

WOC News No 1



There is a snug working climate in the Czech O-team

The World Championship on home scene is big challenge for runners of Czech national team. We thus placed a couple of questions regarding the preparation of the best Czech O-runners and their mood to head coach of the team, Radek Novotný.

How, in your view, the Czech representatives feel about their preparation for WOC 08 (or better to say now - for nomination battles) ? Do you feel, for example, higher motivation, are some of them more nervous or in contrary do some runners feel more self-confident just because of the terrains which they should be more familiar with ?

Any nomination races haven't passed yet, so there was no reason to be nervous. Although - told with a bit of humour - the nomination goes each and every moment, as Jaroslav Kačmarčík used to tell (*former elite runner and Czech national team coach and also WOC 2008 course setter*). There is a snug working climate in the team, perhaps driven by positive expectations. But at least, much more intestine targeting to this event is apparent. Although we should know the terrains of WOC better than in other years, we have parsed them many times and many of the runners from the team passed lot of trainings in relevant terrains too. Thus there is a no fear, that we would underestimate the situation...
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Maps of event terrains ready

Competition maps are for sure amongst the most important issues when an orienteering race is being prepared and WOC is naturally not exception. We asked the WOC 2008 head cartographer, Petr Hranička, to tell us something about this job. At first, here we go with some basic facts - not just Petr Hranička, but also Petr Mareček, Zdeněk Lenhart and Roman Horký are involved in mapping and the WOC maps cover in total area of 50.5 km², of which 39.8 km² are event and model terrains and the rest are reserve spaces.

So, what stage the works on maps are now in? I suppose they has been finished.

Yes, works in terrains for competition maps were finished in mid February. As the last bit, we had to finalize Prostějov (sprint qualification) and small piece, some 1 km², of the long terrain, requested additionally by course setters.

Thus the most important is ensured and now we will go on in the terrains for model events and reserve spaces... (cont. on p. 3)

WOC by CEZ GROUP

Earlier this year, negotiations between TK Plus, marketing partner of WOC 2008, and CEZ GROUP, were finalized and this concern became the WOC titular sponsor. The official name of the event is thus „WOC by CEZ GROUP“, which appears in the logo as well. CEZ GROUP is dominant Czech producer and supplier of the electrical energy and heating, who also operates majority of the electricity distribution networks..



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Orienteering festival

At www.woc2008.cz web, you can find also invitation and entrance form to the six-days public competition, which will pass during WOC period. Do not miss the unique occasion to compete in a space, where the world champion stormed just a couple of hours ahead of you. Orienteering festival will be organised as a full-value event, not just as poor relation of WOC !



Volunteers appointed

Organizing section appointed most of the volunteers to particular sections thus they can have an idea about their role and the organisers got more exact idea how many volunteers are still welcomed in each section. By mid March, around 260 volunteers were registered, which means, that the estimated entire need of 320 is covered from about 80%.

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During winter, you Czech team had a training camp in Hungary, where the next WOC will take place. Does it mean, that you already do not plan any specialised camps concerning the Czech WOC and you will just tune and concentrate for the nomination competitions?

Oh no, there is still lot of time and lot of work before the nomination competitions will take place. Winter camps in Hungary and France were targeted firstly to collective practice of difficult situations, which can occur during competition. The aim was to organise winter camps in locations without snow, which offer inspiration and give us something new. With each new terrain, which the runner manages well, his flexibility is rising and this is one of decisive factors in orienteering. Thus similarity of terrains around Pécs with those of WOC 2009 was surely advantage, but it wasn't decisive for choice of the training camp location... During autumn, we passed first „feeling making“ camp at Baldovec (*note - region where long and relays will pass*) and Czech Meeting in Jeseníky mountains, but the main WOC 08 preparation events are still ahead of us. We all regularly take part in competitions organised in Morava (*name for eastern part of the Czech Republic, where WOC will pass*), thus it wouldn't make sense too much to train there individually. Even when the training maps were mapped by other mapmakers than those, who create the WOC maps. What is important are the competitions and their analysis, seeking for high-risk areas and the most efficient way between controls. So we will take part in the international competitions, which will be organised in April around Prostějov. Other strong teams are awaited, which will bring excellent opportunity for comparison. A month later, we will repeat something similar during nomination

competitions for EOC. These will be located to surrounding of Olomouc, although the Latvian terrains will be completely different. Preparation programme will include also a couple of specialized weekend actions outside collective team schedule. From this view, mainly Fo-ot group around Michal Smola is the most active.

