



EYOWF
2011 Liberec

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10TH European Youth Olympic Winter Festival 2011



Welcome in Liberec at
Chefs de Mission Seminar

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Keep the high credit

Dear sporting friends,

on behalf of the organisers of the 10th European Youth Olympic Winter Festival (EYOWF) 2011 in the Liberec Region allow me to welcome you here. Most of you are probably visiting this corner of the Czech Republic for the first time in your life, which makes it a challenge for us to be particularly good and attentive hosts.

The Liberec Region is one of the most beautiful and historically rich regions of our country and I hope you will have the chance to experience it yourselves. However, your mission here is not to appreciate the beauties of nature or historical landmarks, but see with your own eyes how far we are in the preparations for this top European sporting event. I can assure you that we are ready to give you most detailed information about each of the sections, guide you through all the venues and accommodation facilities and answer all your questions.

Young, energetic and highly motivated organising team of the EYOWF 2011 has been working very hard over the past three years on the preparations for this event. I am convinced that during the three months left before the Opening Ceremony, they will tune up even the minutest details. The member countries of the EOC are showing high interest in the Festival and this proves that the Liberec Region, the venues and the organising tradition have a great reputation abroad. On behalf of the whole Organising Committee I can promise that we will do our best to keep this high credit during the EYOWF 2011.

I wish you a successful and inspiring meeting in the following days.

Roman Kumpošt, the President of the EYOWF 2011 Organising Committee

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QUOTATION OF THE MONTH

"I am sure the EYOWF 2011 will be excellent! I am personally looking forward to share the fantastic Olympic spirit we all know and love."



PATRICK HICKEY,
President of the EOC

Kateřina Nyčová: Full programme, dialogue and relaxation

INTERVIEW

Kateřina Nyčová, the Executive Director of the EYOWF 2011 Organising Committee, admits that the Chefs de Mission Seminar will be an important landmark in the preparations for this winter Festival.



What is the message the Organising Committee would like to convey at the Chefs de Mission seminar?

The main aim is to present the participants with everything in reality, in natura. So far, we have only been informing them electronically. Our task is to show them the venues, the Olympic Village and to replace our electronic and phone communication with face-to-face encounters. I believe that the meeting of the Organising Committee and members of the NOC's will be a successful one and will move our cooperati-

on to another level for the next three months.

What are the organisers expecting from members of the NOC's?

I strongly believe they will be interested in the project and will try to clear up any questions or issues that might not have been so clear so far. There will also be individual meeting in various aspect of the organisation – e.g. with the VIP and guests department, transportation, accommodation, etc. I expect an open dialogue that will be fruitful for both sides.

The participants are going to spend three days in the Liberec Region – what is the programme?

The programme is very busy – especially on Friday and Saturday. In the beginning, we will present the EYOWF 2011 in presentations by department managers, there will be a guided tour through the venues and the Olympic Village. We will conclude the inspection on Saturday around noon, followed by meeting and room for questions before the final conclusion. We have also prepared a more relaxed part of the seminar: there will be two dinners with an amusement programme to help the participants to unwind and to leave time for discussion among the NOC's members and the Organising Committee.

Numbers leading to the Festival

INTERESTING NUMBERS

- 1 a big-headed mascot – Rampich the Icicle, who like to show off and cause mischief, but he is good at heart.
- 3 number of towns where Festival will take place.
- 8 number of sports on the programme of the Festival.
- 10 number of hours of television coverage from the competitions on channel Eurosport 2.
- 28 number of races on the Festival programme.
- 46 number of countries which announced their participation in the Festival.
- 216 the total number of gold, silver and bronze medals to be distributed throughout the Festival.
- 500 number of volunteers who will participate in organisation of the EYOWF 2011.
- 1535 the total of starting numbers needed for individual races.
- 4000 number of students from the Liberec Region who took part in the special accompanying programme for schools "vyCOOLse!", which supports the Festival.



WHAT DID WE PREPARE FOR YOU?

Thursday: night with the Golden Lion

There is a woman behind everything! If there was not for one unfortunate housemaid, the Hotel Zlatý Lev, where you will be accommodated, would never have been built. The unlucky woman dropped a candle and caused a massive fire that burnt down almost the entire town of Hodkovice. After that, a clever businessman Spitschka decided to build a new home – and a hotel at the same time. It was named Zlatý Lev (Golden Lion). And because it has been preserved until today, in a bit modernised form, it is evident that the unfortunate housemaid was not employed there anymore. It gained its current art-deco style after being rebuilt by the architect Anton Worf. Liberec used to be an important Hansa town and every



notable guest hurried to be accommodated in the new establishment. Among those looking for inspiration there was Bedřich Smetana, a music composer, or the king of Vienna waltzes Johan Strauss. The Norwegian polar explorer Roald Amundsen came here to warm up and the first human astronaut Yuri Gagarin arrived to relax.

