

PROPOSAL FOR ORGANISATION

AIDA Team World Championships 2020.

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Location:

Limassol, Cyprus

Cyprus Island

Floating on the waters of the European Mediterranean, but pointing longingly towards the shores of Syria, Turkey and Lebanon, Cyprus is an odd mixture. After Sicily and Sardinia, Cyprus is the third largest island in the Mediterranean Sea. Although the island is geographically in Asia it is politically a European country and is a member of the European Union. It is a kaleidoscopic blend: its cultural influences are dominated by Western Europe, but its geographic proximity to Asia and Africa gives it more than just a hint of the East.

In 1974, Turkish forces invaded and captured 37% of the island. The ceasefire line from August 1974 until now became the United Nations Buffer Zone in Cyprus and is commonly referred to as the Green Line.

Limassol city

Limassol also known to many as Lemesos is Cyprus's second-largest city is situated on Akrotiri Bay on the southern part of the island. The old town Lemesos (Limassol) is the heart of the city with its narrow streets radiating out from the old fishing harbor.

The Old City is a much-renovated, historic part of town with stylish cafés, restaurants, shops and bars.

In May 2015 the new Limassol Marina project was completed. Limassol Marina is destined to become the most exclusive marina resort in the Mediterranean – and one of the finest in the world. Just a stroll away from the heart of Limassol, the marina is designed to blend seamlessly with the city's historic center, old town and medieval castle. It combines elegant residences and a state-of-the-art marina with exclusive restaurants and shops, to create a lifestyle uniquely shaped by 'living on the sea'.

Limassol town covers a 15 kilometers coastline lined with hotels and apartment blocks, interspersed with eucalyptus groves and linked by a promenade popular with walkers or joggers. The city's inhabitants are renowned for their love of fun, the city has the reputation: 'the city that never sleeps' so not surprisingly the city's nightlife is varied. All sorts of taverns, cafes and restaurants are open all the year round, while beach bars along the coastal walkway add to the choice.

Limassol is served by international airports in two major cities: Paphos 67km (to the west) and Larnaca 77km (to the east). Buses handle city-to-city transportation on the island, while taxis are available for shorter journeys. Public transport in Limassol is currently served only by buses.

Travelling to Cyprus

Cyprus is a member of the Schengen Agreement but has not yet fully implemented it. For EU and EFTA (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) citizens, together with those of Switzerland, an officially approved ID card (or a passport) is sufficient for entry. In no case will they need a visa for a stay of any length. Others will generally need a passport for entry.

Travel to/from any other country (Schengen or not) from/to Cyprus will (as of now) result in the normal immigration passport control but travelling to/from another EU country you will not have to pass customs. However, if Cyprus normally requires a visa for your nationality, this may be waived if you already have a valid Schengen visa.

Cyprus is serviced by a variety of different international carriers, including low budget companies (Ryan Air, Easy Jet, Wizz air, Blue Air, Transavia...) that connects the Island with major European cities. Island is very well connected with Far East countries (Japan, China) and Australia through connection hub in Dubai. Cyprus' main airport is **Larnaca International Airport (LCA)** and is on the outskirts of Larnaca city approximately 77km from Limassol, flight schedule <https://www.hermesairports.com/flight-info/larnaca/flight-schedule>. Paphos International airport (PFO) is located around 67km from Limassol, flight schedule <https://www.hermesairports.com/flight-info/pafos/flight-schedule>. Both airports are connected to Limassol with modern highway and can be reached in 45 min drive.

The Limassol Urban Buses Company transfers from Larnaca or Paphos Airport to Limassol and return with daily schedules, including weekends and public holidays to serve the transportation needs of all travelers with a current cost of EUR 9.00 per person including VAT and luggage.

Currency

Cyprus has the euro (€) as its sole currency along with 24 other countries that use this common European money.

Organizer

Free2dive – Savvas Savva Freediving Center Cyprus <https://www.facebook.com/free2dive/> is located in Limassol, Cyprus. It is owned and managed by Savvas Savva, AIDA instructor trainer, AI level judge. Center is running daily AIDA courses and trainings for athletes, with fully equipped boat with counter ballast, high resolution sonar, uw scooter.

Savvas Savva is organizing free diving competitions depth and pool since 2003. In 2015, has organized Aida Individual Depth Championships. As judge, Savvas has took part in majority of AIDA World Championships and will be president of the jury in 2019. World Championships in Nice.

Competition facilities

DYN competition

Municipal Olympic Swimming pool, 50 m, 8 lanes, depth 2.5 m. Water temperature – 28C degrees. Fully refurbished in 2018. Pool is servicing all local swimming clubs and numerous international teams, coming to Cyprus for training and preparations for the competitions. It is located 5 min drive from the official hotel. Transfer will be organized by shuttle buses.



Static

Pool - 23 m long, 5 lanes, depth 1 m. Water temperature maintained to 28 C all year around. Within the same complex as pool where DYN competition will be held.

Fully equipped ambulance, doctor and medical crew will be present during training and competition days. First aid room is available in the pool complex. Pool complex has easy access for ambulance and Limassol General hospital is on 10 min drive from the pool.

CWT competition

The event will be held in association with E.D.T Offshore company (www.edtoffshore.com) that will provide one vessel from their fleet in order to ensure that games will implement all safety and security procedures as well as AIDA international standards. The competition site will be located 1 miles from the beach, opposite venue hotel and on 170m depth. On the back side of the vessel there will be two competition lines with a counter ballast system each able to lift up a free diver up to the surface with a speed of 1.5m/1sec.



