

**Dear Participants of the Firemen's Gathering, our Fireman Friends,**

As the date of the Gathering of 2009 is approaching, we are glad to inform all of you who are interested that

the preparations of the International Firemen's Gathering are underway. The Application Forms are available and they will help you to choose all the programmes and contests that may be of interest to you. We are going to continue our traditions; a Band and Cheerleader Festival, an Oldtimer Meeting,

professional sessions and exhibitions are going to take place as well.

We would like to help everyone to find and choose the events they are interested in. Based on your selection we will arrange the dates of the programmes in a way that will make it possible for the entrants to take part in all of them.

The enclosed Application Forms will help all of us to organize the best and most memorable Gathering here in Gyula.

This is why we are asking everyone interested to read these pages carefully and then fill in the forms precisely and fully as required.

Please take note that we are going to fill up the accommodations and contests in the order in which we receive the applications, so make sure to send them back to us as soon as possible.

We thank all of you for being interested. We are glad to answer all your questions.

On behalf of the Hungarian firefighters and those based in Gyula I would like to invite our fellow firemen from all over the world to our gathering in Gyula.

I am convinced that visitors to our hospitable and friendly town will spend some memorable days here. The fact that Gyula can be easily accessed, the special services of the Castle Spa, the excellent restaurants and the special bond among firemen throughout the world will help you to have a wonderful time at the 18th International Firemen's Gathering.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Your fellow fireman,

**József Dudaszeg Fireman Lieutenant-Colonel  
Commander of the Professional Fire Brigade of the Self-government of Gyula  
Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 18th International Firemen's Gathering**

You can find all updated information on the following website:  
[www.feuerwehrsternfahrt2009.com](http://www.feuerwehrsternfahrt2009.com)

### **Conditions of participation, basic information**

We only accept those applications for the 18th International Firemen's Gathering in Gyula, which are sent to our Organizing Committee to the address below:

#### **Fire Department of Gyula**

**Address: 5700 Gyula Vértanúk útja 8 Hungary**

**Telephone number: +36 20 9785 767**

**Fax: + 36 66 463606**

**E-mail: [info@feuerwehrsternfahrt2009.com](mailto:info@feuerwehrsternfahrt2009.com)**

We can only accept applications for accommodation on the enclosed Application Form. With requirements concerning accommodation please phone us in office hours, on weekdays from Monday to Friday between 8.00 am. and 11.30 am. and 1.00 pm and 4.00 pm.

The organizer offers a package including accommodation, entry fees, gifts etc. for the entire period of the gathering for a favourable price. You can request this package provided that you send back the completed Application Form and wire the entry fee, which is 33 Euro/person.

Those participants who do not book their accommodation through the Organizing Committee and do not pay the entry fee must expect some extra expenses.

#### **The 33 Euro/person entry fee includes:**

- **a festival pass**
- **an organized programmes package**
- **a gift for our guests**
- **a free ticket for the professional exhibition**
- **a free ticket for the professional sessions**
- **a free ticket for exhibitions and collectors' meetings**
- **permission to participate in the delegation meeting (1 person/participant group)**
- **organized trip for a favourable price**
- **a valuable souvenir plaque**
- **a ticket to the festival tent**
- **accommodation at high-quality places**
- **setting-up information kiosks**
- **bus transportation to the locations of the various programmes and contests**
- **souvenir gifts for the oldtimers**
- **a diploma to testify the participation of the groups**

Only those participants who followed the required application process can request special services, transportation on the offered trips, reduced priced tickets and so on.

The account for the accommodation and entry fee happens exclusively through the Organizer, the Fire Brigade of Gyula and their Organizing Trust on a separate account.

We are going to send back a confirmation of your application following the arrival of the Application Forms, the application for the accommodation and the entry fee. The applicant group is going to get a certifying card with the logo of the gathering and a participant line number, which will have to be placed in a visible spot in the buses, cars or oldtimers on your arrival.

Entitled to take part are all the professional, institutional and voluntary fire brigades from all over the world, fire brigade bands and all the fire brigade oldtimer clubs and associations, their families and friends. Everyone interested in the work of the fire brigades, all the collectors and exhibitors, and all the rescue and relief organizations are welcome to take part in the Gathering in Gyula.

We are going to provide room for exhibitions and collections for those participants who followed the required application process.

On arrival participants with a confirmed application should report at the Info-Centre in Gyula. After registration you can check into your rooms.

We ask all participants to bring their uniforms and flags.

The organizing Fire Brigade of Gyula cannot compensate participants in case of accidents, theft, personal or financial damage. We are pleased that everybody participates at the Gathering at their own risk and recognizance for the benefit of the profession.

Participants with a confirmed application are guaranteed to take part in professional sessions held by presenters of international renown free of charge.

On behalf of the organizing Fire Brigade of Gyula we kindly ask all participants to forbear from bringing gifts and request that you wire the value of the planned gift to the account of the Fire Brigade of Gyula instead. (We will confirm the wire of course. The list of donors will be made public.) The full amount of donations will be used for supporting charities. Organizers believe this is the right policy, for in this way they can help those in need.