Did you know... that during the closing session in the Zlatý Lev, the Organising Committee will try to demonstrate it is not only capable of organising the Festival, but also of synchronous dancing choreography?

Friday: Sychrov with living pictures

Only a few sights can boast with so many reconstructions as the chateau of Sychrov. You will have the chance to see it yourselves before the official dinner and your journey into the past will be illustrated by live pictures. Originally a gothic fortress, later a baroque building and than again neo-gothic chateau. Poor chronic-



lers had to rewrite history so many times. The truth is that the owners of Sychrov changed in a great speed. First Lamotts, then Albrecht from Wallenstein, who was murdered after six years of residence. Bad luck with neighbours? And

finally the French family of Rohans. They were so proud of their castle that you can see a portrait of family members in every corner of the building. There are exactly 240 paintings. That is probably more than the current royal family in Britain owns. Famous monarch rested their heads under the roofs of Sychrov: Kaiser Franz Joseph or the Prussian king William. Even the Czech composer Bedřich Smetana came here to play the organ. However, there is no record of any „Sychrov Symphony“. What a shame.

Did you know... that the name of the chateau is derived from a Czech word meaning „to shiver with cold“? It is said that when uttering the name of the chateau you can feel the chills... Fortunately, there is the Organising Committee's surprise to warm you up.

Saturday: Ještěd as a mark of future

It is as if the peak of Ještěd, 1 012 metres tall symbol of northern Bohemia, was not tall enough. At first, a small Rohan's cottage was built, than a hotel – and many times again. Someone was not careful with fire and while defrosting the water pipes, the original hotel burnt down in 1964. And a year later Rohan's cottage followed. And why? This time it was defrosting of clothes. But Ještěd was to experience the height of Czech inventiveness in 1973. It was expected that the new television tower would quite logically stand next to the main building, but the architect Karel Hubáček aimed directly into architectonic future. The hotel, restaurant and TV tower were put into



a single futuristic building – a tower in form of rotating hyperboloid, which not only added 94 meters to the overall height, but also completed the peak's profile. From the valley, it resembles an extravagant flying saucer, parked here by alien visitors. And who knows, maybe you will witness their peaceful intentions yourselves during dinner...

Did you know... that you can reach the top of Ještěd with a cable way, which is in operation from 1933? It is 1,188 meters long and one journey takes four minutes.

Rampich's Guide to Liberec



Dear friends,

my name is Rampich the Icicle and I am the official mascot of EYOWF 2011. I was chosen, or rather I delegated myself, to tell you something about Liberec. So what should I say, it's always cold here, because the town is surrounded by mountains. That suits me. As it

does to my friends from northern Europe, doesn't it? So a warning to the Southerners, do not forget to take some warm underwear for the Festival.

You should also have a look at our beautiful town hall in the centre. Knight Roland rests on its spire and protects the town's rights. I was supposed to stand there, but it didn't work out, as I would melt every summer... detail! Guests from Austria might be surprised it resembles the one in Vienna. I just do not know who copied from whom.



What I really enjoy, is the botanical garden with its 7 500 plants and flowers. It is the oldest in the Czech Republic, more than 110 years old. And the local zoo, too, housing 170 varieties of animals, being the oldest in the Czech Republic. Not that the

animals are so old... I like their unique white tigers, after which the local ice hockey team is named.

But what I am most proud of? That the king of Czech comedians, Vlasta Burian, was born here. I am a comedian too, you will learn soon. Or the famous designer Ferdinand Porsche. I am saving for one of his cars.



I would like to belong among these people one day. And I will be glad if you came for visit more often. Some of you do not have to travel from far, from Germany or Poland, it takes less than 30 minutes by car. Come round more often.

So enjoy your time in Liberec and I'll see you again in February 2011!

Yours, Rampich the Icicle

NUMBER OF THE MONTH

85

number of days remaining until the Opening Ceremony of the EYOWF 2011 from the first day of the Chefs de Mission Seminar in Liberec

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