respectfully,

Chairman of Croatian
Karate Federation

Stjepan Čelan



It is a great pleasure to bid you welcome on behalf of the Primorsko–Goranska County. The international karate championship known as the “15th Croatia Open“ to be held in Rijeka in October 2015 adds another prestigious event to those already organised and hosted by our county.

The city of Rijeka and the Primorsko-Goranska County have made their name known in the international sport community as sport-happy, which is also proved by the many athletes from this part of Croatia who have achieved outstanding results.

Being aware of the importance of sport for the young people, we know that by investing into sport venues we are at the same time investing into the youth as the biggest valour of our locality. They are thus given the chance to grow up in a healthy environment; next, when the competitions, tournaments and matches are over, young athletes make true friends among themselves - this is how we see and live sport.

I am sure that in co-operation with the city of Rijeka, the Croatian Karate Federation and the TAD Rijeka Karate Club, we will successfully organise another great sport story much to our pride.

Respectfully,

County Prefect

Zlatko Komadina



Dear competitors of the "15th Croatia Open",

My message as a mayor of Rijeka is that we are very glad and are looking forward to hosting the "15. Croatia Open" in a recently-built Zamet Sports Centre in October of 2015 – over 1000 top karatists, ladies and men of all age categories, from over 20 countries of Europe, the many famous people associated with karate and over 20 journalists. The residents of Rijeka will open their warm hearts to their guests as always, proud and grateful to have again been given the opportunity to prove themselves as a responsible and competent organiser of important sport events, and by extension, as an interesting tourist destination as well.

To welcome you here too is the Adriatic coast as well, famous for its magnificent country- and seaside and open people of Mediterranean spirit, hoping that "15th Croatia Open" will, along with a respectable competition, remain in your hearts for the friendship side too and make you come back to explore and enjoy the beauty of this region.

First and foremost for the athletes, I hope that "15th Croatia Open" will bring excellent results and performances. I wish to all competitors to do great on the floor, to the organisers a complete success, and to all others – an event to remember!

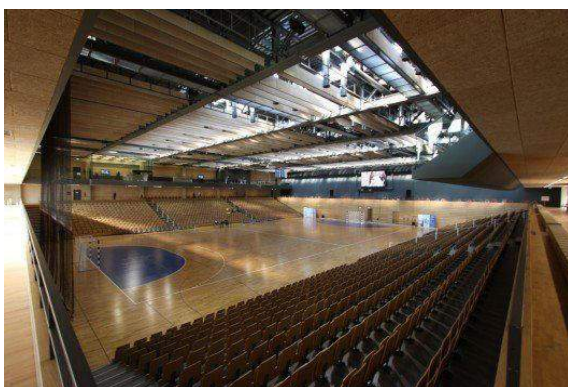
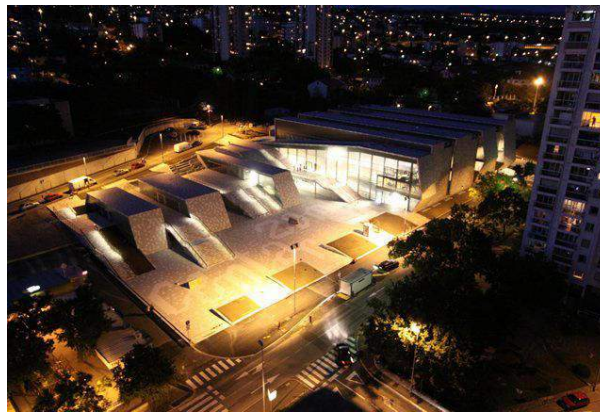
Sincerely,

Mayor of Rijeka

Mr. sc. Vojko Obersnel

COMPETITION VENUE

15th CROATIA OPEN 2015 will take place in the hall of the Zamet Sports Centre in Rijeka from the October 3rd to 4th. The hall can accommodate 2300 viewers and also has 23 places for disabled persons. The hall has already hosted a number of important sport events.



During the event the restaurant will be open for lunch (catering). Slips (coupons) for cash payment will be available at the desk for registration and competition fee payment.

