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## ANOTHER TOP COURSE – DESIGNER IN OLOUMOUK. ALAN WADE IS COMING THIS YEAR, DAMBORSKA SAYS

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The show-jumping World Cup will return to Olomouc in less than three weeks. The eighth season of the international show-jumping event of the CSI2\* -W category will take place from Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Equine Sport Center venue and this year the courses for horses and riders will be designed by top course designer Alan Wade from Ireland.

“For the World Cup in Olomouc we have always wanted something interesting for the riders, so we agreed to invite the highest level course designers. Those are these who have reached Level 4 and are designing the top events and championships,” says Klara Damborska, the director of the international meeting in Olomouc. “Our goal is to enable riders from our region, who normally compete at two or three stars events, to try out their courses. We have already had such stars as legendary Olaf Petersen or Uliano Vezzani and this year we chose Irish course designer Alan Wade. He was for example the author of the World Equestrian Games courses in Tryon,” Damborska continues.

Alan Wade comes from Irish Tipperary, county with about 5000 inhabitants. He was once a successful show-jumper at the international level and also played the role of Irish chef d’équipe at many events, including the European Championship crowned by the Irish victory and more than thirty Nations Cups. He has been designing courses since he was twelve years old. During his long career he prepared courses at the most important equestrian events. In addition to the already mentioned World Equestrian Games in Tryon, USA, his professional list includes for example the CSIO in Dublin, TOP 10 Gucci Masters finals in Paris, World Cup in London’s Olympia and many more.

“I always start designing courses with paper and pencil to get a real course line. I keep changing my mind and only then redraw it on the computer. The last piece of puzzle is when I bring it to the arena. However, I can still move any line at any moment. It is not like building a house. It is something you have to have a feeling for,” says Wade. The Irish designer also focuses on the attractive look of obstacles, their colors, layout and combinations of individual elements. The right look of the obstacles is essential for him, he wants to amaze the spectators both in the arena and on TV screens. At the same time, the obstacles must test the horses’ ability to adapt. When he was preparing courses during World Equestrian Games in Tryon in 2018, one of the most significant obstacles was the one with the Indian. “The visual effect was exactly what I wanted. The obstacle with the Indian was hand painted by a painter, it was an exceptional one,” he said in an interview for the International Equestrian Federation at that time.

Alan Wade also revealed that he changes the courses often overnight depending on how the horses jumped during the previous day. “It is something people call “salt and pepper”. It is something I can’t explain exactly. It is not an exact science. We always think that the horses will jump the obstacles well, but there is always the possibility that we do not see something that horses could see.” However, his goal as a course designer is clear. “I want the best combination that given day to win and I want those who did not succeed to feel that if they rode better, they could win.” More information about the upcoming international event CSI2\* - W Olomouc can be found at website [www.csiolomouc.cz](http://www.csiolomouc.cz).

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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.