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**Dear orienteering friends,**

The IOF General Assembly in beginning of October in Prague will definitely be a special one and is very different from the experience of the past fifteen years. We are used to have a General Assembly as a part of the WOC week program. In recent years, however, we have greatly simplified our World Championships programme and reduced the complexity of WOC week organization by separating WOC and IOF General Assembly.

We have a great chance now to take time once in two years and discuss the role of the IOF, our achievements and plans for the future on highest possible level. Therefore, I am very much looking forward to our members to be presented on Federation President or Secretary General level.

The main discussion item on the GA is planned to be the IOF Strategic Directions for the period 2018–2022. The IOF Council after several rounds of consultation with members is proposing updated Vision, Mission, Main Goals, Values and a new strategy for the IOF. A clear and realistic strategy followed by an Action Plan is something which is really important for our organisation.

I invite you all to Prague where we can participate in historical decision-making, discuss with each other and enjoy the beauty of the autumn in historical city.

**Leho Haldna**  
President of the International Orienteering Federation

**Dear orienteering friends,**

It was an unchanging tradition. Every year the IOF assemblies took part simultaneously with the WOC – odd years the Presidential Conference, even years the Congress. This year we witness a change – the IOF Congress is taking part at the final round of the World Cup in the Czech Republic. The future itself will show us which model is more convenient – if the assemblies at the WOC, at the World Cup or possibly at any international competitions. But this is not a question or a task for the Czech Orienteering Federation, it is a task for the whole orienteering community.

Our task is to prepare a smooth course of the Congress, within the bounds of possibility to enable the participants a spectator experience at any of the races, give them the possibility to orienteer and simultaneously see some monuments. In addition, to ensure a good weather, which the Indian summer can create in October.

I would like to wish the IOF Congress constructive negotiation with positive results for the future of our sport, the IOF representatives and the Congress delegates lovely days remembering Prague and the Czech Republic.

**Radan Kamenický**  
President of the Czech Orienteering Federation
XXIX Ordinary General Assembly of the International Orienteering Federation will be organized in Prague, the Czech Republic together with the 2nd Global Development Conference (GDC) and the 18th International Conference on Orienteering Mapping (ICOM).

The President of the Czech Olympic Committee Mr Jiří Kejval awarded the Orienteering World Cup and the 29th Ordinary General Assembly of the International Orienteering Federation with his auspice.
Venue informations

The XXIX Ordinary General Assembly and all IOF meetings will take place in the Hotel Pyramida. The Pyramida hotel is widely regarded as one of the best business hotel in the city and its extensive selections of meeting rooms and conference spaces will allow the IOF the convenience of hosting all its meeting under one roof.

Accommodation

Four stars Superior rooms (single, double, twin) will be prepared for delegates in the Hotel Pyramida, low cost accommodation in some neighbourhood hostel will be offered as well. Pre-ordered accommodation (via online system) was booked. Delegates who passed the deadline for booking accommodation via online system shall contact Dušan Vystavěl, the accommodation and travel coordinator, at dvystavel@orientacnisporty.cz.

Food

Breakfasts are included in the accommodation price, coffee-breaks during the meetings are covered by sponsors, lunch for General Assembly participants will be covered with courtesy of the Czech Orienteering Federation.

Transport

Transport from and to Václav Havel International Airport (PRG) will be arranged free of charge for the participants. This shuttle transport will be provided by the organizers. For booking the transport please contact Dušan Vystavěl, the accommodation and travel coordinator, at dvystavel@orientacnisporty.cz.

Visa

The Czech Orienteering Federation will ensure that all participants of the XXIX IOF General Assembly receive all necessary information and assistance for the visa application process. We kindly ask all participants of the XXIX IOF General Assembly to carefully read the information on the webpage of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic (https://www.mzv.cz/jnp/en/index.html). For any questions regarding the visa and entry process or additional assistance please contact the Czech Orienteering Federation.

Note: The Czech Republic is a member state of the Schengen Area and therefore the visa required to enter the territory of the Czech Republic is a Schengen Visa. The delegates are fully responsible to obtain a visa to enter the Czech Republic.
IOF World Cup 2018 Final Round programme

Thursday 4 OCTOBER 2018
09:30–12:15  Knock-out Sprint (qualification, quarter-final)  Prague – Olymp
15:30–17:30  Knock-out Sprint (semi-final, final)  Prague – Stromovka

Friday 5 OCTOBER 2018
15:30–17:30  Mixed Sprint Relay  Prague – Petřín

Saturday 6 OCTOBER 2018
11:30–16:00  Middle Distance race  Turnov – Valdštejn

Sunday 7 OCTOBER 2018
10:00–13:00  Sprint Final race  Mladá Boleslav

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  30 races in MTB–O and 30 races in Trail–O every year

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