

INVITATION AND CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

for

the 18th International Conference on Orienteering Mapping

Friday, October 5, 2018

Prague, Czech Republic

The IOF Map Commission invites you to the 18th International Conference on Orienteering Mapping that will take place in conjunction with the IOF General Assembly and [Orienteering World Cup 2018 final round](#) in Prague. The conference has become a traditional event where mapmakers, and those with an interest in orienteering maps, from around the world discuss and share information about the latest mapping standards, techniques and developments in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

We are convinced that the 18th ICOM will live up to the successes of its predecessors. The programme has been arranged to make it possible for you to take part in the public race and other important events.

TOPICS OF THE CONFERENCE

- Advances in digital printing of maps
- Application of Lidar data
- Use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV)
- Surveying techniques
- Generalization techniques and issues
- Recent developments in software
- Map specifications development
- Map reading problems (colour vision impairment, eyesight weakening)
- Map archive
- Role of open data
- Other

TIMETABLE

We expect to start the conference in the morning. In the afternoon there will be an organized excursion to the [Žaket publishing company](#) to see the whole production process of offset and digital printing of orienteering maps. Late in the afternoon a sprint map walk will be organized to discuss aspects/problems of mapping in an urban environment. A detailed timetable will be published in a final program on the [IOF MC website](#).

PLACE OF CONFERENCE

The Conference will take place in Hotel Pyramida Prague <https://goo.gl/maps/8viZcxQBx7J2> The hotel is located half way between the airport and the city centre and is nearby to the sprint relay area.

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REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

Registration deadline is **Friday 31st August 2018**. Registration should be sent together with short abstract (max. 300 words) via form available at: <https://goo.gl/forms/SeOVY0z0v2znk5973>

If you are interested to present a poster about your activities or projects to conference participants, use the registration form as well.

You do not need to register as a listener. If you want to attend excursion to Zaket printing company, please register and state it in the Abstract field.

In case of any questions related to conference feel free to contact ICOM responsible: Luděk Krtička, zaves (AT) email (DOT) cz.

ENTRY FEE

Entry fee is 300 CZK, to be paid at the conference venue. Fee covers coffee break and excursion.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Prepare your slides as a PowerPoint file and bring them with you to the conference. We recommend that you also bring your presentation on a data stick or other portable memory device. You will not generally be able to plug your own laptop into the conference projection system. If you require special technology for your presentation please email to ICOM responsible as soon as you can and we will do our best to help you. The time allocated for a presentation is 20 minutes, with a further 5 minutes allowed for discussion.

ACCOMODATION

Each participant arranges himself/herself. You can apply for accommodation arranged by the World Cup and IOG General Assembly organisers in Hotel Pyramida or in a hostel (please book early), for more information see here: <http://www.wcup.cz/en/practical-info/accommodation>



Photo: Panorama of Prague Castle by Jan Fidler

PRAGUE

Prague (in Czech: Praha) is the capital and largest city in the Czech Republic, the 14th largest city in the European Union and also the historical capital of Bohemia. Situated in the north-west of the country on the Vltava river, the city is home to about 1.4 million people, while its larger urban zone is estimated to have a population of 2.2 million. The city has a temperate climate, with warm summers and chilly winters.

Prague has been a political, cultural and economic centre of central Europe complete with a rich history. Founded during the Romanesque and flourishing by the Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque eras, Prague was the capital of the kingdom of Bohemia and the main residence of several Holy Roman Emperors, most notably of Charles IV (r. 1346–1378). It was an important city to the Habsburg Monarchy and its Austro-Hungarian Empire. The city played major roles in the Bohemian and Protestant Reformation, the Thirty Years' War and in 20th-century history as the capital of Czechoslovakia, during both World Wars and the post-war Communist era.

Prague is home to a number of famous cultural attractions, many of which survived the violence and destruction of 20th-century Europe. Main attractions include the Prague Castle, the Charles Bridge, Old Town Square with the Prague astronomical clock, the Jewish Quarter, Petřín hill and Vyšehrad. Since 1992, the extensive historic centre of Prague has been included in the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites.

The city has more than ten major museums, along with numerous theatres, galleries, cinemas and other historical exhibits. An extensive modern public transportation system connects the city. Also, it is home to a wide range of public and private schools, including Charles University in Prague, the oldest university in Central Europe.

Prague is classified as a "Beta+" global city according to GaWC studies and ranked sixth in the Tripadvisor world list of best destinations in 2016. Its rich history makes it a popular tourist destination and as of 2014, the city receives more than 6.4 million international visitors annually. Prague is the fifth most visited European city after London, Paris, Istanbul and Rome (read more at [Wikipedia](#)).