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10th World Rogaining Championships Awarded to Czech Republic for 2012

The International Rogaining Federation has announced today the awarding of the 10th World Rogaining Championships to the Czech Republic for 2012.

The Championships are planned for 31 August – 1 September 2012, and will be held near Karlovy Vary, west of Prague.

The successful bidders and organizing team for the World Championships are from the Czech Association of Rogaining (CAR) which was established in 1996: <http://www.rogaining.cz>. CAR has organized the Czech Rogaining Championships every year since 1997.

The 2012 World Championships will be a 24 hour team event held in accordance with the international Rules of Rogaining published at www.rogaining.com. Organizers are expecting 500 elite cross-country navigators from over twenty countries and all continents.

IRF President, Neil Phillips, said that this will be the second time the Czech Republic has hosted the World Rogaining Championships, the first time being the 5th World Rogaining Championships in 2002 near Lesna in the country's far west. The 2002 event was the platform for considerable growth of the sport in Europe especially in Latvia, Estonia, Russia, Ukraine and Sweden. More recently the sport has developed in Finland, Spain, Lithuania and Germany.

The Czech team is led by Miroslav Seidl, who with team-mate Petr Boranek, is one of Europe's strongest rogainers with excellent results in World, European and National Rogaining Championships for the last ten years. This is typical of rogaining that the champion competitors give back so much to the sport as volunteers and leaders.

10WRC will be organized in close collaboration with German rogainers, and in 2008 the Czech and German organizers ran a joint national rogaining championship near their border. 10WRC will also be an opportunity for the Czech team to assist the growth of rogaining in neighbouring countries in central Europe including Poland, Austria, and the Slovak Republic.

IRF Promotions and Development Manager, Alan Mansfield, who managed the selection process for the 10th WRC, said that the sport was fortunate having three strong bids for 2012. Ukraine made a proposal based on their successful staging of the 3rd European Rogaining Championships in 2006, and Russia made a bid capitalizing on the fact that they run more 24 hour rogaines than any other country and have many top ranked teams including the current World Rogaining Champions. The eventual choice of the Czech Republic reflected their strong organizational team, long history of national championships, and close collaboration with neighbouring countries.

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World Rogaining Championships

1WRC - 1992: Beechworth, Australia
2WRC - 1996: Mt Singleton, Australia
3WRC - 1998: Kamloops, Canada
4WRC - 2000: Waiau, New Zealand
5WRC - 2002: Lesna, Czech Republic
6WRC - 2004: Arizona, USA
7WRC - 2006: Warrumbungles, Australia
8WRC - 2008: Karula, Estonia
9WRC - 2010: Cheviot, New Zealand
10WRC - 2012: Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic

Top placed teams at 8WRC Estonia in 2008

1st: Dombrovskiy, Shestakov (Russia)
2nd: de Monchy, Forne (New Zealand)
3rd: Kalinin, Yashchenko (Russia)
4th: Eensaar, Eensaar (Estonia)
5th: Mäkinen, Niemelä (Finland)
6th: Boranek, Seidl (Czech)