Where and when decisions on nominations will take place?

Nomination competitions are planned for the week of June/July turn. Thus also final nomination will be announced at the latest possible moment. This means, that the way „right out from nomination to the competition“ was chosen. Usual schedule with nomination two months ahead of WOC was not possible this year, because of early WOC beginning. Sprint will pass in Šumperk, long near Jedovnice and middle on a new map, which is adjacent to the terrain of WOC middle near Rýmařov.

Can anyone be sure with nomination by now?

According to approved nomination rules,

Radek looking out for his crew...



those runners, who reached excellent results during last two WOCs, have their participation at WOC sure by now. Namely this means Dana Brožková for long and sprint, Michal Smola for long and Tomáš Dlabaja for sprint. If they will be healthy and nothing else awaited happens, they will run.

In the end a little bit less serious question, but nowadays not so off topic ... What weather do you await during WOC 2008?

Naturally, we will prepare ourselves for nice sunny summer weather, in another words, from view of a sportsman, terrible hot. It might mean something between 32-35°C. Just during some evenings, rainstorms will wrack the nerves of organisers and tents in arenas and also rise the air humidity.

Questions placed by Petr Kadeřávek

The biggest TV coverage of orienteering ever!

On 6 March 2008, important meeting of responsible WOC organisers and Czech TV took place and further details were agreed.

The WOC coverage will be ensured by experienced team, which was involved in last years' MTBO WOC or this year's European Biathlon Championship 2008.

Coverage of all final events will be ensured and projected on large screen at arenas as well as on the WOC webpage. In the Czech Republic, Czech TV will broadcast in total eight hours of live coverage and many further records. The entire TV signal is offered through EBU Programme Coordination to the TV stations abroad. By now, Danish and Finnish TVs have ordered live broadcasting of WOC 2008 and others are interested too.

On 21 June, organisers and Czech TV will have last test of live broadcast of an O-event, when final of Czech sprint championship will be broadcasted.

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It is thus also important, that the course setter (Jaroslav Kačmarčík) has necessary material for his work at disposal...

What is the opinion about the maps from the side of the supervisors from outside - IOF advisor, IOF map commission? Do you succeed to keep our continental style of detailed mapping of the vegetation objects in acceptable scale?

Unni Karlsen passed controlling of map making on Håvard Tveite, chief of IOF map commission. By now he didn't express any dissatisfaction, but for example during the meeting of IOF Council and Commissions in Helsinki at the end of January, we could recognize advices, that more intensive generalization and rigorous keeping of the ISOM map key will be requested. Thus during spring, the maps will pass necessary adjusting. Honestly, it will be done to the level, which is really uncommon for us here, but there is no other way. I have already created preliminary schedule of this adjusting, in principle, each of the mapmakers should revise area of one of the events, mapped by one of his colleagues, thus not his own map.

Was already the decision about the method and way of printing taken?

We have discussed this with Håvard Tveite too. Naturally, offset printing will be used, and personally, I would prefer CMYKB, although this requires absolutely exact colour register and tuning. When Håvard checked the examples of printed maps in detail, he concentrated a little bit more carefully to green hatching in drawing of clearing area, but basically, he was satisfied. We will see, how demanding will the design of the maps

be, when it comes to the printing technology and how the printer will manage stringent requirements. In case of serious problem, I have back-up solution with nine-colours printing - this would mean printing of map design in CMYK and then map itself using direct colours in IOF tones. This sequence is more suitable for

Also main cartographer has to face the questions of WOC 2008 IOF event advisor, Unni Strand Karlsen...



Naturally, noone else than a couple of involved persons can see the event maps before WOC. Map „Mrtvý muž“ („Dead man“) is example of the area, where middle will take place and also one of the maps, where training is allowed.

printing of the map, because after print of the design, the paper will already be „stretched“. By now, I haven't yet decided about the paper material, we have anyway already agreed with Håvard on packing the maps in usual plastic wrap, so it would be useless to use any synthetic

material instead of paper. Printing of relays will be challenge, because this cannot pass simultaneously with map. By now I suppose to use laser or wax printer with accurate paper load for printing of track on the map. Moreover, it is required to have each variant of each leg twice in reserve on start, thus number of maps to be printed will actually be much higher than number of competitors.

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