

Press Release



International Rogaining Federation Inc. 2016 World Rogaining Championships Awarded to Australia

4 September, 2013 - The International Rogaining Federation has awarded the rights to host the 14th World Rogaining Championships to the Australian Rogaining Association. The Championships are planned for 23-24 July, 2016 and will attract many hundreds of elite and veteran endurance cross-country navigators from around the world. Alice Springs in Australia's Northern Territory will host the event, the first World Rogaining Championships to be held in arid terrain for 20 years. The competition area will cover Ross River station and a number of adjoining cattle properties and offers technically challenging navigation amidst spectacular scenery in terrain that is very different from the wet forest locations of recent World Rogaining Championships. It is sure to provide a true test for the world's top rogainers.

IRF President, Richard Robinson, said that it was pleasing to see the World Rogaining Championships returning to Australia, the birthplace of the sport, after an absence of ten years. He also noted that conducting the World Rogaining Championships in the navigationally complex arid terrain of Central Australia provided a great opportunity for rogainers from across the world to test themselves in unfamiliar country as well as showcase the spectacular beauty of the region. He thanked the Northern Territory government for their enthusiastic support of the event.

IRF WRC Manager Jan Tojnar, who leads the selection process for World Rogaining Championships, said that the award to Australia is recognition of great depth of talent within the country for the organisation of major championship rogaines. The Australian Rogaining Association has assembled a core organising team for this event with collective experience of the organisation of more than 50 championship rogaines.

NOTE TO EDITORS: for additional information on Rogaining please visit <http://www.rogaining.com/> and <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rogaining>.

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