CATEGORIES

KUMITE

U10 boys (7-9 years old)		U10 girls (7-9 years old)	
U10m-26	U10 boys -26kg	U10f-28	U10 girls -28kg
U10m-30	U10 boys -30kg	U10f-32	U10 girls -32kg
U10m-34	U10 boys -34kg	U10f-36	U10 girls -36kg
U10m-38	U10 boys -38kg	U10f+36	U10 girls +36kg
U10m+38	U10 boys +38kg		
U12 boys (10,11 years old)		U12 girls (10,11 years old)	
U12m-30	U12 boys -30kg	U12f-32	U12 girls -32kg
U12m-34	U12 boys -34kg	U12f-36	U12 girls -36kg
U12m-38	U12 boys -38kg	U12f-40	U12 girls -40kg
U12m-42	U12 boys -42kg	U12f-44	U12 girls -44kg
U12m-46	U12 boys -46kg	U12f+44	U12 girls +44kg
U12m+46	U12 boys +46kg		
U14 boys (12, 13 years old)		U14 girls (12, 13 years old)	
U14m-36	U14 boys -36kg	U14f-40	U14 girls -40kg
U14m-41	U14 boys -41kg	U14f-45	U14 girls -45kg
U14m-45	U14 boys -45kg	U14f-50	U14 girls -50kg
U14m-48	U14 boys -48kg	U14f-55	U14 girls -55kg
U14m-52	U14 boys -52kg	U14f+55	U14 girls +55kg
U14m-57	U14 boys -57kg		
U14m+57	U14 boys +57kg		
Cadet Male (14, 15 years old)		Cadet Female (14, 15 years old)	
Cm-52	Cadet Male -52kg	Cf-47	Cadet Female -47kg
Cm-57	Cadet Male -57kg	Cf-54	Cadet Female -54kg
Cm-63	Cadet Male -63kg	Cf+54	Cadet Female +54kg
Cm-70	Cadet Male -70kg		
Cm+70	Cadet Male +70kg		
Junior Male (16, 17 years old)		Junior Female (16, 17 years old)	
Jm-55	Junior Male -55kg	Jf-48	Junior Female -48kg
Jm-61	Junior Male -61kg	Jf-53	Junior Female -53kg
Jm-68	Junior Male -68kg	Jf-59	Junior Female -59kg
Jm-76	Junior Male -76kg	Jf+59	Junior Female +59kg
Jm+76	Junior Male +76kg		

U21 Male (18 - 21 years old)		U21 Female (18 - 21 years old)	
U21m-60	U21 Male -60kg	U21f-50	U21 Female -50kg
U21m-67	U21 Male -67kg	U21f-55	U21 Female -55kg
U21m-75	U21 Male -75kg	U21f-61	U21 Female -61kg
U21m-84	U21 Male -84kg	U21f-68	U21 Female -68kg
U21m+84	U21 Male +84kg	U21f+68	U21 Female +68kg
Senior Male (18+ years old)		Senior Female (18+ years old)	
Sm-60	Senior Male -60kg	Sf-50	Senior Female -50kg
Sm-67	Senior Male -67kg	Sf-55	Senior Female -55kg
Sm-75	Senior Male -75kg	Sf-61	Senior Female -61kg
Sm-84	Senior Male -84kg	Sf-68	Senior Female -68kg
Sm+84	Senior Male +84kg	Sf+68	Senior Female +68kg

CUP OF NATIONS – KUMITE TEAMS

Sm-KM-T	Senior Male National Teams
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KATA

U8m-K	U8 boys (6, 7 years old)	U8f-K	U8 girls (6, 7 years old)
U10m-K	U10 boys (8, 9 years old)	U10f-K	U10 girls (8, 9 years old)
U12m-K	U12 boys (10, 11 years old)	U12f-K	U12 girls (10, 11 years old)
U14m-K	U14 boys (12, 13 years old)	U14f-K	U14 girls (12, 13 years old)
Cm-K	Cadet Male	Cf-K	Cadet Female
Jm-K	Junior Male	Jf-K	Junior Female
U21m-K	U21 Male	U21f-K	U21 Female
Sm-K	Senior Male	Sf-K	Senior Female
V35m-K	Veterans Male (35-44 years old)	V35f-K	Veterans Female (35-44 years old)
V45m-K	Veterans Male (45+ years old)	V45f-K	Veterans Female (45+ years old)
Jm-K-T	Cadet and Junior Male TEAM	Jf-K-T	Cadet and Junior Female TEAM
Sm-K-T	Senior Male TEAM	Sf-K-T	Senior Female TEAM

KATA – PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

WCm-K	Wheelchair users (Male)	WCf-K	Wheelchair users (Female)
MHm-K	Mentally handicapped (Male)	MHf-K	Mentally handicapped (Female)
VHm-K	Blind and visually handicapped (Male)	VHf-K	Blind and visually handicapped (Female)

Registration of competitors through web site:

www.ekarate.eu

DEADLINE: Thursday, October 1st 2015

Registration for the competition can be also delivered through e-mail:

cro.open2015@gmail.com until **Thursday, October 1st 2015 at the latest.**

APPROVED KATA LIST:

<p style="text-align: center;">U8 boys / girls 5, 6, 7 years old</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Heian 1-2, Pinan 1-2, Gekisai 1-2 (different kata each round, repetition of the same kata allowed every 2. round)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">U10 boys / girls 7, 8, 9 years old</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Heian 2-5, Pinan 2-5, Gekisai 1-2 (repetition allowed) Master kata allowed in the final *if there are more than 4 rounds, katas can be repeated</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">U12 boys / girls 10, 11 years old</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Heian 2 - 5 ; Pinan 2-5, Geki sai 1-2 (repetition allowed) Semi-finals, finals and the last two round of repasage Master kata allowed but not obligatory *if there are more than 4 rounds, student katas can be repeated</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">U14 boys / girls 12, 13 years old</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WKF rules</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Cadets (male/female) Juniors (male/female) U21 (male/female) Seniors (male/female) Veterans (male/female)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WKF rules</p>

TIMETABLE

Saturday, 3rd October 2015

Kumite

Cadets (male/female)

Juniors (male/female)

