

Joensuu - Kontiolahti 2008



Dear IBU Congress Delegate

Our greetings come from Finland, Kontiolahti Biathlon Stadium and North Karelia region. Kontiolahti is a nominee for the Organizer of the Biathlon World Championships 2013. It's a joy for us to be able to bid the management of the biathlon event.

As a region we have unique strong points. We have reliable snow conditions, rich sports culture and beautiful nature. Our country is safe, so it's easy to move from one place to another. Our living is of high standard and our food is hygienic and healthy.

As the Organizer of the biathlon event Kontiolahti reaches for high. In the course of years our Organizing Committee has proved its skills. We have experience of several international events, e.g. many World Cups and the World Championships in 1999.

Now we are preparing to be the Host of the Biathlon World Championships 2013 believing in our abilities. The sports spirit lives here, you will enjoy your stay and get a lot of new impressions.

We have nearly a thousand trained volunteers; enthusiasm and good will between the workers will be rendered also to the participants. The conditions for the competitors will be issue number one for us.

For us the Biathlon World Championship is a challenge to promote the co-operation between different cultures all over the Biathlon World.

Joensuu - Kontiolahti calling - Joy of Biathlon!

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