



PRESS RELEASE TO RACE PRAHA – KARLOVY VARY – PRAHA 2012

Unfortunately, the team organizing the race Praha – Karlovy Vary – Praha (P-KV-P) is obliged to announce that the longest and oldest cycling classic is not going to be held this year.

The main reasons are problems in dealing with the Czech Cycling Federation (CCF) and the fact that the teams licensed by Czech Cycling Federation began checking out unexpectedly at the last minute.

According to the acquired information these teams was threatened with possible sanctions by the CCF. Federation refused to allow licensed riders to start on a traditional enterprise Praha - Karlovy Vary - Praha outside others for the sake of the newly formed race organized by the Federation on the route Karlovy Vary - Praha originally at same date, 15 September 2012.

To date, the race Praha – Karlovy Vary – Praha was prepared and precisely secured, in addition, the race was made more attractive by adding the part of the First Republic rout and in particular the finishing in the slag using excellent facilities in the area of Autoklub Markéta (Prague 6). “As organizers we refuse to cause problems to Czech and foreign teams and post them any senseless coercion or persecution. Therefore this year is being cancelled” says the director of the race Mr Marek Kocáb.

In respect to the historical tradition of the race the team of organizers is compelled to briefly summarize the reasons leading to such a difficult decision. In late 2011 the race became, respectively ownership of its trademarks, the subject of attempted theft and misuse for immoral interests of some of the statutory representatives of the Czech Cycling Federation. They announced that they were arranging the race Praha - Karlovy Vary - Praha in the traditional date, without any act of collaboration and participation with the current owner of the trademark. After this failed attempt of the Federation was the organizing committee P-KV-P exhibited permanent pressure during the whole year, although the Federation`s race was first renamed to Tour Bohemia and subsequently moved from the collision date to Sunday 16th September 2012.

“Last autumn, after finding out that Czech Cycling Federation registered the race Praha – Karlovy Vary – Praha in the International Cycling Federation (UCI) calendar we tried to agree with the Czech Federation on possible options of cooperation, but they were not interested. Then, in the spring 2012 they exploited the licensing order unprecedented and prevent the already contracted and traditionally participating teams to compete in our race. It is evident that this is an attempt to destroy the famous classics, the paradoxical is that the effort goes directly from the Czech Cycling Federation, which should support cycling in all its forms” says general manager of the race Praha – Karlovy Vary – Praha Mr Lubor Tesař.

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