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8th World Rogaining Championships 13-14th September 2008 Estonia

The 8th World Rogaining Championships have been awarded to Estonia. The agreed shortened description for internal rogaining usage will be **8WRC 2008 Estonia**.

Peter Taylor, WRC Manager for the International Rogaining Federation has been in discussions with Lauri Leppik and Ilmar

Kirjanen, both of Estonia, regarding details of the event and how to ensure it meets all the guidelines for a successful World Rogaining Championship.

Agreed details of **8WRC 2008 Estonia** are:

(i) The event will be held on 13-14 September 2008 (full moon 14th September),

(ii) it will be held according to technical standards and rules of rogaining as at www.rogaining.com, unless changes are agreed by the IRF and advised to participants,

(iii) a hash house providing a range of food will be open from five hours after the start of the event until the announcement of results,

(iv) the organizers will negotiate with the IRF (i.e. the World Rogaining Championship Manager) regarding the location of the event,

(v) a core team of a dozen people has been assembled to organize the event. This might change slightly over time, and will be enlarged during 2008,

(vi) the entry fee for 8WRC will include a US\$8 IRF levy,

(viii) the IRF would like to be advised of all sponsors that are engaged for the event, and as long as all are appropriate given the nature of rogaining, the IRF does not plan to be intrusive on this issue,

(ix) the IRF takes a major role in planning, with organizers, of the opening and closing ceremonies at World Rogaining Championships, and this planning would be

with the IRF President-at-the-time (and potentially seeking advice from Alan Mansfield 7WRC),

(x) branding for the event is important to the IRF and to the sport, and the IRF has strong input into naming and how the event is referred to (see IRF Newsletter #104).

Peter Taylor plans to be in Europe during the first half of 2008, and expects to meet with 8WRC organizers during this time. Peter will be in a position to offer advice and help.

These conditions provide an excellent guide for others wishing to apply for World Rogaining Championships in the future and should be read in conjunction with the last two pages of the Strategic Plan for Rogaining.

Introducing the organizing team of 8WRC

Lauri Leppik – head of organizing team
Lauri has been the main organizer of Estonian 8-hour rogaines in 2004 and 2006. As a participant, Lauri, together with his wife Lea, has participated in the 2005 North American Rogaining Championships and 2005 European Rogaining Championships. Lauri is a Professor of Social Policy at Tallinn University, and a member of the European Committee of Social Rights. He is the contact person in respect of 8WRC (ph.372-56159998) l.leppik@online.ee.

Ilmar Kirjanen – main course setter
Ilmar has been the main course setter of Estonian rogaines since 2002. Ilmar is also the TAOK Club President and has extensive experience organizing cross country navigation events. Ilmar is the head of the IT bureau of the Estonian Environment Information Center.

Mari Roots – WRC secretary and head of IT
Mari has held the position of the secretary of TAOK rogaines being responsible for registration of participants and for the results. Mari has developed expertise in using SportIdent for rogaining events. Mari is a chief specialist at the Department of Information Systems in Tallinn City Government.

New Zealand Rogaining Championships

3-4 March 2007

Here is an opportunity to compete in a national rogaining championships, and combine this with some further walking in wonderful scenery.

Just about everything is in place for the New Zealand Championships next month. Alan Holdaway and his team are right on schedule.

Entry forms are available from the NZRA website, <http://www.rogaine.org.nz>. Also on the website are general information, contact addresses, transport options from Blenheim and Picton, course descriptions, and photos.

"The terrain is fairly typical south Marlborough country, not unlike a lot of North Canterbury – certainly not flat, and plenty of farm tracks but they are not all marked. There is some prickly stuff in places but pretty clear overall. There are a total of 73 controls: plenty of easy ones and certainly some harder ones, plenty of contour lines in places but lots of easier routes if looked at carefully. Pre-start planning and strategy will be very important because there are areas of the map that are a long way from home. There will be an outpost offering cups of tea and some food in addition to the Hash House at the start/finish".

The Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Rogaining Association will be held on Tuesday 20th February 7:30pm at 7 Merton Place, Bryndwr, Christchurch.

4th European Rogaining Championships

Latvia, 28-29 July, 2007

28th Australian Rogaining Championships

Alice Springs, Northern Territory
29-30 July 2007

Permsky Krai Rogaining Championships

11-12 August 2007

Russian Rogaining Championships

24-25 August 2007