U21 (male/female)

Seniors (male/female)

Deadline for confirmation of registration is one hour before the start of the category

08:00 -	Registrations	
09:00 -	OPENING CEREMONY	
9:15 -	Kumite Cadets	male/female
12:00 -	Kumite Seniors	male/female
14:00 -	Cup of Nations National senior kumite teams	male
15:00 -	Kumite U21	male/female
17:00 -	Kumite Juniors	male/female

TIMETABLE

Sunday, 4th October 2015

Kata

All ages and categories

Persons with disabilities

Kumite

U10 Boys / Girls

U12 Boys / Girls

U14 Boys / Girls

Deadline for confirmation of registration is one hour before the start of the category

08:00 -	Registrations	
	KATA	
09:00 -	U8 Boys / Girls	individual
	U10 Boys / Girls	Individual
	U12 Boys / Girls	Individual
	U14 Boys / Girls	Individual
10:00 -	Persons with disabilities	Individual
11:00 -	Cadets (male/female)	Individual
	Juniors (male/female)	Individual and Team
	U21 (male/female)	Individual
	Seniors (male/female)	Individual and Team
	Veterans (male/female)	individual
	KUMITE	
13:00 -	U10 Boys / Girls	individual
14:00 -	U12 Boys / Girls	individual
15:00 -	U14 Boys / Girls	individual

REGISTRATION

Registration of competitors can be done through web page: www.ekarate.eu

Registration for the competition can be also delivered through e-mail: cro.open2015@gmail.com untill **Thursday, October 1st 2015 at the latest.**

Accreditations for the competitors and officials can be withdrawn from the respective point in the Zamet Sports Centre in Rijeka from 08:00 am. Each delegation is asked to bring a recording of their national anthem and two national flags.

STARTING FEE

20 €	for individuals
35 €	for team

CONTACT



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Zametska 22, 51000 Rijeka, Croatia
Phone: +385 51 642 496
Cell.: +385 91 214 7390

E-mail: miso.berak@gmail.com



Davor Cipek (Technical official of the Croatian Karate Federation)

Trg Krešimira Ćosića 11, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia
Phone: +385 1 309 9071
Cell: +385 91 500 7851
Fax: +385 1 301 1518

E-mail: karate.tajnistvo@zg.t-com.hr

ACCOMMODATION

Official hotels for the referees, athletes, officials and guests are: **Hotel Opatija**, **Liburnia Riviera Hotels** and **Jadran Hotels Group** (Best Western Hotel Jadran, Hotel Continental, Tourist Village Uvala Scott and Boarding House Lucija).

HOTEL OPATIJA**



The Hotel Opatija is located on a hill in the middle of the picturesque coastal town of the same name, surrounded by an idyllic garden and just a few minutes on foot from the famous “Emperor Francis Joseph” seaside promenade.

The hotel’s spacious Restaurant Vienna has enough room for up to 400 people. Our guests will enjoy international cuisine as well as regional specialities such as black Istrian truffles.

The hotel’s 6 conference rooms feature the latest in state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment. Our team will gladly assist you in the planning and organisation of your event.

At the hotel’s indoor seawater swimming pool, you can thoroughly kick back and take advantage of one of our popular massages for even more relaxation.

A service that is gladly used by our sportsmen, business travellers and holidaymakers alike.

Distance from:	Hotel Opatija**
Zamet Sports Centre	10 km
Rijeka centre	15 km

ACCOMMODATION OFFER for the period: **2nd – 4th October 2015.**

ROOM TYPE	PERSONS	Opatija**
STANDARD ROOM	♂	42 €
	♂ ♀	29 €*
	♂ ♀ ☰ ♂	23,20 €**
STANDARD ROOM HALF-BOARD	♂	50€
	♂ ♀	37 €*
	♂ ♀ ☰ ♂	33,20 €**

* **Prices per person and day**

** Price includes the supplement for a third person

The number of rooms available is limited. Please book your rooms by the 10th of July 2015 at the latest.

Contact: Nataša Paskarević, Group Coordinator

Phone: + 385 51 711 671

Cell phone: + 385 91 271 39 19

Fax: +385 51 271 317

E-mail: groups@hotel-opatija.hr

LIBURNIA RIVIERA HOTELS

All informations about accommodation through e-mail:

dino.devidi@remisens.com or dino.devidi@gmail.com

JADRAN HOTELS GROUP

BEST WESTERN HOTEL JADRAN ****



The Best Western Hotel Jadran offers 66 single and double rooms and 3 luxury suites furnished and equipped in a modern fashion, and most of them have a balcony and a view on the sea, thereby linking the ancient Mediterranean atmosphere and the modern approach to tourists and business people. Just one look through the glass window of the hotels ties you with the Adriatic Sea below, which appears to be a part of the hotel and participate in the guests' activities, and even to change the atmosphere of the hotel by passing from one condition to another. The hotel offers a unique setting which is ideal for vacation, as well as for business activities, and indeed it offers the possibilities for business conferences, banquets, private lunches, dinners and even weddings.

Situated very close to the centre of Rijeka, Best Western Hotel Jadran is an ideal destination for business people, sportsmen, travellers in transit or guests looking for a modern and equipped place to stay.