High resolution sonar will be operating on the vessel providing detailed real time information on the diver's progress. On the side of vessel there will be warm up lines up to 40m each. Each competition line will be covered with 3 well trained and experienced safety divers. One underwater scooter per line will be available. Dry area will be available on the platform in the water. Dry warm up will be possible on the vessel. Evacuation boat with first aid crew and doctor, with previous experience on AIDA Individual Depth World Championships 2015. and competitions organized by Free2Dive and AIDA Cyprus, will be attached on the main vessel during all training and official competitions days. Oxygen support (O2) will be available for emergency cases. Decompression station with O2 will be available on the dive location. In case of emergency during competition days an evacuation boat will be able to transfer free diver to the closest beach within time of 8 min, where an ambulance will be on standby. Limassol General Hospital is located 10 mins from the beach.

Rigid hulled inflatable boats will be available to carry athletes, judges, and crew to the official competition site.

Above set-up and organizing procedures have been used successfully during AIDA Individual Depth Championships 2015. and previous AIDA CYPRUS annually depth competitions since 2006 as well as on Cyprus Depth Games 2014 - 2019. organized by Free2dive, Savvas Savva Free Diving Center Cyprus.

Expected Weather conditions for September 2020:

Usual sea conditions in Cyprus on September are favorable. Water temperature is expected to be between 25c and 28c with normally thermo cline below 20m -25m and visibility will be around 30m-35m. Also no strong sea currents are observe and wind speed is between 3bf after 13.00 p.m. Weather temperature runs between 28c-32c, usually clean and sunny days.

Preliminary schedule

19th Saturday: Registration; official training day CWT

20th Sunday: Registration; Official training day CWT

21st Monday: Official competition day CWT

22nd Tuesday: Depth competition back up day

23rd Wednesday: DYN training day

24th Thursday: Official competition day DYN

25th Friday: STA training day

26st Saturday: Official competition day STA

Closing Ceremony - Awards

27th Sunday: Departures

- **Schedule provided might be change according to weather conditions and/or safety**

Athlete's Fees:

Entry fee for AIDA Team World Championships 2020. Will be eur 350,00 based on minimum 60 participants

(This includes all usual costs such as: official training during competition week, doping tests, competition Tshirt/welcoming kit, transfer to competition site etc).

Special events

For athletes who want to use benefits of favorable depth training conditions and their stay in Limassol, Free2Dive Freediving Center will organize depth competition (WR Status and individual AIDA ranking) with following preliminary schedule:

September 12 – 18.

Saturday 12 – Training day, registration

Sunday 13 – Competition day CWT, CWTB, CNF and FIM

Monday 14 – Training day

Tuesday 15 - Competition day CWT, CWTB, CNF and FIM

Wednesday 16 – Training day

Thursday 17 - Competition day CWT, CWTB, CNF and FIM

Friday 18 – Competition day CWT, CWTB, CNF and FIM

Price: 290 eur/person

For details please contact organizer on info@freedivingcyprus.com .

Accommodation

The proposed venue for the event is Kapetanio Odysia Hotel (www.kapetaniogroup.com), <https://www.booking.com/hotel/cy/kapetanio-odysia-limassol.en-gb.html>, which is situated in the most privileged area of Limassol, only 100 meters from the beach and within easy walking distance from the city center. Hotel was hosting and AIDA Depth World Championships 2015.

This 3-star superior hotel is recently refurbished and known to offer 4-star facilities in its rooms that are all designed and decorated to offer urban comfort. Room facilities includes international direct dial telephone, satellite TV with pay TV and central video system, air-conditioning and heating, mini-bar, radio, music channel, hair dryer and balcony.

Hotel facilities and services includes **free** wifi internet, lobby, two restaurants, one bar, pool bar, one outdoor swimming pool, one children swimming pool, health club with sauna, Jacuzzi and gym equipment, and two conference rooms. Kapetanio Odysia's restaurants serve Cypriot and international cuisine in elegant settings. The Apollo Pool Bar and the Piano Lobby & Terrace are ideal for an evening drink or cocktail.

Above all, Kapetanio Odysia will surround you with the genuine hospitality, friendly atmosphere and warm ambience that will make you feel welcome and at home, right here in the heart of Limassol.

- **Maximum Accommodation availability to KAPETANIOS ODYSSEA HOTEL: 100 athletes. In September 2019. We will be able to open negotiation with hotel to provide group discounted prices for this event. Information about prices will be sent accordingly to athletes and AIDA nationals.**

Beside official hotel, various Airbnb and other accommodation option on booking.com are available in the walking distance to the hotel and boat pick up place. We will assist you in selecting them, for finding best location and ensure quality of them.

Budget Analysis

Income

Athletes fees 350 eur, min 60 registered athletes	21000
Sponsors	20000
Total Income:	41000

Expenses		
Pool		3200
Boats - competition boat, dry area, medical boat, transfer boats		3000
Safety divers and crew		9000
Safety crew expenses - 806 e/week, double ocupancy, half board		2500
Ambulance on duty		3600
Medic and paramedic		6400
Transfer busses hotel-pool		2500
Equipment - ropes, sonars, pool stands		4000
admin crew		1800
Website development and maintenance		2000
PR expenses - banners, posters, promo adds		1500
admin expenses		1500
total expenses		41000

Important Proposal terms:

- Proposal costs are calculated based on minimum 60 registered athletes. If AIDA International would like to organize event with less participants, will need to cover difference between registered number of athletes and 60 athletes as minimum.
- Final booking deadline for Official hotel accommodation is 31st of March 2020. Organizer will book 20 rooms in official hotel, right after proposal will be selected. For the booking will be necessary to deposit 40% of total amount.
- Paying full amount for swimming pool booking in advance will be necessary.
- In the case of cancelling event by AIDA international, AIDA will cover expenses paid in advance for pool and hotel booking.

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