Four Days of Orienteering in Bugaria

«Variant 5»-Cup 2012

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Friday, April 27th:	Free trainings
Saturday, April 28th:	14.00 One-man-relay, 18.30 concert
Sunday, April 29th:	13.00 Sprint; 19.00 Banquet
Monday, April 30th:	11.00 Middle distance
Tuesday, May 1st:	10.00 Long distance, World Ranking Event (WRE)
	14.00 prize giving and closing ceremony
Competition center:	Targovishte, Bulgaria

Maps and terrains. All competitions take place on new maps, mapped in late 2011 and early 2012 by Bulgaria's well-known mapper Dian Bonev. The forests in Targovishte region are mainly mixed forests with big parts of oak and beech. Mainly very good runnability. Lots of little creeks, gullies, ditches, trenches, foxholes and rocks add some thrill to the interesting and hilly terrain. For last year's maps go to: variant5.org/velikdencup/ (check «maps», check maps as Rosina or Momino).

Attractions. «Variant 5»-Cup can easily be combined with an extended holiday in Bulgaria. From the event center it takes only two hours to the Black Sea coast. Targoviste region offers good possibilities to explore Bulgarian life, history, music and culture, and well its cuisine.

Climate. Spring time climate in north-eastern Bulgaria is generally very mild (15 to 25 degrees Celsius), with a good chance of hot and sunny days – and some chance of refreshing rain.

Competition classes.
Women: 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21E, 21B, 35, 40, 45, 50 and Open short (OS), Open middle (OM), Open long (OL)
Men: 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21E, 21B, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 and and Open short (OS), Open middle (OM), Open long (OL). – Kids in class M/W 10 run on marked path.

Punching system. For the competitions the electronical time-taking system SPORTident will be used. We urgently ask the team leaders to tell us the competitors' SI numbers well in advance. Competitors without their own SI badge may rent a badge for **1 € per day**. In case of loss of the badge, a fee of 20 € has to be charged (40 € for badges of the newest generation).

Training possibilities. There is a wide range of training maps in Targovishte area suitable for trainings. Please let the organizer know your needs.

Results and Prizes. The four days of «Variant 5»-Cup are separate competitions. There is no overall ranking. For each race, the first three runners in each class will be awarded a prize. As part of our support of the orienteering elite, the first three places in classes M21E and W21E on the WRE day will be honoured with prize money: 1st place 300 €, 2nd place 125 €, 3rd place 50 €.

Entry Fees. The entry fees including all four starts, all training maps, transportation to the events and a voucher for the «Orienteers' Evening» (banquet) are as follows:

Classes M/W 12, M/W 14	45 € (33 € without banquet)
Classes M/W 21E	65 € (47 € without banquet)
All other classes	60 € (42 € without banquet)
Open classes (for competitors born after 01/01/1997)	45 € (33 € without banquett)
Open classes (for competitors born before 12/31/1996)	60 € (42 € without banquett)

Please note: Reduced fees for competitors from Bulgaria, Greece, Macedonia, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Turkey.

Payments. Payments have to be made to: Postfinance (Switzerland), IBAN: CH44 0900 0000 3001 9039 5 BIC: POFICHBEXXX, Foerderverein Variant Pet, 3000 Bern, Switzerland. If you have no possibility to pay your fees in advance, please contact the organizers.

Deadline for Entries. Deadline for entries is April 10, 2012. Please register online on www.variant5.org. Online registration is possible **starting from November 1st, 2011.** You may also send your entry by e-mail to: info@variant5.ch . On spot you can register for open classes only – Open short (easy), Open middle and Open long (for advanced competitors).

Late entries. You can support our efforts to offer affordable competitions by making your entry in time. For late entries we charge a fee of 6 BGN (3 €) per start. Please note: The possibilities for late entries are limited! In each class only a limited number of start places will be vacant. There is no extra charge for late entries in open classes (Open short, Open middle, Open long) and M/W 10.

Entries on spot. After the deadline for entries you may enter for classes Open short, Open middle and Open long. It is possible to make entries on spot – during the event. For open classes no late entry fee is charged. Entries on spot as well are possible for class M/W 10.

Accommodation. The city of Targovishte offers a range of hotels (starting from 10 Euro per bed and night) and a limited number of guesthouses. If you need our assistance in finding suitable accommodation please contact us early, as the availability of affordable accommodation is limited. We propose, to contact our responsible for accommodations, Dimka Chakarova (chakarova@gmail.com).

Visa regulations. Bulgaria is a member state of the European Union. Most visitors may enter with a valid passport. If you are national of a non-EU state and if you need to apply for a visa, please contact us not later than March 1st, 2012, so we can prepare the official invitation needed.

Organizing Committee. The event is organized by Orienteering Club «Variant 5» Targovishte, and by the Swiss supporting club of «Variant 5». Event directors: Dian Bonev (BUL), Marc Lettau (SUI).

Information. For further information please contact our information desk: info@variant5.ch – our staff is fluent in Bulgarian, English, German, French, Russian, Italian.

Home: www.variant5.org Desk: info@variant5.ch or variant5@tourism.bg (for Bulgarian speakers)

Journey to Bulgaria. Several Airlines offer affordable flights to Sofia Airport and Varna Airport. Both cities are connected with Targovishte by trains and buses. The journey from Sofia to Targovishte takes approx. 5 hours, the trip from Varna to Targovishte approx. 2 hours.

Rent-a-car: Many participants of our last years events did decide to rent a car at Sofia airport or at Varna airport. This is no problem at all. The rates are moderate and the roads from Sofia to Targovishte and Varna to Sofia are in good conditions. Please note: You may like to choose Bucarest Airport (Romania) and to travel south to Targoviste – but it will be a time consuming trip, as you have to cross Bucarest with ist heavy traffic.

FAQ: You find answers to frequently asked questions on http://variant5.org/velikdencup/
Do not hesitate to contact us, if you can't find the information needed there.

Tourism, leisure and culture. If you wish to stay longer in the region, we recommend visits in the following cities and villages: Veliko Tarnovo and village Arbanasi: old capital city of Bulgaria with lots of history and nice historical village nearby. City of Shumen, with interesting Mosque, roman ruins and socialist monuments. Kotel: little historical town in the Balkan-mountains. Jeravna: most beautiful, quiet, nice and peaceful village on the south slope of the Balkan mountains. Russe: Town at Danube river.