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4<sup>th</sup> WRC: Pete Squires  
6<sup>th</sup> WRC: Peg Davis  
9<sup>th</sup> WRC: Grant Hunter

## USA joins IRF

USA was admitted as a member of the IRF on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011, welcome.

## 9<sup>th</sup> European Rogaining Championships

Lithuania will host the European Rogaining Championships on 5-6 May 2012 near Kaunas. Gediminas Trimakas will co-ordinate 9ERC with Jalle orienteering club and Grukas sport event organising association. The terrain is mainly pine-tree forest with some marshes, the slopes of the Nemunas river, and sand dunes.

## 8<sup>th</sup> European Rogaining Championships

Latvia, 23-24 July 2011, near Rauna  
Report by Lauri Leppik

8ERC attracted 282 teams and 603 participants from 17 countries. There were over 100 participants from each of Latvia, Russia and Estonia; also represented were Ukraine, Finland, Poland, Lithuania, Spain, France, Czech Republic, Belarus, Sweden, Israel, Germany, Netherlands, UK and South Africa.

Event coordinators Valters Kaminskis and Aivars Zogla combined the forces of two Latvian orienteering clubs, OK Ziemeļkurzeme and OK Meridians to organize ERC. Aivars is an experienced event coordinator having organised rogaines in Latvia for several years. His multiple capacities of map-making, IT, web-site management, communication skills and general coordination during the event resulted in a smoothly organised event.

The course setter, WRC bronze medalist in XO category, Valters Kaminskis placed 79 controls, creating several different route options as evidenced by eventual route choices of teams. The terrain was a mixture of hilly forest, marshes and pasture. Visibility in the forest was limited requiring some careful navigation, in particular during the night. As a skillful rogainer himself, Valters very accurately predicted the speed of top teams and the winning score was 95% of the maximum.

In men's open section, Estonian teams collected all medals. The overall winners, brothers Silver and Rain Eensaar, scored 422 points from the maximum of 446. Their lead over the silver medal winners was an impressive 46 points. With this victory they made a strong claim towards the upcoming World Championships in the Czech Republic and Russia. Their previous achievements have been 4th place at 8WRC2008 in Estonia and silver medals at 6ERC2009 in Finland. Erik Aibast and Andreas Kraas scored 376 points and won silver, leaving Karli Lambot, Rait Pallo and Tõnu Lilleleid - the bronze medal winners from 9WRC2010 New Zealand and 7ERC2010 Ukraine - again with bronze.

Mixed open and women's open categories were dominated by Russian teams. Andrey Shvedov and Natalya Abramova scored 362 points and won the XO category (5th place overall), and the best WO team Marina Galkina and Nina Mikheeva collected 303 points (27th place overall). Full results with route choices at: <http://erc2011.rogaining.lv/>

### **Finnish Rogaining Championships 2011**

20-21 August, Raseborg, [www.rogaining.fi](http://www.rogaining.fi)

### **10WRC Czech Republic, 2012**

Jan Tojnar of 10WRC

The maximum field size is likely to be near 1000 participants. There are no major environmental or landowners obstacles.

Landowner permission on the Czech side has been achieved, and the final position of the check point will be agreed later. We have started negotiations on the German side of border, and Marko Rößler will help obtain the German access.

Field work in the race area has started, with some preliminary check point positions.

The hash house area has been chosen, and we are close to an agreement with the owner of the hash house meadows in Prebuz.

Website will be started soon. The 10WRC organising team feel that they have most aspects under control: IRF is assisting with event publicity.

\* 11<sup>th</sup> World Rogaining Championships Russia

\* 12<sup>th</sup> World Rogaining Championships, USA

## **New Zealand**

NZRA <http://www.rogaine.org.nz/>

- Nelson Afterwork Winter Series: A series of five afterwork rogaines on Wednesdays beginning 1st June in the Nelson region. <http://www.noc.org.nz/>
- Hutt Valley Afterwork Series - Wellington region: calendar, <http://www.maptalk.co.nz/events/default.cfm?t=Rogaine>. They are usually of 3hr duration and start at 6pm following map handout at 5.30pm.
- Annavale Attack (4hr) and Amble (3hr), Canterbury, Sunday 14th August: A navigational adventure in the Springfield region of the Canterbury foothills in support of Darfield HS Rural College. The 4-hour rogaïne (Attack) is for the competitive and the 3-hour rogaïne (Amble) is intended to be more recreational. See the information on the [Darfield High School](#) website.
- 25th Winter Classic, Wellington, Sunday 21st August: The Winter Classic is an endurance, long distance cross-country event that is both physically and mentally demanding. There is a 3hr Challenge Rogaine run in conjunction with the event. See the [Classic website](#) for details.
- Office Hours, Canterbury, Saturday 3rd December: Join NZRA for a pre-Christmas blowout. This mid-duration event will suit newcomers and trampers as well as regular rogainers. But, we'll need help. If you've done a few events and are ready to contribute to planning and organising, here is an opportunity. Contact Grant Hunter at 351-6369 or [g.hunter@clear.net.nz](mailto:g.hunter@clear.net.nz) with your offers of assistance.

### **33<sup>rd</sup> Australian Rogaining Championships**

The 2013 Australian Rogaining Championship will be the first in northern Queensland. The event date is 20/21 July 2013 and the location is the Atherton Tableland near the city of Cairns.