Also, at 5-min walk from the hotel is the biggest shopping mall in the town – Tower Centar Rijeka.

HOTEL BEST WESTERN HOTEL JADRAN 4*
Rijeka, Šetalište XIII divizije 46, 51000 Rijeka

E-mail: jadran@jadran-hoteli.hr;
Web: www.jadran-hoteli.hr/jadran

Phone: +385 51 494 000, Fax: +385 51 216 458

HOTEL NEBODER *** and HOTEL CONTINENTAL ***



The Neboder Hotel makes an organic and the tallest part (14-storey) of the compound of Croatian Cultural Centre, dominating the centre of Rijeka, and looking on to the sea.

Its location and architecture offer a breath-taking view of the entire Kvarner golf, stretching from the eastern coast of the Istrian peninsula and the Učka Mountain, across the elite resort town of Opatija to the central and eastern parts of Rijeka and places to the south - Kostrena, Kraljevica and the island of Krk.

HOTEL NEBODER 3*

Strossmayerova 1, 51000 Rijeka

E-mail: neboder@jadran-hoteli.hr; Web: www.jadran-hoteli.hr/neboder

Phone: +385 51 493 200, Fax: +385 51 493 299



The Continental Hotel is the oldest hotel in Rijeka still in function. It was built in 1888, and in 2008 it was renovated to offer 65 rooms and 4 suites.

HOTEL CONTINENTAL 3*

A. K. Miošića 1, 51000 Rijeka

E-mail: continental@jadran-hoteli.hr; Web: www.jadran-hoteli.hr/continental

Phone: +385 51 372 008, Fax: +385 51 372 009

TOURIST VILLAGE UVALA SCOTT **



Uvala (Bay) Scott is a tourist village situated in the Dubno bay, whose beauty in the early 19th century had attracted an English nobleman named Alexander Scott, who then bought it to become his domain all until his death in 1860. He bequeathed the name to the village to this very day: the village is fashioned as Mediterranean-type pavillions immersed in the Mediterranean greenery which was indeed an investment, and a huge one, of its mysterious English owner. The tourist village itself was built in 1967, designed by the architect Igor Emilio, who envisaged a Mediterranean construction of pavillions with as many as 298 double rooms, 2 hotel suites and 17 junior suites (2+2), scattered across the bay but with a central square and tourist facilities. The road by the sea, called Promenada, continues into the adjacent village known as Oštro.

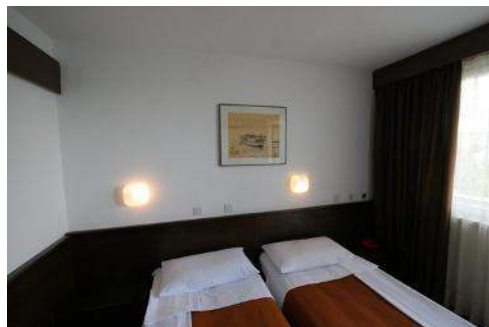
HOTEL UVALA SCOTT **

Uvala Grabrova BB, 51262 Kraljevica

E-mail: hotel-uvala-scott@ri.htnet.hr; Web: www.jadran-hoteli.hr/uvala-scott

Phone: +385 51 281 226, Fax: +385 51 284 366

BOARDING HOUSE LUCIJA



Boarding House Lucija is situated in Kostrena, above the Žurkovo bay and is also built as a pavillion village, offering 55 rooms with a private bathroom and 109 beds and 23 rooms with no private bathroom.

The house is open throughout the year, and thanks to its position next to the sea it offers an excellent solution for summer vacation and rest, as well as for group travellers in transit and of sport teams. It was built in 1962, when it had 2 accommodation pavillions looking on to sea, and a third pavillion housing the reception desk and the restaurant.

LUCIJA Kostrena

Kostrenskih boraca 2/2, 51221 Kostrena

E-mail: lucija@jadrans-hoteli.hr;

Web: www.jadrans-hoteli.hr/lucija

DISTANCES

Distance from:	BEST WESTERN JADRAN ****	Hotel Neboder ***	Hotel Continental ***	Boarding house Lucija	Tourist village Uvala Scott
Sports Centre	5 km	4 km	4 km	15 km	28 km
Centre of Rijeka	1 km	0 m	0 m	12 km	25 km

ACCOMMODATION OFFER for the period: 2nd – 4th October 2015

ROOM TYPE/TERM	PERSONS	BEST WESTERN HOTEL JADRAN	NEBODER	CONTINENTAL	LUCIJA	UVALA SCOTT
STANDARD ROOM	♂	97,00 €	63,00 €	72,00 €	50,00 €	25,00 €
	♂ ♀	57,00 €	39,50 €	45,00 €	25,00 €	21,30 €
BED & BREAKFAST	♂ ♀ ☰ ♂	46,00 €	31,60 €	36,00 €	20,00 €	21,30 €
STANDARD ROOM	♂	109,00 €	73,00 €	82,00 €	/	30,40 €
	♂ ♀	69,00 €	49,50 €	55,00 €	/	25,40 €
HALF BORD	♂ ♀ ☰ ♂	57,60 €	41,60 €	46,00 €	/	25,40 €
STANDARD ROOM	♂	121,00 €	83,00 €	92,00 €	/	25,40 €
	♂ ♀	81,00 €	59,60 €	65,00 €	/	29,40 €
FULL BOARD	♂ ♀ ☰ ♂	69,60 €	51,60 €	56,00 €	/	29,40 €

*The prices are stated per persons and day in Euros.

