

# Swimming pond without frontiers

The International congress 2011 at Ceske Budejovice



In Autumn 2011 new edition of the 2-year cycle organized International Conference for natural bathing water will take place in Ceske Budejovice (Czech Republic, Bohemia).

From 28 to 30 September meets the industry in the trade fair center of Ceske Budejovice. It offers all the necessary space for the exhibition, the conference rooms for lectures, seminars and workshops. Under the auspices of the International Organization for natural bathing waters (IOB) this sixth International Congress is organized by the Czech Association of natural swimming ponds. For the first time the International Congress will take place in a European country, beyond the former Iron Curtain, what the Congress motto, "swimming pools without frontiers" points out. The motto can stand as well for the wide variety of creative and technical solutions. What has already started in Merano in 2009, at the 5th International swimming



pond Congress, emphasis now as well the sixth edition: the industry is becoming more international. This time, the Congress languages are German, Czech and English. The German

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language will keep its importance because many congress participants will come from Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Until the end of the 19th Century just as much as Czech people Germans lived in Ceske Budejovice and even today many young Czechs learn and speak German. And yes, it can sometimes be said the famous beer

will not be missing in Budweis. **Rallies in Germany and Austria**

The Czech Republic's central location between the mother countries of the swimming pond industry, Germany and Austria, has already taken the swimming pond associations from those countries to start the planning of rallies. It can already be announced that the cities of Munich and Vienna are planned as starting points. From Germany possibly another place will join. Arrival to all rally tours is September 26th in the evening. Busses will leave

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in direction Ceske Budejovice. After a stop for night in a hotel, the tour starts on German and Austrian territory with visits to some natural ponds along the route. Later in the day the tour continues entering in Czech Republic. In addition to visiting private and public natural baths the participants will have time for discussion and exchange until the arrival in Ceske Budejovice, on the afternoon of the September 27th. These travel by bus is not only thought for Germans and Austrians, but also for foreign colleagues arriving from more distant countries. Traveling to the event without controlling their own car or rental car meanst to get there rested at the congress. Clear that participants will return back quickly to the

respective places of origin by bus after the congress, first of October 2011.

#### Changes in the program

Also in the program design reflects the theme of "swimming pools without frontiers" as well. Focusing this time the issues of heating swimming pond water and temperature limits, the bacterio-plankton in natural pools, as well as Legionella bacteria, which now seems to represent the hygienists headaches. As well in the presentation structure, there will be some innovations, thus, the excursions to time on the second day of the Congress, held in the morning. As experience has shown it is at the excursions that most of the contacts among the participants are made. So they will have more time

to discuss the common impressions of the visits. In addition to the usual structure of the congress, already known form Meran 2009, lectures and workshops will held and discussion groups will deepen the topics presented in the morning. So if the very interested participants of the Congress will not have had enough during the day session, one can continue to work in a relaxed atmosphere in the evening. Still, the program work is in progress. So the organizers like to accept proposals. Anyway, mark your calendar now: 28 until 30 September 2011 in Ceske Budejovice (CZ). Rallies start at September 26th.