



# EYOWF 2011 info

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

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## Šárka Záhrobská: Believe in yourself and your abilities

### INTERVIEW OF THE MONTH

**At the last three World Championships in slalom she won a complete set of medals - the most precious came about in Aare in 2007. Combined with the Olympic bronze medal from Vancouver 2010, Šárka Záhrobská is the most successful Czech downhill skier of all time. She has now become the Patron for Alpine Skiing at the 10th European Youth Olympic Winter Festival (EYOWF) 2011 in the Liberec Region.**

Unfortunately, I have never myself competed at EYOWF. However, I had the opportunity to take part in many other international youth competitions, such as Trofeo Topolino in Italy, considered by many the unofficial world championship for youth from 11–15 years of age.

#### Why did you decide to support EYOWF 2011 in the Liberec Region?

I was very pleased when the organisers and representatives of the Czech Olympic Committee asked me to support the event. I will gladly use the opportunity to support and motivate young athletes, be it in Alpine Skiing or any other discipline. I believe this competition will provide us with the possibility to see some future Olympic medallists.

#### What was your biggest motivation when you entered the world of sport?

Sport has been a natural thing for me since early childhood. As a child, of course, you do not have any particular motivation and you do sport because you like it. For me, there was nothing else apart from skiing and everything else had to follow.

#### When did it first occur to you that you could make it to the top?

When I won the slalom in 2000 in the already mentioned Trofeo Topolino. That was when I first realised that I could rank among the world's best.

#### What is the most important piece of advice you would give to young athletes so they could bring their talents to the leading adult athletes?

To be single-minded and believe that they are able to rank among the best.

#### What is your solution for a momentary failure, weak moment or collapse?

Not to think for too long about the failure and not to look back. Only consider what to do better next time and look ahead once again.

#### Do you have a successor in Czech skiing? Do you see anyone? Who could replace you?

There are a few talented downhill skiers here, but only time will tell how hard they will train and what they can achieve over the next few years. I believe they will be successful at EYOWF 2011 in the Liberec Region.

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### Fund raising campaign for the flood stricken

At the beginning of August, the Liberec Region was hit by severe floods. Rivers, overflowing after heavy downpours, caused considerable damage to property and the infrastructure. The EYOWF 2011 Organising Committee decided to help people in the affected areas through their own fund-raising campaign and bought food, bottled water, hand tools and cleaning and disinfecting agents. All the venues designed for the EYOWF 2011 competition were left unharmed and preparations are running on schedule.



### Europe in the heart of Europe

In order to support EYOWF 2011, the Liberec Region has launched a knowledge and art competition for secondary schools called "Europe in the Heart of Europe". During the autumn, students from the region will graphically depict their notions and ideas on large cubes characterising the 49 members of the European Olympic Committees. The most successful creations will be presented to the public in Liberec starting in January 2011. The European Union will support this competition with 3 million Czech Crowns.



### Ice Hockey Teams Revealed

The organisers of EYOWF 2011 revealed the full set of six nations, which will compete in the Ice Hockey tournament. The Tipsport Arena will host prestigious duels between teams from the Czech Republic, Latvia, Finland, Slovakia, Switzerland and Russia. The European Ice Hockey superpowers will only lack Sweden. The team from Russia will defend their gold medals from the previous Winter Festival in Szczyrk 2009, young Czech players won their last tournament at the EYOWF 2005 in Monthey.



### QUOTATION OF THE MONTH

**"We now have 489 registered volunteers. The interest was so intense that we have filled the quota months before the deadline and people are still coming!"**



VANDA ŠULCOVÁ,  
EYOWF 2011  
Organising Committee  
Volunteers Coordinator

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BEHIND THE SCENES

One of the key sections of the EYOWF 2011 Organising Committee – the IT department - has been preparing technical background and security during the Festival. Weather service will provide regular weather reports.