Accommodation fee and insurance are not included in the prices and their amounts are the following:

Best Western Jadran, Neboder, Continental	1,00 €
Uvala Scott, Lucija	0,70 €

All taxes and insurance are included in the prices.

The number of the rooms is restricted. It is strongly recommended to book the rooms by 15th August 2015.

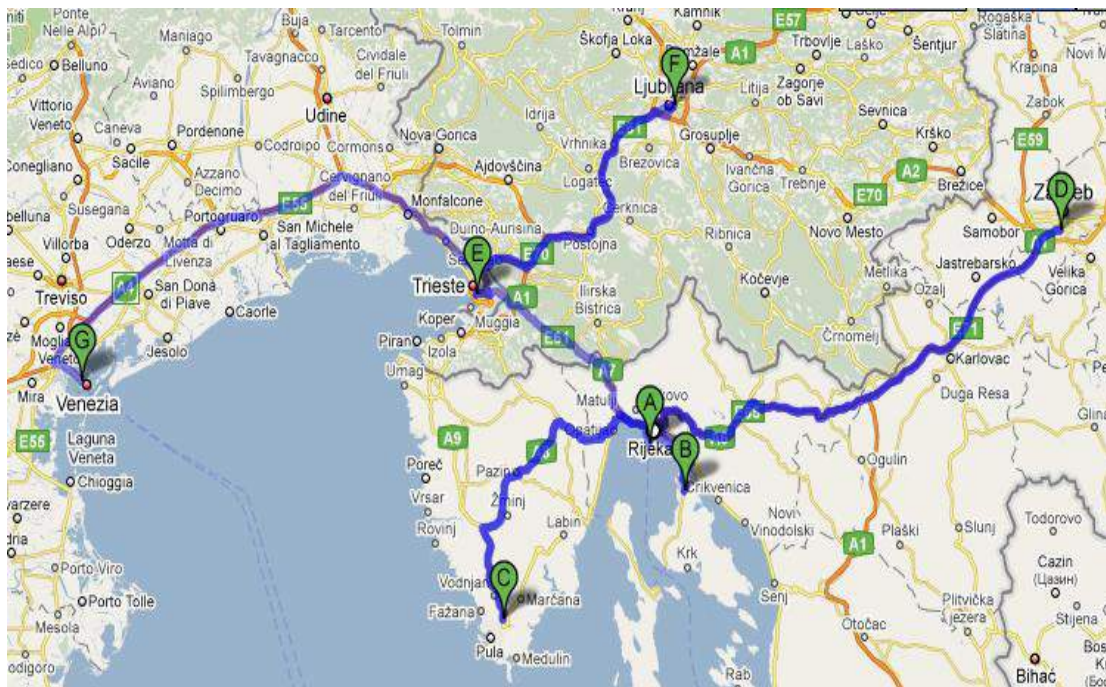
ARRIVAL AND SHUTTLE ARRANGEMENTS:

Republic of Croatia is a South European country, surrounded by the Adriatic Sea, Italy, Slovenia, Hungary, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro.

You can choose to reach Croatia by taking a Croatia Airlines flight or on one among the following airlines companies flying to destinations in Croatia: Ryan Air, Lufthansa, Aeroflot, Alitalia, Austrian Airlines, BH Airlines, ČSA, Wings (German airline), LOT; SAS, TAP Portugal, Turkish Airlines, Wizz Air, Air France, Malev.

It should be noted that the shuttle from airport to the hotel can only be provided with prior request. If the participants fail to do so, they will have to make their own transportation arrangements.

NEARBY AIRPORTS:



Airport:	Mark
Rijeka (Krk)	B
Pula	C
Zagreb	D
Ronchi (Trieste)	E
Brnik (Ljubljana)	F
Marco Polo (Venice)	G

SHUTTLE FROM/TO HOTEL – COMPETITION VENUE

Bus shuttle from the official hotels to the competition venue (Zamet Sports Centre) will be provided for free. The information on the shuttle will be found in the official hotels and in the competition hall during the registration process. Shuttle bus will be provided from all official hotels during the competition.



TAXI: Driving fee from the Rijeka airport (the island of Krk) to the centre of the town totals around 30 euro.

TAXI CAMMEO Ltd.: **+385 51 313 313**; TAXI Ltd.: **+385 51 345 610**

CITY MAP



Legend:

A	ZAMET SPORTS CENTRE
B	HOTEL NEBODER
C	HOTEL CONTINENTAL
D	BEST WESTERN HOTEL JADRAN
E	BOARDING HOUSE LUCIA
F	TOURIST VILLAGE UVALA SCOTT

VISITOR INFORMATION

LANGUAGE



In the Republic of Croatia the official language is Croatian. Many people though, especially the young, speak English; a significant number, especially in the Adriatic area and other areas adjacent to the border, are fluent in Italian as well.

