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THE WORLD CUP IN OLOMOUC IS VERY POPULAR AGAIN

The lists of riders entered for the show-jumping world cup J&T BANKA CSI3*-W Olomouc are really long every year. The interest in attending this year's meeting is no different. At the beginning of June there was about 130 riders entered...

The J&T BANKA CSI3*-W show-jumping event will take place in Olomouc in the Equine Sport Center on June 21st until 24th. Less than two weeks before this top level event, there are eighty riders entered into the senior CSI3* category. We can find another twenty names on the junior lists for the CSIJ and more than twenty riders will try the courses for the Under 25 category, the U25. There will be over two hundred horses!

However, let's return to the highest level CSI3*, that will also include the Grand Prix competition included in the above-mentioned World Cup. Many athletes return to Olomouc every year, thanks to excellent organization, great surface in the arena and wonderful atmosphere that the audience always creates.

This year there will be representatives of Italy, Korea, Lithuania, Hungary, Germany, Poland, Austria, Romania, Slovakia, Sweden and the Czech Republic.

One of the regulars is German rider Jörne Sprehe who comes to Olomouc every year and she always performs well. She has won the main competition Grand Prix World Cup in 2016, a year later she placed second. The other names of German riders were on the start-lists in previous years as well. For example, Thomas Holz or Andreas Brenner will visit the Equine Sport Center again.

Italy is sending a strong team. One of the team members is Juan Carlos Garcia who is the highest ranking rider at the International Equestrian Federation. Currently, he is in the world two hundred. He is also a repeat competitor, just as Francesco Turturiello or Anna Guigno. Federico Ciriesi, the Grand Prix winner of the first J&T BANKA CSI3*-W Olomouc meeting in 2014.

The closest neighbors cannot be missing at the starting lists. Austria will be represented by one of the country most successful rider Gerfried Puck, then Roland Englbrecht or Daniel Sonnberger. Maksymilian Wechta and Michal Kazmierczak are coming from Poland together with others. One of the best Hungarian female riders Mariann Hugyecz will be competing repeatedly in Olomouc, just as Sándor Szász, Balázs Horváth and Szabolcs Krucsó. Slovakia will be represented by Radovan Cibere, Igor Šulek or Radovan Šillo.

The Czech Republic will have the most numerous representation. There will be almost complete Czech national team together with the winner of last year's Grand Prix Olomouc Ales Opatrny. Zuzana Zelinkova, Ondrej Zvara, Kamil Papousek, Marek Klus or Jiri Hruska will be there as well.



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The organizer also thinks of younger age groups. Olomouc is regularly hosting the CSIJ for junior riders that also serves as the qualifier for the European Championships which will take place in July in France. There are riders from five countries on the starting lists.

Number of Czech junior riders will take the opportunity to compete at the home grounds within top international competition. Sara Vingralkova, who was very successful last year in Olomouc will return. Anna Heldova, Sofie Najmanova or Michaela Rodova will be there as well.

This meeting is equally an opportunity to qualify to the finals of European Youngster Cup 2018 for riders up to 25 years of age. Our riders Lucie Strnadlova, Alzbeta Vojtkova, Denisa Vegrichtova, Tina Salkova or Vaclav Stanek will try to qualify.

The fourth category in which to compete is CSIYH for six and seven-year-old horses. Participants often bring together with their experienced horses their young horses for specially prepared courses. It is to be expected that the stables in the Equine Sport Center will grow by another tens of horses.

For more details, visit www.csiolomouc.cz, where an updated list of participants will be published in the near future.

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- *Abbreviation CSI3*-W: concours de saut international – international show-jumping competitions Category 3 Stars (1-5 stars) with competition included in the World Cup - W (world), other abbreviations: J (juniors) YR (Young riders), YH (young horses)*
- *ESC Olomouc – equestrian center Equine Sports Center in Olomouc – Lazce put into operation in 2013*
- *J&T BANKA – event general partner*