



EYOWF  
2011 Liberec

# EYOWF 2011 info

10<sup>TH</sup> European Youth Olympic Winter Festival 2011



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Kateřina Nyčová, the Executive Director of the EYOWF 2011 Organising Committee at the Festival's closing

## Kateřina Nyčová: EYOWF prepared by dream team!

### INTERVIEW OF THE MONTH

The 10<sup>th</sup> European Youth Olympic Winter Festival (EYOWF) in the Liberec Region belongs to the past. How does Kateřina Nyčová, the Executive Director of the EYOWF 2011 Organising Committee, evaluate the three years of intense collaboration among dozens of colleagues and what feelings prevail two months after the event's conclusion?

I have mixed feelings. On one hand, what is strongest is a certain nostalgia and sadness that it is all over. It is always this way with big events and productions. You work hard on them, live with them and with the people taking part in the preparations and then the event passes so quickly that suddenly it is over. The Organising Committee, which lived as one big family, is dissolved and everyone feels empty and alone. After years of working on the organisation of sporting events I am used to it, but it does not mean I feel the same every time. Because EYOWF was a really big event, I feel it more intensely. But on the other hand I feel happy, not only because the event was successful, but also because there was a great team of people working on it.

#### What was the main reason for the event's success?

I think we could apply the old saying „Train hard, fight easy.“ ©Undoubtedly the key to success was the hard work done during the preparations, the great bunch of people gathered to work together. And then it is the unknown factor X. We can call it luck. Every

organiser needs it. And we did have luck.

#### In what ways was this year's EYOWF different from the previous events?

It is hard to say. It is a question for the participants, but according to their reactions and responses we could say they were satisfied. With accommodation, food, sporting programme... For the first time in the history of EYOWF we used technology for sending multiple info text messages from our information system and this was warmly welcomed. What also contributed greatly to the overall good atmosphere and smooth running was the compactness of the whole event. Everybody lived in one place – the Olympic Village, and perhaps with the exception of Snowboarding, all the venues were within a short distance of the common accommodation. The athletes were happy in the so-called Fun Zone, where they spent their free time. For the first time during a Winter Festival, we have also held an Observer Programme – an information seminar for future event organisers. There were some good points. ©

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Dear Colleagues, collaborators, partners, friends, volunteers, audience and all of you who have contributed to the success of the Festival! We would like to thank you for your long-term cooperation and your interest in the European Youth Olympics (EYOWF) 2011 in the Liberec Region. We hope to meet you again at another major event. Yours cordially, the EYOWF 2011 Organising Committee!

#### Thank you Janko!



The Organising Committee would like to thank to the members of the EYOF Coordination Commission Mr. Joseph Cassar and Volodymyr Gershchenko and especially to its chairman Mr. Janko Dvoršak (see photo). Janko, very

experienced personality in Olympic movement, has always been a great friend giving the Organising Committee valuable advices and helping to develop the whole project. The cooperation with him has been a great pleasure for all of us! Thank you Janko!

#### Mail from Europe

Immediately after the conclusion of EYOWF 2011 and in the following weeks, the organisers received plenty of praise. Letters of gratitude arrived from the most important representatives of world sport, Patrick Hickey (on the left), the President of the European Olympic Committees, and Jacques Rogge (on the right), President of the International Olympic Committee. Both expressed their gratitude for the warm hospitality, great service and the overall exceptional quality and excellence of the event, which united young Europe in the spirit of friendship and fair play.



#### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

„The success of the event was clearly due to the teamwork of the Organising Committee, where members all helped each other. I would like to say thank you to the whole team and I am proud of them.“



ROMAN KUMPOŠT,  
President of the EYOWF 2011  
Organising Committee

## And melting overcame me...

Hi, EYOWF folks,

The event is over, spring is here and I'm still there! But before I finally melt (because of the heat and emotions), I have a few words to say good-bye! I'll try not to cry, it speeds up the melting or what ...plop ☺

Noooo, just kidding. I'll go on vacation (the North Sea I guess, would be cold enough, don't you think?) to recover before the next season.

I want to say thank you for the great atmosphere which ruled during the European Youth Olympics.

