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WORLD CUP IN OLOMOUC WILL BE DESIGNED BY CROATIAN PETROVIC. I LIKE IT HERE, HE SAYS

Eduard Petrovic from Croatia has designed the show-jumping courses at the Olomouc Equine Sport Center in past, but in August it will be the first time at the World Cup. “Some meetings such as Olomouc are milestones that I really want to come to,” he revealed.

We met Eduard Petrovic in the second half of July at the meeting in Samorin, Slovakia, where he designed courses during the Danube Summer Live series. As he told us in the interview, he loves to come to Slovakia and Czech Republic. “I know a lot of people here, they are all very friendly and make me feel at home here.”

There was a quite a long break in show season due to the Covid-19 corona-virus pandemic. How did it affect your work and life?

My wife was happy. I spent a lot of time at home. There was an earthquake in Croatia, sometimes we had to sleep in a car, our house and houses in our area were affected, so it was quite busy. Except for the horses.

And what about working life? The break in sporting season was long, how did it affect your work?

I had a very slow start. At the first event after the break everything took me much longer. This is my fourth event so I am back in my pace. It is good.

What are your plans for this season? I mean international meetings. As you said, everything starts slowly, the calendar is not set, and so what are your plans?

I had so many events planned at the beginning of the year that I was little worried if I could manage all. Then, everything collapsed and nothing is certain since. Some meetings such as Olomouc are milestones that I really want to come to.

You will be the course designer at CSI2*-W in Olomouc. How do you like it there and are you looking forward to it?

It is exciting. I like to go to the Czech Republic. I've been to Olomouc few times in past and doing the World Cup is something special. That was great news for me. It will definitely be a great event, as usual. As soon as the riders and judges arrive, everyone is there, the excitement grows... - It will be a great event.

How often do you travel to Czech Republic and Slovakia?

More often than my wife would like. I would say, four, five maybe six times a year, depending on the season. I love to come here, I never have problem coming.



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Do you have any other international meetings planned other than Olomouc?

I had a lot planned. However now I really don't know what will happen. Olomouc is certain. We will see. I was supposed to be in Ukraine, Iran and many other places, but nothing is certain. For example, I was supposed to go to Ukraine two weeks after the Samorin meeting, but after the return you have to be quarantined for two weeks and that is not possible.

Tell us more about yourself. How did you become a course designer?

I became a course designer in Sweden. Then, when I moved back to Croatia, there were no course designers. No one wanted to do it. So, I decided to do it, even though I still rode sometimes. No one seemed to mind that I designed courses and competed. Well, so it went on and on. However, I must seriously say that I did not like the job. I love it now.

Do you have any other work goals?

I like to train young riders. That is actually my favorite job. It is really nice when you start with new rider from the basics and progress to higher levels. There are dozens of my students in Croatia, who have won medals at national show-jumping championships, often on my own horses. So as a trainer I have quite a lot of success.

And in the field of course design? Are there any events you would like to do?

I would like to go again to Slavia to CSIO Bratislava. That was a special event for me. I had goosebumps when I arrived there. I would like to experience that again. It is beautiful here, but there it was just something else.

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 - Abbreviation CSI2*-W: concours de saut international – international show-jumping event 2* category (1-5 stars) with competition included in the World Cup – W, other abbreviations J (junior riders), YR (young riders), YH (young horses)
 - ESC Olomouc – Equine Sport Center venue in Olomouc Lazce, put into operation in 2013.