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Who are the Patrons of EYOWF 2011 Dam seized by Dragon Boats



Vladimír Richter (on the right), new Chairman of the EYOWF 2011 Public Benefit Corporation Administrative Board, demonstrates his attitude to sport

Vladimír Richter: I hope the EYOWF 2011 will earn A+



Vladimír Richter has become the new Chairman of the EYOWF 2011 Public Benefit Corporation Administrative Board, which presides the preparations for the 10th European Youth Olympic Winter Festival in the Liberec Region. His interests include family, sport, culture and his life credo is „Instead of talking about changes, it is better to take an active part in them.“

To be honest, I partially expected to be elected. I have been a member of the Administrative Board from the beginning and I know the entire project, which had been very well led by my predecessor Petr Doležal up until his passing. My family was not particularly excited about my new position because it means I will have even less time for them.

Tell us about your attitude to sport?

Despite my somewhat pronounced physical dimensions, I have to say that I am keen on sports. Before our children were born, my wife Martina and I used to take part in dance competitions. Today, I enjoy cycling, we take pleasure in wandering through the beautiful countryside of the Krkonoše Mountains, but my greatest sporting love is baseball.

This is not a typical hobby for Czech people. Why did you choose this discipline?

I enjoy team sports and I think of myself as a team player. Baseball is not only fun, but provides me with a highly efficient form of relaxation. You do not have to possess the lean figure of a runner or a heap of muscles as in shot put. It is not about acceleration, dynamics or power, it is about mental strategy. Ernest Hemingway once said it is the world's fastest chess. And I would like to make mention of the fact that I currently work as an umpire in the top league and in the Czech-Moravian league.

What is the current state of the preparations of the EYOWF 2011?

We have seven months left until the Festival starts which means the preparations are now entering the final stage. Based on the current state of affairs in all the departments, I believe that we will provide the public with a quality Festi-

val and the smooth organization of the events. The Organising Committee, which has been working very hard thus far, is at present finalising the individual tasks in the system.

What do you see as the main asset of the Festival?

The Liberec Region is considered a sporting region because it offers excellent conditions mainly for winter disciplines. A number of top sporting events take place here, especially in the area of skiing. There are modern, recently built venues, which the Festival will help to highlight and this will have a positive effect on the entire tourist industry in the Region. From here Eurosport 2 channel will broadcast coverage throughout Europe. Personally, what I see as the biggest asset of EYOWF is that it will pose a milestone in the development of youth sport not only in the Czech Republic, but in Europe as well.

The festival opening will be attended by Jacques Rogge the President of the IOC. What would you like him to remember from the Liberec Region?

Undoubtedly a positive feeling that the Liberec Region and our team were able to organise a top international sporting event that earned only the best marks from the sporting, organisational and social point of view. That means only A+...

How would you advertise the event to the spectators in order to attract them to the seats in the venues?

Where else will they see incredible talent, future stars of world sport? Many of them will soon appear among the senior athletes at the Winter Olympic Games 2014 in Sochi. And they will be able to say: I saw them with my own eyes racing as young athletes.

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New Chairman of the Administrative Board

At the end of June, Vladimír Richter was elected the new Chairman of the EYOWF 2011 Public Benefit Corporation Administrative Board. The 40-year-old member of the Regional Assembly of the Liberec Region held the office of Regional councillor for transportation from 2004 to 2008 and has been the Mayor of Jilemnice since 2006. In his new office in the EYOWF 2011 Public Benefit Corporation he replaces Petr Doležal who passed away after a severe illness.



Medals from student workshops

A committee consisting of members of the Festival's Organising Committee and prominent artists of the Liberec Region has assessed more than 60 medal designs for the most successful athletes at EYOWF 2011. The designs were created by students from the secondary art schools in the Region. „We have evaluated the aesthetic quality and originality of the design - some of them were really ingenious,“ explained Helena Bízová, the EYOWF 2011 Marketing Manager and member of the Organising Committee. The winning design will be announced at the end of September.