WEATHER



Rijeka has a predominantly Mediterranean climate, with mild winters and very warm summers. Average daily temperatures in the first half of October range from 20 to 25 degrees (Celsius).

TIME ZONE



GMT + 1 hour

ELECTRICITY



In Croatia the voltage is 220 V, 50 Hz, as in most European countries.

EXCHANGE RATE AND OFFICES



1 € = 7,60 kn (as of January 2015). Croatian currency is kuna. A kuna is worth 100 lipas. Foreign currencies can be exchanged in banks, exchange offices and post offices.

BANKS OPENING HOURS



Most of the banks and exchange offices in Croatia are open from 08-20 (Monday through Friday) and from 8 -12 on Saturdays, and most of the banks have ATMs in function 24h a day. Bank offices in the airports are open every day, including Sundays and holidays (7-21).

POST OFFICES



Sundays.

Post boxes (mail boxes) have a distinctive yellow colour. The main post office in Rijeka is situated in the main street, known as Korzo, and is open from 7-21 (Monday through Friday) and 7-19 on Saturdays. It is closed on

WORKING HOURS



Government offices are open from 8-16 (Monday through Friday). Most of the shops and shopping malls are open 8-20 from Monday through Saturday, and are open on Sundays from 9-15.

TIPPING



Tips are included in the service; it is however customary to "round the price" in restaurants. For special services in the hotel the rule is to tip the staff from 10-50 kunas.

TAX-FREE ACQUISITION



Guests and tourists making an acquisition of any goods (except oil derivatives) whose value exceeds 500 kunas are entitled to tax return on leaving the country. They have to have a VAT receipt verified by the Croatian Customs Office. The term for tax return is one year.

CREDIT CARDS



All principal credit cards (American Express, Diners Club, Eurocard/Master Card, VISA, JCB and Eurocheques) are indicated in commercial spots and accepted throughout Croatia.

LIQUOUR ACT



The legal age for alcohol consumption is 18 years.

PUBLIC PHONES



Public phone booths accept only phone cards available in post offices and TISAK news-stands and shops. When calling from abroad, dial 385 for Croatia, then 51 for Rijeka followed by the phone number needed.

KBC RIJEKA (Rijeka Main Hospital)



To enter Croatia it is not compulsory to receive vaccination and possess a sanitary card. Health insurance is optional. Chemist shops are open from 7.00-20.00. In the event of accident or illness, call the Ambulance from any phone dialling 194 or 112 for free. The main hospital is found on this address: Klinička bolnica Rijeka, Krešimirova 42, 51000 Rijeka. Phone number: 051/407-111

POLICE



You can reach the Police Department by dialling 192 or 112 from any phone for free.

EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES



The list of embassies and consulates open in Croatia is found on the site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration: www.mvpei.hr

VISA REGIME



Visas (for the period of stay less than 90 days) are required for citizens of the following countries: **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia, Turkmenistan and Ukraine.**

WELCOME TO RIJEKA



We are privileged to invite you to 15th Cro Open International Karate Championship that will take place in Rijeka, Croatia, from October 3rd to 4th.

Cro Open is one of the biggest karate tournaments in this region, with each year, constantly gathering over 1000 competitors from over 20 European countries. It is a two-day tournament, intended for competitors of all ages.

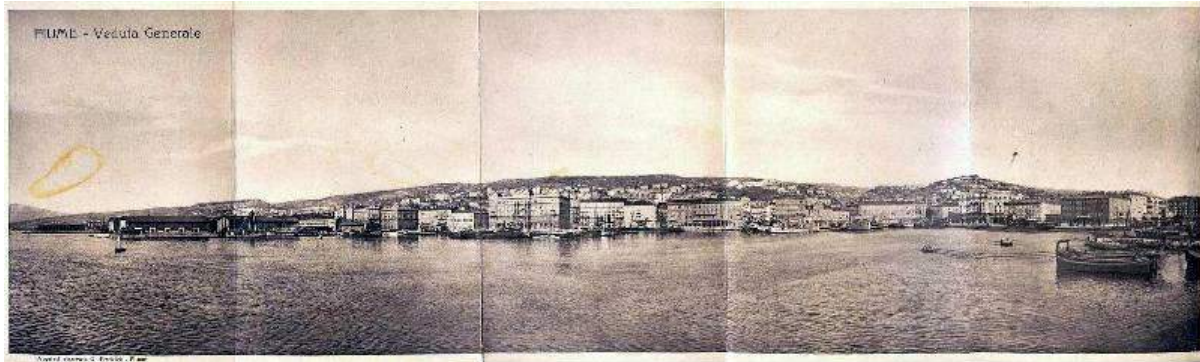
This year, Cro Open 2015 will host a special competition among itself - an international male team senior competition - The Cup of Nations - where the national teams of different countries will compete against each other.

This tournament of supreme quality is a perfect opportunity to show your skills and test your form in kumite and kata for the upcoming World Championship in Jakarta that will take place in November 2015.

