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SEPTEMBER 25-27, OTEPÄÄ ESTONIA



Dear orienteering friends!

It's my pleasure to welcome you to Otepää, which is crowned as the Winter Capital of Estonia. This little town with its surroundings has always attracted sportsmen from near and far thanks to undulating and intricate landscape, which offers very good conditions for many sports. Otepää is mostly known abroad as a FIS Cross Country World Cup event venue and the starting point for the famous Tartu Ski Marathon. But it has also hosted a foot orienteering World Cup event in 1998 and European Orienteering Championships in 2006.

With Euromeeting this year, Estonian orienteering community is preparing for the biggest possible challenge - organizing the World Orienteering Championships in 2017. WOC is going to take place in the same South-Estonian region and our intention is to give you adequate understanding about challenges you can expect on WOC 2017. At the same time it is an excellent opportunity for us, organizers, to test our skills in organizing a major event.

I wish you a pleasant stay in Estonia and a successful event!

Sixten Sild Estonian Orienteering Federation Chairman of the board



On behalf of the organizing committee, I welcome you to Euromeeting 2015 that is the first big step for Orienteering Federation towards the World Orienteering Championships 2017. Numerous people have worked many hours in the last one and a half years for the success of the most prominent event of the orienteering season 2017 and are now eager to test their skills, co-operation and developed technologies during Euromeeting to please the teams and spectators both at the arenas and behind their screens all over the world.

There has been great interest towards Euromeeting from many national teams which makes us happy and inspires us to make this event even better for all of you! We are also very happy about the interest from a number of sponsors and partners who are stepping forward for the success of Euromeeting 2015.

Together with the first official training camp for WOC 2017 and the largest annual orienteering competition in Estonia, XXVII Suunto Games, Euromeeting will gather hundreds of orienteers to Otepää to enjoy great orienteering terrains, tight competitions and the hospitality of this great tourist region.

Welcome to Otepää!

Markus Puusepp Euromeeting 2015 and WOC 2015 Event Director



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1. VENUE

Otepää is a well-known winter resort that hosts the FIS Cross Country Ski World Cup every second winter and offers activities and attractions all year round to cater for the needs of athletes as well as leisure travellers. There is a year round sports centre, a spa, an adventure park, a golf club and quality restaurants with live music to name a few.

The weather in the end of September is usually mild with cool nights and sunny days. Average temperature in September is 11°C with average minimum temperature of 7,5°C and average maximum of 15,5°C. Probability of precipitation in September is around 30%.



2. PROGRAMME

Thursday, September 24 Friday, September 25

Saturday, September 26 Sunday, September 27 September 28 - October 1 Arrival/Team Officials' Meeting Model Events

SPRINT

Team Officials' Meeting LONG DISTANCE MIDDLE DISTANCE

WOC 2017 training camp

Otepää

Otepää/Päidlapalu

Otepää Otepää Kirikuküla Kirikuküla Otepää

All races count as IOF World Ranking Events.



3. ORGANIZERS

Estonian Orienteering Federation MTÜ MM2017

Orienteering Club Ilves







Event Director: Markus Puusepp, markus.puusepp@woc2017.ee, +372 526 8279 Euromeeting 2015 web page: www.woc2017.ee/euromeeting/

4. EVENT ADVISERS

IOF Event Adviser: Timmo Tammemäe, SK 100. Controller: Madis Oras, OK Ilves





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5. CLASSES AND ENTRY REGULATIONS

Euromeeting is an open competition for national teams with classes Men Elite (ME) and Women Elite (WE). Euromeeting 2015 will be organized together with the annual orienteering competition XXVII Suunto Games in Estonia. ME and WE will be joint classes for the two competitions and open for all participants. Non-national team, i.e. individual runners, will start at the beginning of the starting field.

Deadlines:

July 26. National teams should inform their intention to participate by e-mail markus.puusepp@woc2017.ee with an approximate number of participants and officials.

September 20. Final entries and payments.

NB! Entries to competitions only through IOF Event Management System - Eventor! http://eventor.orienteering.org.
Separate registration for each day!
Officals can be entered through e-mail.



Entry fees and payments: Competitors - €30 per competition day Officials - €30 for all days.

Entry fee payments must be made to MTÜ MM2017. NB! All bank costs must be covered by the payee!

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6. TERRAIN AND MAP

Sprint - Otepää

Town of Otepää and its immediate surroundings. The town consists of residential areas with private houses and block buildings with public space between them. East of the town are situated Tehvandi Sports Centre with ski-tracks and sports infrastructure and a hill fort are situated. Height difference is more than 30 metres.

Long and middle distance - Kirikuküla.

Terrain is situated in the Otepää Uplands near the Elva river headwaters. Height difference on the terrain is 45 metres. The terrain is rather varied with depressions, hills and swamps. There is a dense network of roads and narrow rides although nature is starting to reclaim the smaller tracks. Runability in the forest varies from very good to medium.

Previous maps can be viewed and down-loaded at www.woc2017.ee/euromeeting





Map: Otepää. Author: Kalle Kalm. Scale 1:4000. Contour interval 2,5 metres. Fieldwork in summer 2015.





Map: Kirikuküla. Author: Kalle Kalm. Scale 1:15 000 (long distance), 1:10 000 (middle distance). Contour interval 2,5 meters. Fieldwork in autumn 2014.

7. EMBARGOED AREAS

All the competition areas are embargoed until the competition day.



Otepää - Participants are allowed to stay and visit the area, however use of orienteering maps, running training of all kinds and route choice testing is not allowed.

Kirikuküla - The area is strictly embargoed for the competitors!



NB! Town of Otepää and its surroundings are embargoed also for WOC 2017! More information can be found at www.woc2017.ee/woc/.

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8. TRAVEL INFORMATION

Tallinn Airport (TLL) is the closest international airport and has very good connections with Tartu (40 km from Otepää) either by bus or train. There is also an airport in Tartu (TAY) with connection to Helsinki. Otepää has a good bus connection with Tartu with more than 10 daily buses (45-60 min; €2,5-€3,5).



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9. TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Model Events

September 25 (morning) - sprint September 25 (morning/noon) - long/middle

Training camp

WOC 2017 training camp nr 1 will be held September 28 to October 1 in Otepää. More information about training camp programme will be published in June 2015 on www.woc2017.ee/trainings/. Trainings on other dates (April to November) available on request.

Please contact trainings@woc2017.ee for more information.

10. VISAS

Nationals of the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) and any third-country national holding a residence permit of a Schengen State do not need a visa to enter Estonia. Please see Republic of Estonia Ministry of Foreign Affairs' web page for more information http://vm.ee/en/who-does-not-need-visa-visit-estonia

11. TECHNOLOGY

Punching system: SPORTident punching system will be used on all competitions. September 25 sprint distance race will be using touch-free SPORTident Air+.

GPS-tracking: On all competitions, selected runners will be carrying GPS-devices. Number of devices will be published in Bulletin 2.

On-line results: from all competitions.

Speaker service: Per Forsberg (Sweden) will be the speaker on all the competitions.

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