With Eurosport 2 regarding coverage

Members of the EYOWF 2011 Organising Committee have made progress in negotiations with the TV company Eurosport 2 regarding the Festival coverage. Representatives of the channel confirmed their interest in video news from the Festival of a minimal length of 10 hours. Kateřina Nyčová, Executive Director of the EYOWF 2011 Organising Committee, explains: „We are choosing the most attractive races of the Festival. In Szczyrk 2009, they mainly covered Ski Jumping, Ice Hockey and Snowboarding. Our effort is to provide the viewers with as many sports as possible.“



QUOTATION OF THE MONTH

„I will gladly make use of this opportunity to support and motivate young athletes in Alpine Skiing or any other discipline. An event like this gives us the opportunity to perhaps see some of the Olympic medallists of the future.“



ŠÁRKA ZÁHROBSKÁ,
2007 World Champion and
2010 Olympic bronze medallist
in the Slalom



Dam seized by Dragon Boats

Shortly before the summer holiday, members of the EYOWF 2011 Organising Committee prepared a day full of sport, water and fun for reporters and school children, who volunteered to give a hand with the preparations for the Festival. The Liberec Starý Harcov dam became a racing ground for crews of dragon boats for one afternoon.

The rich sporting offer was launched by an afternoon event „Máš na to!“, which was part of the EYOWF 2011 accompanying programme

„vyCOOL se!“ More than 400 children from primary and secondary schools from the region witnessed attractive dragon boat battles, as well as a beach volley-ball tournament and an exciting rope ride above the water.

The afternoon was dedicated to group team building of the Organising Committee members with volunteers joined by media representatives from the Liberec Region. The entire event was characterised by a competitive, but friendly spirit and climaxed with a fun quiz game.

WE WERE THERE



Relaxed atmosphere on board and ashore at the Liberec dam



Who are the Patrons of EYOWF 2011?

MEET

All eight sport disciplines of the EYOWF 2011 Programme have Patrons, elite Czech athletes. They will present the disciplines to the public. Here are sporting profiles of four of them:



Lukáš Bauer (32 years of age, Cross Country Skiing) - The most successful Czech skier having already started at four Olympic Games. His best result was the Silver medal from the 15 km race in Turin, 2006. He is a nine-time winner of World Cup races, in the 2007/2008 season he dominated the rankings. In 2007/2008 and 2009/2010, he won the Tour de Ski rankings.



Pavel Churavý (33 years of age, Nordic Combined) - He has taken part in three Olympic Games. His best achievement was a 5th place finish from the individual race at Vancouver 2010. He is a regular participant in the World Championship, in 2001 he came in 7th place in the team race. He managed to defend the same place in this year's World Cup rankings.



Veronika Vítková (21 years of age, Biathlon) - This Czech biathlon star shone in the junior categories. She won one gold and two silver medals at the Junior World Championships in 2008 and 2009, as well as two silver and a bronze medals at the European Junior Championship in 2008. In the senior category, she won 5th place at the 2009 World Championship. She has taken part in the Olympic Games once.



Roman Koudelka (21 years of age, Ski Jumping) - He is the gold medal winner from the Junior World Championship in 2007. In the 2006/2007 season, he won 3rd and 4th place in Grand Prix races, in 2008 he finished fourth at the Four Hill Tour in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Canadian Vancouver was his Olympic début.

EYOWF 2011 info

Volunteers complete

The recruitment campaign, launched in May with the aim of expanding the ranks of volunteers to help in the organisation of the 2011 Winter Festival, has been successful. In the middle of July, the EYOWF Team consisted of 420 members. „At present, we might already be satisfied, although new applicants will continue to sign up, which is great. We can create a back-up team in case of need,“ says Vanda Šulcová, Volunteers Co-ordinator. After assigning volunteers to each department, the autumn training and general educational programme has been prepared for them.



Seen by eight

The EYOWF 2011 Organisers prepared a unique competition for students of secondary schools and universities. As part of the project entitled „On the Trail of the Patrons“, they will be asked to make a film documentary about the successful Czech athletes who support the Festival in the Liberec Region – **Lukáš Bauer, Šárka Záhrobská, Tomáš Verner, Roman Koudelka, Pavel Churavý, Veronika Vítková, Marek Schwarz** and **Michal Novotný**. Eightpairs will spend one training day with the Patron and will create a film profile with their own script. The three best pairs will win a video camera. More at www.vycoolse.cz.



Downhill legend become Director

The most successful downhill skier in the history of the Czech Republic **Bohumír Zeman** (see photo) will be Chief of the competition of the EYOWF 2011 Alpine Skiing races. This slalom legend, who has ranked among the elite ten in World Cup races sixteen times and who started twice at the Olympic Games, finishing fourth in the combination at Lake Placid, has been the Mayor of Špindlerův Mlýn. **Aleš Krýzl**, the father of alpine skier **Kryštof Krýzl**, who won two medals at the EYOWF 2003 and who is a current Czech national athlete, is the Manager of Alpine Skiing at the EYOWF 2011.



NUMBER OF THE MONTH

23

number of women in the Organising Committee currently taking part in the organisation of EYOWF 2011