This event will be an opportunity to discover anew the attractiveness of this sport that brings together athletes from foreign and their countries. It will also be an opportunity for the residents of Rijeka to show their hospitality, and for the spectators to show their support and enthusiasm.

Info on Rijeka: www.rijeka.hr

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CITY OF RIJEKA



Rijeka is the centre of the Primorsko-Goranska County that has some 305 000 residents. It is a region which combines in a magnificent way the seaside and the mountainous area stretching from Učka over the hills of the inland Gorski kotar area to the longest mountain chain in Croatia known as Velebit. West to Rijeka is the Opatija riviere, the oldest and elite tourist destination in Croatia. Opposite to it is the Crikvenica-Vinodol riviere, and in the hinterland a beautiful woody region and best preserved part of the country called Gorski kotar, a source of excellent drinking water to Rijeka.

Very close to the town is Platak, a beloved winter resort of the residents fond of skiing and sleighs, whereas on the Adriatic side it looks on the Kvarner islands – Krk, which is connected with the mainland by a bridge, and Cres, Lošinj and Rab. Rijeka is very well connected with the islands and the towns along the Adriatic coast. Rijeka has a bus station and railway station and an airport situated in the island of Krk. State border to Slovenia is only half an hour, Trieste an hour and the Croatian capital Zagreb an hour and a half ride away respectively.

Rijeka boasts a long tradition of urban happenings that thanks to a mild climate take place in the open. The best example to this is the Carnival of Rijeka that has been organised for 26 consecutive years and has grown into an international event recommended by foreign media as „a must“. To illustrate, the 10th International Carnival of Rijeka, held in 2007 saw 8 000 participants and as many as 100 000 visitors. **Tourist media even classify this carnival as the 3rd biggest in the world, second to Rio de Janeiro and Venice.**

A big part in the development of urban tourism and Mediterranean revival of Rijeka is that of the regatta called Fiumanka (local name for Rijeka), following the example of the Trieste regatta known as Barcolana. Beautiful vessels and a number of happenings on the seashore attract hosts of viewers. The town of Rijeka therefore strongly supports the project of a new marina situated on Porto Baross. The project, as a part of the Rijeka Gateway, is planned to provide all-inclusive service for nautical tourists and promote Rijeka as a nautical centre too.

INTERNATIONAL RIJEKA CARNIVAL



Rijeka is, in many ways, a specific city and along with these specific features it has “that certain something” that makes it different from the rest of the world. “That certain something” is its fifth season. While everyone else's year has four seasons, Rijeka, stealing mostly from the winter and a bit from the spring, has created its own one-of-a-kind fifth season. Carnival is its name. And in Rijeka Carnival has always been written with a capital “C” and enjoyed wholeheartedly for as long as people can remember.

The awakening of the carnival Rijeka

To talk about Carnival's beginnings in the city lying on the Rječina river, is to recount many centuries of history during which, regardless of whether Rijeka was in bad, good or its best shape, and regardless of whether it was a part of this or that state, it has always had its fifth season. The Carnival season! Let the yellowing pages written by the feather pens of chroniclers tell you about Rijeka's masked past, while a tale worth telling is the story about its recent past, whose countdown started exactly thirty years ago..

Even the masked sparrows in Kvarner's tree tops know that Rijeka's carnival present was initiated by three masked groups – the Bell Ringers of Halubje, Pehlin's Party People and the “No Problem” group - who strolled down the main city promenade on a winter Sunday in 1982. No matter how spontaneous their walk seemed, it was no coincidence. On the contrary, the said three carnival groups had been invited by the Tourist Board of the then Municipality of Rijeka, i.e. today's City of Rijeka, thus giving back to Rijeka its carnival costume that had lain forgotten in the closet for decades.

Not only a brand of Rijeka

Rijeka's fifth season starts on 17th January, on the Feast Day of St. Anthony, or as the local people call it - Antonja. It starts with the raising of the carnival flag which always takes place in a different part of the city. And once the flag starts to flutter, the carnival wagons drive along one by one, seemingly in no particular direction, but, in fact, following a well-marked route as well as a well-planned itinerary. The particularity of the Rijeka's Carnival is that behind every, seemingly unplanned occurrence, there is a detailed carefully planned carnival procedure. Hours of deliberation, reaching agreements and acting. Lots of effort and sleepless nights.

And what is it that makes Rijeka's Carnival? First of all, the people through whose veins the "carnival blood" has been flowing for centuries, that is, the blood that has been passed down from generation to generation. But also a number of traditional, cultural, entertainment, sporting and similar events that, thrown into Rijeka's carnival pot, create a unique "delicacy" of Rijeka, thus creating a brand!

One event after another

And so it goes on without stopping, one event after another, day after day, night after night. It sometimes lasts longer, sometimes shorter; it all depends on what Ash Wednesday or Easter will say. However, the finale of Rijeka's carnival, which usually lasts for about ten days, is a real carnival hell. During this finale no one sleeps, not a wave nor a stone, none of the city's neighbourhoods and, of course, none of its inhabitants. All the events are a prelude to Children's Carnival Parade that passes through the city streets a week before the final one that people call the Big one or the International Parade of Rijeka's Carnival. It's hard to say which parade is the most impressive or the most popular, the Small one, i.e. Children's parade, or the big final one, each precious and special in its own right.