You guys were really great. I must say I have not had such a good time since the last big party at the Closing Ceremony. My flat head was spinning for a few days afterwards... Can you imagine that? It is so heavy already (despite being quite empty, huh, huh) and when I'm not in control of it! But you were all safe and sound at home, bragging about your medals and what a great time you had, weren't you? As my friends at the sales



point told me, you bought almost every item of souvenirs, I am happy that my miniature self was such a success and it will take care of you wherever you go... plop, plop ☺

Friends, pals, I hope the EYOWF 2011 in the Liberec Region will long be a happy memory for you. But watch it! Do not rest on your laurels. Keep trying! I've bought a new TV and I'm going to watch you closely at the big Olympic Games. I've already written to Brasov to ask if they have a job for me, 'cause I did so

well here. Well, I'll watch the sun rising on the Ještěd mountain... plop, plop ☺

Stay cool, have a great time and take care, all of you. And do not forget, I'm still on Face-book, so keep sending me photos and keep writing! I'm looking forward to it.

**Yours forever, Rampich the Icicle.**



The EYOWF 2011 was full of hard fights, graceful movements and maximum concentration.

## EYOWF prepared by dream team!

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**Did the cooperation with each NOC contribute to the success of EYOWF 2011?**

Definitely yes. Without feedback from the others this would not have been possible. Since the very start of the preparations we tried to communicate, give information, remind and oblige every one. I think we developed very good relationships with NOCs and worked together in a nice and friendly atmosphere. Then it is pleasure to work. Communication is the key and it worked very well. I would like to thank every NOC for it. Without the energy radiating from them, we would have been exhausted long before the event. I would also like to mention the members of the Czech Olympic Committee, the European Olympic Committees, the EYOF Coordination Commission and many

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other people. There were many who contributed to the successful course of the Festival.

**Three years of the organisers' work is over. How do you evaluate the cooperation with the departments – members of the Organising Committee?**

Very positively. Organising an event is always team work. It is not about pushing individual interests forward. You do not play for yourself but for the whole team. That is what I like. A team that pulls together is the key to success. It was not all roses along the way, of course. But I have to stress that we pulled it off. Our team was great. Simply a dream team of organisers, volunteers and other people who supported the Festival. It has been great working with them and I thank them for it!

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### Mailbox full of praise



Members of foreign sports delegations have shown their appreciation of the European Youth Festival in the Liberec Region. Weeks after the event was over the organisers were receiving **greeting and words of praise**. Congratulations for

a successful EYOWF 2011 arrived **nearly from all countries**. NOCs especially appreciated the **professionalism of the Organising Committee**, great atmosphere and services provided during the Festival. Much to the delight of the organisers, words of praise and satisfaction were sent from many volunteers too. There were also greeting from the Observer Programme participants, who gathered invaluable experience from the organisers during the series of lectures in Liberec.

### EYOWF on the road

Despite the fact that the Olympic Youth Festival 2011 is over, for some members of the Organising Committee their activity still goes on. Members of the OC will take part in a **European Olympic Committees Seminar** in Portorož in Slovenia from 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> May and at the end of November in the **EOC General Assembly is the Russian Sochi**. „It is necessary to conclude the event at this top level. We have prepared the preliminary final report, which will retrospectively evaluate EYOWF 2011 from our point of view, i.e. the organisers, as well as the feedback we received from the participants,” explains **Kateřina Nyčová**.



### The Czech Olympic Committee awards the organisers



On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of March, the whole Organising Committee made up of more than 50 members met for the last time. Members of the Organising Committee were surprised by a personal visit of representatives from the Czech Olympic Committee. The President **Milan Jirásek**, the Vice-President **František Dvořák** and the Secretary General **Petr Hrubec** awarded each member an honorary certificate of excellence for their work in preparing and running the EYOWF 2011.

## NUMBER OF THE MONTH

730

the number of days between the last day of EYOWF 2011 in the Liberec Region (19<sup>th</sup> February 2011) and the first day of EYOWF 2013 in Brasov, Romania (17<sup>th</sup> February 2013)

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