



EYOWF
2011 Liberec

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10TH European Youth Olympic Winter Festival 2011



Belgrade Special 2010



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WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are ready!

Dear delegates of the EOC General Assembly,

it is a great honour for me to greet you in the name of the Liberec Region, organiser of the 10th European Youth Olympic Winter Festival (EYOWF) 2011, and in the name of all sporting fans from the Czech Republic. Looking into the calendar, I see that there are only two months and a half left before the top sporting event begins in three venues of our region. The

European sporting youth will compete in eight disciplines for one of the 216 medals.

I am happy to announce that the EYOWF 2011 Organising Committee has completed the preparations and has successfully passed all inspections carried out by the EYOWF Coordination Committee and the final inspection by Chefs de Mission from participating EOC member countries. Last details are now being fine-tuned. The mission, which we have started by winning the candidacy in December 2006, is approaching its climax and we are impatiently waiting for the Opening Ceremony due on 13th February 2011.

As the President of the Liberec Region, let me cordially invite you to take part in the EYOWF 2011 and to visit our region and the terraces of our modern venues and stadiums. On behalf of everybody who participated in preparations of the Festival I can promise we will not only be good organisers, but also warm and attentive hosts. I would be delighted if you could come personally and see it yourselves.

Stanislav Eichler
President of the Liberec Region

QUOTATION OF THE MONTH

"Most countries are complaining about among young people lacking interest in sport and discuss their indolence when sitting long hours in front of televisions and PC's. These Festivals are a way to show young generation their peer sport idols as well as the beauty of sport."



Roman Kumpošt,
President of the EYOWF 2011
Organising Committee

EYOWF 2011: sociability will be our strength

INTERVIEW

Kateřina Nyčová, Executive Director of the EYOWF 2011 Organising Committee, knows very well that by the time of the Belgrade EOC General Assembly, there are only 78 days left before the Festival.



In the last week, the EYOWF 2011 Organising Committee in the Liberec Region underwent the most thorough vetting of their preparations so far. In Liberec, one after another, there were connected meetings of the EOC Coordination Commission for EYOWF 2011, technical delegates of all eight disciplines and most importantly the Chefs de Mission meeting.

For the organisers, what were the results of this diplomatic attack?

I can proudly say that the results are overall positive. The venues, Olympic Village, all infrastructures and each department of the Organising Committee were subjected to careful and detailed inspections in real environment. For this reason, it is very good news for us that the meeting participants were satisfied with the quality of the organisation and showed great respect for what we are doing. Of course, we have taken into consideration the comments and recommendations. But EYOWF 2011 may begin!

In what ways will the Festival in the Liberec Region be different from the previous events?

We would like the Festival to be more communal, sociable and compact. Winter Festivals are typical for their fragmentation and delegations scattered over many hotels. What we have here, is one Olympic Village and the same conditions for everybody. I believe this will have a positive effect on the overall atmosphere of the competition. Apart from excellent organisation of the sporting part, we will also focus on spare time activities and entertainment for the participants.

Are you ready to meet the expectations of the athletes, guests and visitors?

We will do our best, which is for sure. We have very good conditions and the team is highly motivated, which is – in my opinion – crucial. Our aim is that everybody leaves the Liberec Region happy and will not forget the week spent with us and will gladly return to the Czech Republic in future.

Meet the mascot Rampich the Icicle

BEHIND THE SCENES

Dear friend, dear General Assembly,

let me introduce myself. My name is Rampich the Icicle, I was born this winter and came here from Liberec in the Czech Republic. Oh... this is not the beauty contest?! And I have prepared such a nice introduction. So once more... I'm the big Rampich the Icicle and you should remember my name well. Because I'm the mascot of the European youth Olympics – EYOWF 2011 in the Czech Republic, where, as I believe, I'll meet again all of you in few months. Easy to say... mascot. But don't be fooled, I'm not just any mascot that will smile from posters. No way, if the organisers thought this, they have definitely underestimated by subversive personality. But at least we'll have some fun. I'm going to teach the athletes some discipline. Most of them think



that the EYOWF will be one big party, but they're wrong! Every morning, I'll wake them up with my ice-cold breath and hurry them to slopes and trails. I have heard many of the young athletes are quite good, actually. And I don't want them to overshadow me with their skills, I'll break a ski pole here and there, blow a little air in the back on the jumping hill. That's gonna be fun. But hush, don't tell anyone. You know, I'd like to win some medal myself, but looking in the programme, there's no discipline in hanging down from the eaves. Could we have a vote on this one? For the next time, ok? Anyway, I'm looking forward to meeting you all, our encounters will be unforgettable!

Yours, Rampich the Icicle

Festival, as you do (not) know it

... The EYOWF in the Liberec Region will take place from the 12th to 19th February 2011 in three towns of the region – Liberec, Jablonec nad Nisou, Kořenov – Rejdic – and in seven sport venues.

