

Triathlon's stars in Prague

The best triathletes already came to Prague to attend the second edition of **FORD CHALLENGEPRAGUE**. Five time World Champion and winner of last year's Ironman series Javier Gómez and latest long distance World Champion Pablo Dapena will not be missing at the start of the unique race on Saturday.

35-year-old Gómez will start at the extraordinary race within **CHALLENGEFAMILY** with bib number one. He is the winner of five World Championships, he is the silver medallist from 2012 London Olympics, four times European Champion and he holds three Triathlon World Cup titles (2006, 2007, 2008).

"Javier Gómez is exceptional personality of the triathlon world. He chooses his program very carefully and it is a great honour for us that he includes race in Prague," says the race director Tomáš Vrzák. In 2014 and 2017, Gómez won the Ironman 70.3 series and in 2012 he dominated the XTERRA Triathlon.

„First and last time I was in the Czech Republic for European Cup in 2003. I am happy that I still keep same motivation after 15 years of career. I think it will be very special to swim in the Vltava River and run through the historical center of Prague," says Gómez.

The presence in **FORD CHALLENGEPRAGUE** was confirmed by last year's winner **Pieter Heemeryck**, the long distance World Champion **Pablo Dapena** or German triathlete **Maurice Clavel**. The Czech Republic will be represented by **Petr Vabroušek, Tomáš Řenč, Lukáš Kočař, Pavel Petrásek, Simona Křivánková, Helena Kotopulu a Lenka Králová**.

„I am convinced that the hospitality of the local team and their support will outperform expectations. I had myself a chance to be part of a relay team last year which will remain one of unforgettable moments. To compete in Prague is definitely something special," says the **CHALLENGEFAMILY** CEO Zibi Szlufcik.

The largest triathlon event in the Czech Republic starts on Friday, July 27 with EXPO trade show and HERVIS **CHALLENGEJUNIOR** race, it continues on Saturday, July 28 with main races in category MIDDLE, RELAYS and TRY-ATHLON.

INFORMATION

Date: 28th July 2018

Place: Praha

Start: Střelecký Island

Finish: Vítězná Street

APPLICATIONS

Final state of applicants: 1.400

From which:

- MIDDLE: 1100
- RELAYS: 50 three-membered teams
- TRY-ATHLON: 200
- JUNIOR: 50

PROGRAM

Friday 27th July

- **EXPO** – trade show of the sporting equipment and partners of the race (Vítězná and Zborovská Street)
- **HERVIS CHALLENGEJUNIOR** – running race for children and youth from 3 to 15 years (Střelecký Island)

Saturday 28th July

- **EXPO** – trade show of the sporting equipment and partners of the race (Vítězná and Zborovská Street)
- **FORD CHALLENGEPRAGUE MIDDLE** (1.9 km swim, 90 km bike, 21.1 km run)
- **CHALLENGEPRAGUE RELAYS** (three members, 1.9 km swim, 90 km bike, 21.1 km run)
- **CHALLENGETRY-ATHLON** (0.38 km swim, 18 km bike, 4,2 km run)