Members of the department are at present preparing the "IT Cookbook" – an information summary for all participants at the Festival. It will contain a detailed survey of all the activities that require IT attention throughout the event. Apart from the standard administration of the website, the IT department is also responsible for the internal information system. During the event, the

department will provide full computer and internet connections in all of the EYOWF venues, Clarion Grandhotel Zlatý Lev, which accommodates members of the EOC and VIP guests, as well as in the Olympic Village, where up to 1500 athletes and participants will be lodged. For faster and easier communication between members of the Organising Committee, there will be 70 handheld radios on special frequencies and a central dispatching for sending multiple text or e-mail messages.

### SKY WATCHED BY WEATHER SERVICE

The latest news is that EYOWF 2011 will cooperate

with the Czech Hydro Meteorological Institute from Ústí nad Labem in order to provide the Festival with a weather forecast. Weather reports will be updated twice a day, always in the morning and in the evening, with a localised forecast for each of the venues. The weather service will include regular forecasts for the following day and the outlook for the three to six following days. Over 9 days, it is estimated that some 80 weather reports will be delivered. In accordance with requests from venue administrators and the directors of each sport disciplines, workers at the regional weather offices will be ready to supply hourly updates before and after each race, including the issuing of breaking news.



## Who are the Patrons of EYOWF 2011?



MEET

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



**Michal Novotný** (29 years of age, Snowboarding) – A successful Czech snowboarder who races snowboard cross, started twice at the Olympic Games. He has had great success already in the junior categories, in which he won the silver at the World Championship.



**Marek Schwarz** (24 years of age, Ice Hockey) – Born in Mladá Boleslav, he is the goalkeeping star for the local team and at the same time the Czech national Ice Hockey team. In the 2004/2005 season, he won the bronze medal at the U20 World Championship.



**Šárka Záhrobská** (25 years of age, Alpine Skiing) – The most successful Czech downhill skier of all time, started twice at the Olympic Games, won the bronze in the slalom in Vancouver 2010. More about her sporting achievements in the interview on page 1.



**Tomáš Verner** (24 years of age, Figure Skating) – A successful Czech figure skater who competed twice at the Olympic Games. His greatest success came at the 2007 European Championship where he won the silver and the gold a year later. He ranked highest at the World Championships in 2007 and 2009, in both years he came in second.

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### Two Czech representations

All eight disciplines at the EYOWF 2011 have their technical delegates, whose task will be to look after the smooth and due course of the competitions. Each international sport federation has nominated nine delegates for the Festival in the Liberec Region (with two delegates for Alpine Skiing). Among the delegates from Poland, Slovenia, Sweden and Slovakia are also two Czechs: Věra Tauchmanová (see photo), President of the Czech Figure Skating Association, and Martin Urban, Secretary General of the Czech Ice Hockey Association.



### Festival visiting China

Thanks to the Secondary and Pedagogical School Jeronýmová in Liberec, EYOWF 2011 was presented on the Asian continent. A delegation taking part in the ISF World Schools Championships in volleyball in the Chinese city of Baotou took the opportunity to advertise the Festival. "At the Meeting of the Nations, we have shown the official video of EYOWF 2011. Apart from that, we had our own stand, where we offered participants leaflets, T-shirts, torches and bottles which we received from the Festival organisers", explained a teacher Leoš Bím.



### Alpen Cup as a test

Another test probing the EYOWF 2011 organisers' readiness will be the Alpen Cup in the Nordic Combined, which will be held in Liberec from 4th to 5th September in cooperation with the Czech Ski Association. The two-day race (ski jumping on HS 100 hill with an artificial surface on Ještěd and an in-line skate run in Vesec) will host sixty athletes of all ages and will be an important test before the Festival's start. On Saturday, 4th September, the race begins with the ski jumping part at 11 a.m. and continues the following day an hour earlier.



NUMBER OF THE MONTH

80

the minimum number of weather reports to be issued by the weather service during EYOWF 2011