... There are eight traditional winter disciplines on the programme: **Alpine Skiing, Biathlon, Cross Country Skiing, Figure Skating, Ice Hockey, Nordic Combined, Ski Jumping and Snowboarding.**

... Representatives of 46 European countries will take part in the EYOWF 2011. From the EOC member states, only athletes from Azerbaijan, Malta and Portugal will be missing.

... There are 500 volunteers of the so-called EYOWF Team taking part in the organisation, eight of them from abroad.

... The Eurosport 2 channel will broadcast 10 hours of coverage from the Festival. These will include **Ice Hockey, Ski Jumping and Cross Country sprint.**

... The 2011 Festival will also have its official song. It is called „Hey you“ and with English lyrics it is performed by the Czech band Eddie Stoilow.

... All participants will be informed regularly about the daily course of the Festival and about other interesting issues by special **Czech – English daily news.**

... The special accompanying fun and knowledge programme vyCOOL se! for elementary and secondary schools of the Liberec Region has been attended by some six thousand participants.



All disciplines of the EYOWF Festivals promise outstanding sports experiences

Liberec supports Brno



Brno, a city of 400 000 inhabitants, which lies in the south of the Czech Republic in the South Moravian Region, candidates for the second time to host the summer version EYOF 2015. In 2008, in Istanbul, Brno lost to Utrecht by a one single vote. Here are the reasons why it should succeed this time:

• **City devoted to sport:** Several elite Czech athletes come from Brno. Football, ice hockey, cycling, basketball, volleyball, tennis, athletics, swimming, figure skating and other sport disciplines are played on excellent level in Brno.

• **Experienced and reliable organiser:** Top international events are regularly held there, e.g. Women's Basketball World Championship, motorcycling Grand Prix, junior European Championship in track cycling, handball, athletic teams, etc.

• **Excellent sport venues:** New and modern stadiums, roofed hall and indoor swimming pools – athletes from Brno, who will take part

in the EYOF disciplines, also start in Czech top league and European cups.

• **Festival of short distances:** All venues, hotels and future Olympic Village in the university campus are only short distance from each other. There will be no long transfers and time losses.

• **High-quality infrastructure:** There are plenty high-quality accommodation capacities in the city, well functioning tram and bus links, many interesting cultural and social events and outstanding gastronomic facilities.

• **Ideal geographic position:** The Czech Republic lies in the heart of Europe, easily accessible. Brno has its own airport.

• **Economic support of the Region:** The South Moravian Region, of which Brno is the capital, guarantees direct economic and organisational support of the EYOF 2015.

• **Transfer of knowledge:** EYOWF 2011 Organising Committee will provide experiences from preparations of this event as well as close cooperation with Brno.

DID YOU KNOW...?

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Honorary President Patrick Hickey

Patrick Hickey (see photo), President of the EOC, accepted an offer by the organisers of EYOWF 2011 in the Liberec Region and became the Honorary President of the Organising Committee. "It is a great honour for us and a vindication of the traditionally excellent cooperation with the EOC. It is also a motivation for us to do our best in the organisation of this event," said **Roman Kumpošt**, President of the Festival Organising Committee.



Jacques Rogge at the Opening

The Opening Ceremony of the EYOWF 2011 in the Ice Hockey Tipsport Arena in Liberec will be personally attended by the President of the International Olympic Committee **Jacques Rogge** (see photo). "Mr. Rogge, who in the 90's belonged among the founders of these Festivals, has already sent his written confirmation. Apart from the Opening Ceremony, he would also like to visit some of the venues," says **Petr Hrubec**, Secretary General of the Czech Olympic Committee.



VIP guests feather-bedded

An important part of the organisation of the EYOWF 2011 is the VIP Department. Under the Manager **Kateřina Zelenková**, the department will take care of all guests from the IOC, EOC, Presidents and Secretaries General from EOC member countries, members of governments and of course top representatives from social and sporting life. The department facilities will be located in the Clarion Grandhotel Zlatý Lev in Liberec, where VIP guests will be accredited and accommodated. One of the key members of the department is **Valérie Enault** (see photo) from France, a respected expert in diplomatic protocol.



Czech Aces became Patron

Eight elite Czech athletes in senior competitions personally supported the EYOWF 2011 in the Liberec Region. The patrons of the disciplines are: **Ondřej Bank** (Alpine Skiing), **Lukáš Bauer** (see photo – Cross Country Skiing), **Pavel Churavý** (Nordic Combined), **Roman Kouřelka** (Ski Jumping), **Michal Novotný** (Snowboarding), **Marek Schwarz** (Ice Hockey), **Tomáš Verner** (Figure Skating) and **Veronika Vítková** (Biathlon).



NUMBER OF THE MONTH

1529

total number of members of NOC's delegations from 46 countries who applied for the EYOWF 2011

SILVER PARTNER



BRONZE PARTNERS



MEDIA PARTNERS

