



19th World University Orienteering Championships 2014

PRESS RELEASE

Middle distance gold for Sarina Jenzer and Albin Ridefelt

(Protivanov, 15. 8. 2014) – Albin Ridefelt from Sweden was the only one to break the dominance of continental runners in today’s middle distance race of the 19th World University Orienteering Championships 2014 which took place in Protivanov. The Swiss Sarina Jenzer took the gold amongst women.

A typical continental terrain rich in vegetation details suggested a tough battle mainly among the Swiss and the home Czech team. But all the theoretical assumptions were trashed by the flawless effort of Albin Ridefelt from Sweden who defeated all the challengers by a comfortable 36 seconds margin. *“The first half of the course was quite fast, then the forest thickened and one had to slow down and check all the details carefully – and I managed to do this almost perfectly,”* the new University World Champion said. Silver medal goes to the French Lucas Basset, an early starter Jan Petržela from the Czech Republic took the bronze after a long-time lead in the finish.

The women race was nearly a walkover for Sarina Jenzer. *“I made a half-minute mistake when I found a men’s control instead of mine,”* she told after the race. In spite of this slip, the Swiss competitor managed to win with an impressive 48 second margin ahead of Iveta Šístková from the Czech Republic. After yesterday’s sprint, another medal had to be shared by two runners – this time the bronze one, won jointly by the French Lea Vercelotti and Gøril Rønning Sund from Norway.

The 19th World University Orienteering Championships is to be concluded tomorrow with the relay race which will take place tomorrow in the same area in Protivanov. Will the Swedes, Czechs, French and Swiss prove their strength, or will there be an unexpected end of the Championships?

Results:

Women (5,4 km, 50 m climbing)

1. Jenzer Sarina	SUI	30:48	
2. Šístková Iveta	CZE	31:36	+0:48
3. Verdelotti Lea	FRA	31:42	+0:54
Sund Gøril Rønning	NOR	31:42	+0:54
5. Kemp Emily	CAN	31:47	+0:59
6. Ohlsson Karolin	SWE	31:57	+1:09

Men (6,9 km, 75 m climbing)

1. Ridefelt Albin	SWE	31:44	
2. Basset Lucas	FRA	32:20	+0:36
3. Petržela Jan	CZE	32:32	+0:48
4. Andersson Rasmus	SWE	32:38	+0:54
5. Král Vojtěch	CZE	32:41	+0:57
6. Huber Raffael	SUI	33:05	+1:21

Please find complete results and more information about the Championships at <http://www.wuoc2014.cz>.

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