

## USEFUL TO KNOW

Participants of the 16th Finswimming World Championship at Hódmezővásárhely-Hungary ([www.hodmezovasarhely.hu](http://www.hodmezovasarhely.hu)) would be arriving to Budapest Ferihegy II. airport. They would be met by Hungarian Divers Federation hostesses at the welcome desk of CMAS, installed inside the transit, at the baggage area. Buses would be provided to Hódmezővásárhely, town located in the Southern Plain of Hungary.

The unpronounceable word for foreigners, „Hódmezővásárhely” comes from the word „HÓD”, meaning castor, or beaver, a small, furry animal that inhabited the surrounding lakes, wildwaters and the river Tisza centuries ago. A village with the name hód, existed already before the XVth century when the merger of several settlements produced the name that inhabitants of the town of today cherish so much.



The Castor/Beaver, or “Hód” in Hungarian

The field, where traders, - among others manufacturers of ceramics, a trade that has developed well since, - would meet regularly to exchange their goods for money or other necessary items, started to be called the marketplace of the field where there are beavers or castors. Hence the name of the town, „Castorfieldmarketplace”, in Hungarian Hódmezővásárhely.

Those who would have wondered up to now why is the logo of the 16th Finswimming World Championship is a simplified castor with fin and snorkel, now would well understand. The colours of the logo are those of the Hungarian flag, and the colours of the coat of arms of the town.



Hódmezővásárhely is a little jewel box, well kept, clean and offering the visitor pleasant surroundings, sights, friendliness and good Southern-Hungarian cousin. The pool, using thermal water, - is in the city centre, 10 minutes walk from the WC's central Hotel called Ginkgo. The hotel ([www.ginkgohotel.hu](http://www.ginkgohotel.hu)) has a capacity of around 200 beds, with single, double, triple and four-bed rooms. Accommodation will be booked for the delegations on a first come first serve basis. Participants, who make their booking later, would be placed in Novotel ([www.novotel.com/Szeged](http://www.novotel.com/Szeged)) at Szeged, - a four star hotel as well, - 20 minutes bus drive from the pool.

Late booking delegations opting to stay in Hódmezővásárhely would also have the possibility of choosing from the hotels or hostels that are a 10-15 minutes bus drive from the pool. These are Hotel Fák, ([www.hotelfaka.hu](http://www.hotelfaka.hu)) Szent István, ([www.hszenstivánpanzio.hu](http://www.hszenstivánpanzio.hu)), and Kenguru, ([www.kengurugm.hu](http://www.kengurugm.hu)). Local transport to and from the pool is provided by the organizers.

Lunch and dinner is organised at the City Reception Hall, catering for up to 450 guests at times of the January-March ball season. Food is prepared by the medal-winning chefs of the „Fekete Sas”, (Black Eagle) restaurant, hopefully to the satisfaction of all CMAS delegations, regardless of taste, religion or continent.

The Organizing Committee, - composed of the members of the Hungarian Divers Federation and officials of the Town Council of Hódmezővásárhely - is doing everything possible to make the 16th World Finswimming Championship a memorable event in the long series of CMAS competitions, organised in the past decades.