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Announcement of World Rogaining Championships for 2013 and 2014

The IRF Council has agreed on WRCs for 2013 in Russia, and 2014 in USA.

For Russia, this will be their first WRC, and will be held in the west of the country and accessible from Moscow, St Petersburg, and other European countries. The selection is appropriate given the strong development of rogaining in many centres of Russia since their first 24 hour rogaine near Perm in 1998.

There were two options for 12WRC in 2014; these were bids from the South Dakota and Oregon teams who have both established strong credentials in their own country for excellent terrain and rogaining events. The process of having two bids come to the IRF from USA led to considerable discussion, investigation and questioning by IRF Councillors, and ultimately strengthened the WRCs and the decision-making process.

The respective local press releases are provided and can be used to promote either event. These releases may be used by rogaining groups with their local media to simply raise the profile of the sport and indicate that the local group is part of a global sport.



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RUSSIA AWARDED 11TH WORLD ROGAINING CHAMPIONSHIPS

For immediate release

Russia has been awarded the 11th World Rogaining Championships in an announcement from the International Rogaining Federation. The championships are planned for 27-28 July 2013, and will attract several hundred elite cross-country navigators from all continents. The site selected is the Pskov region, Pustoshka district, Alol village which is 500 km west of Moscow and 400 km south of Saint-Petersburg.

IRF President, Neil Phillips, said that this will be the first time that Russia has hosted the World Rogaining Championships. Rogaining in Russia started in 1998 with a 24 hour rogaine in the Perm area under the leadership of the late German Shestakov. The sport has since grown such that there are now 50 rogaines each year of which seven are 24 hour rogaines. The first Russian Rogaining Championships were held in the Perm region in August 2001, with subsequent championships near Nizhny Novgorod in 2005, 2006 in Togliatti, 2007 and 2009 St. Petersburg region, 2008 Moscow region and 2010 Pskov region. Other rogaining centres include Ekaterinburg, Chelyabinsk, Omsk, Ivanovo, Ryazan, Kostroma and Krasnodar. The first European Rogaining Championships were held in 2003 at Perm, and the 5th ERC at St Petersburg. The Russian Rogaining Championships for 2011 will be near Chelyabinsk.

It is characteristic of the sport of rogaining that champion competitors are also willing volunteers, and the leading organisers for the 2013 World Rogaining Championships include several outstanding cross-country navigators led by Alexey Nikitin and Alexey Layshev of Pskov, and Alexander Yakimov and Sergey Yashchenko of Moscow.

IRF Promotion and Development Manager, Alan Mansfield, who leads the whole selection process for World Rogaining Championships, said that the award to Russia was very fitting given the strong growth of the sport in so many centres, Russia's strong support for international rogaining, and their involvement at previous international rogaines. Russian rogainers have proved themselves to be extremely competitive in World Rogaining Championships including in semi-desert of Australia and forests of Estonia. At the 8th World Rogaining Championships in 2008, the Russian team of Evgeny Dombrovskiy and Pavel Shestakov won the overall championship in a field of 800 participants. The current World Rogaining Champions are Chris Forne and Marcel Hagener from New Zealand, and Russian rogainers are sure to test the New Zealanders on Russian soil.

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USA AWARDED 12TH WORLD ROGAINING CHAMPIONSHIPS

For immediate release

United States of America has been awarded the 12th World Rogaining Championships in an announcement from the International Rogaining Federation. The championships are planned for 16-17 August 2014, and will attract several hundred elite cross-country navigators from all continents. The site selected is the Black Hills of South Dakota in the north central part of the country.

IRF President, Neil Phillips, said that this will be the second time that USA has hosted the World Rogaining Championships following the 6th World Rogaining Championships in 2004 in Arizona. Rogaining in the USA started in 1989 when Bob Reddick organised a 24 hour rogaine east of Seattle, and shortly thereafter, Eric Smith and colleagues led many rogaines in New York state and surrounds in the east of the country. More than half the other states of USA have held rogaining events since. The 12th North American Rogaining Championships were held last year and are rotated between Canada and USA.

IRF Promotion and Development Manager, Alan Mansfield, who leads the whole selection process for World Rogaining Championships, said that the award to USA was fitting given the growth of the sport in so many states, and USA's long involvement in international rogaining activities.

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