



## PRESS REPORT



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### **XIV. International Fire Brigade Competition**

### **XVII. International Young Firefighters Meeting**

#### **Fourth day...**

##### **Introduction of nations on the Main Street**

Audience of several hundred people watched the introduction of countries which participate the Fire Brigade Competition CTIF in Ostrava on the Main Street on Tuesday evening 21. 7. 2009. Raised stands and the area around the stage were at disposal for all comers other audience watched the show from windows of their flats. Girls and boys from 23 national fire-fighting organisations who one by one performed their shows, also created the part of audience. Each country had approximately 10 minutes to introduce its nation and the performances were evaluated.

The winners were, according to jury, Hungarians presenting belly-dances of young female firefighters in swim suit. On the second place finally finished the Russian team, who connected their artistical bear show together with notorious song Kalinka. The third position belongs to domestic Czech young firefighters with their song Sladke mameni. (also the neighbours from Slovakia presented their country with songs.) Fourth place went to Italy, they prepared show with ladders and audience were given Italian salami and fruit. Fifth position gained Flag dance by Polish firefighters. Austrians who probably had the most interesting program with fire-eaters, burning their skin with torches and one of them like fakir lying over the spikes, but performed with help of the adult firefighters, finished under the evaluated positions. For instance German youth team choosed brass band music with playing the branchpipes. Swiss went on the stage with cow (neither real nor violet...)and demonstrated the production of chocolate which they threw about the audience.

##### **Program for today evening**

**On Wednesday afternoon 22 July 2009 magnificent XIV. International Fire Brigade Competition and XVII. International Young Firefighters meeting begin.**

About 3000 participants from 26 countries came together to the Moravian-Silesian region metropolis. From 19 July 2009, the participants concentrate on the finale of Fire Brigade Competitions which are held in four years long interval. Hard training and competitions are supplemented by the large scale of accompanying events.

**Opening Ceremony starts on Vitkovice stadium on Wednesday 22 July 2009.** From 17:30 audience can have pleasure of Ewa Farna`s concert. Opening ceremony offers music presented by Castle

Guard and Police of the Czech Republic, performance of majorettes from Kala Havirov and the smallest firefighters – children from kindergarden Plzen.

Introductory word of the Opening Ceremony gives Ing. Miroslav Vlcek the Speaker of the chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, the President of the Moravian-Silesian region Ing. Jaroslav Palas, mayor of Ostrava Ing. Petr Kajnar, president of CTIF Walter Egger and ambassador of Slovenia in the Czech Republic Franc But. Maj. Gen. Ing. Miroslav Stepan also participates this event among many other important guests. Youth and adult competitors representatives will recite the vow after the International competitors CTIF chief Josef Hubera signal, then the national Anthem of the Czech Republic will be heard, flags will be hoisted and the symbolic fire will be lit. The final of the opening ceremony will be the concert of Abba Stars and fire-works.

This event is not only athletic performance, but also the social meeting of sportsmen and the senior officials of firefighters from participant countries. Men, women and youth on these competitions always belonged to the world top. The Czech Republic will be represented by youth fire brigade of volunteer firefighters from Piskova Lhota and Chlumec nad Cidlinou. In fire sports it will be selected members of career firefighters, men and women from team of volunteer firefighters and in classical disciplines men fire brigades of volunteer firefighters from Chlumec nad Cidlinou, Zibohlavy, Frydek-Mistek, Vlcnov, Michalkovice, Bystre v Orlickych horach and fire rescue service of Hradec Kralove region. Women will be represented by volunteer fire brigades from Piskova Lhota, Chlumec nad Cidlinou, Vlcnov and Frydek-Mistek – Skalice.