Few can resist the "colourful candies" in Children's Carnival Parade, in which some barely know how to walk and others, along with the allegorical floats, have their own strollers pushed by their kindergarten teachers or their mums. It's no wonder that there are tens of thousands people in the audience.

The Carnival D Day

The D Day of Rijeka's Carnival, that is, the Day of the big International Carnival Parade is the sublimation of everything that preceded during the fifth season. It is a parade of Rijeka's distinctiveness based on the tradition that lives on even today cleverly contemplating its carnival future. Each stitch of the beautiful costumes, because Rijeka's Carnival is first and foremost beautiful and luxurious, each screw of its allegorical floats, each city and suburban carnival group reflects the distinctiveness of Rijeka— the dearest and the most beautiful city to us, and extremely interesting to the rest of the world.

And what else to say except invite you to come to Rijeka's jubilar fifth season and greet with Rijeka's carnival greeting whose four words contain the whole truth of Rijeka's Carnival - **RATHER DIE, THAN SURRENDER!**

TRSAT CASTLE



The Trsat Castle represents a strategically embossed lookout on a hill 138 meters above sea level dominating Rijeka. It was mentioned as a parochial centre for the first time in 1288. At this same site there was a Liburnian observation post from prehistoric times, used for monitoring the roads leading from the hinterland to the coast. This location served well to the Romans to establish their defence system, the so-called Liburnian limes, whose starting point was the Tarsatica fortress town – which was situated at the site of today's Old City of Rijeka.

The plateau of the Trsat Castle offers a magnificent view of the ruins of these limes situated on opposite hills, Katarina and Kalvarija, as well as of the whole area of the Rijeka's Old City. The Trsat Castle is one of the oldest fortifications on the Croatian coast which preserves the features of the early medieval town construction.

Today the Trsat Castle has been enriched by new facilities and events – visual arts gallery, open-air summer concerts and theatre performances as well as fashion shows and literary evenings. Within the Trsat Castle, at the address Petra Zrinskog b.b., you'll find the Trsat Castle Info Point where you can get any information about this building and the City of Rijeka.

TORPEDO – LAUNCH STATION



The launch station from the 1930s was a part of the closed torpedo factory. It is a testimony to the technical inventiveness of Rijeka during this period and at the same time an important landmark of the industrial heritage at a global level. The story about the torpedo factory started with an idea of Rijeka's citizen Giovanni Luppis about a defence weapon known as the “coast saviour”. Luppis was trying to realise his idea at the beginning of the 1860s, however without success. Fortunately, the idea appealed to Robert Whitehead, the director of the Rijeka Technical Institute.

Based on Luppis's idea, Whitehead developed a solution that resembled a metal fish and called it the torpedo. The prototype was tested in 1866 and in 1875 the Institute became the R. Whitehead & Co. Torpedo Factory. It was the first torpedo factory in the world. The launch station, which dates back to 1930, was used to simulate the launching of missiles from ships and planes.

MORČIĆ – THE ORIENT IN RIJEKA



It is one of the most recognizable symbols of this city, of its numerous activities and events, and especially of the International Rijeka Carnival of which it has been the official symbol and mascot since 1991. Morčić is a piece of original jewellery from Rijeka, Kvarner and Hrvatsko primorje, most frequently taking the form of earrings. Apart from its aesthetic and decorative function, it is also a sign of loyalty to the region. Earrings with the bust of a black Moor wearing a turban are today worn by 70% of the local women; regardless of their social status and nationality in the multiethnic Rijeka which boasts with as many as 22 national minorities. It is precisely this wide variety and melting pot of cultures that constitutes the greatest value of the city which will embrace anyone searching for a place to live, as well as a chance traveller and anyone pursuing happiness which, without doubt, no money can buy. However, you will agree that nobody has everything he needs, not only referring to the material, but primarily to one's piece of mind. Our Nobel prize winner, Ivo Andrić, once wrote that "it is strange how little we need to be happy, and even stranger how that little always manages to elude us". Dear reader, maybe you will find this missing "little thing" in Rijeka's Morčić as it is our good luck charm.

SAINT VITUS' CATHEDRAL



St. Vitus' Cathedral is the only Baroque rotunda of monumental proportions built on Croatian soil. The construction of this church, designed by the Jesuit architect G. Briano, began in 1638. It was made on the model of the famous Venetian church of Santa Maria della Salute.

The location selected for the construction of the St. Vitus' church was an elevated area at the heart of the then still medieval urban tissue. Initially, there was a small church of the same name, dedicated to the city's patron saint. The Jesuits, as the creators of the project, primarily decided to use the cult of the Miraculous Crucifix from the small church, which, according to popular legend, started bleeding when a certain Petar Lončarić threw a stone at it after exploding with rage over a gambling loss. The early Gothic crucifix is incorporated into the Baroque main altar of the new church, which, in the spirit of storytelling piety inherent to miraculous relics, also houses Lončarić's stone and a small bronze hand.