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All-Star team to feature at the 20th Volkswagen Prague Marathon

Now the time has come to stop chasing records and slow down for a piece of birthday cake! To celebrate the 20th iteration of the Volkswagen Prague Marathon on May 11th the RunCzech team is bringing together guests from around the world including an international quartet of extraordinarily talented runners who wearing the appropriate number 20 will complete the Prague marathon course as a relay team.

Ingrid Kistiansen, Róbert Štefko, Anežka Drohotova and the anchorman former marathon World Record holder Patrick Makau will make up the prestigious celebrity team. Carlo Capalbo, the president of the organizing committee stated "This group with varying ages from divergent locations and cultures with a common goal embodies a core principle of RunCzech by bringing people together in a cooperative and enjoyable effort. With the Running Mall, RunCzech Racing, and all of our events and initiatives we are creating a community built around running".

Watch out on the course for the record breaking members of the team who will run in the following order:

Ingrid KRISTIANSEN, NOR 21.3.1956

A multiple world record setter at distances ranging from 5,000 meters to the marathon she won major marathons in New York, London, Boston, Chicago, Stockholm, and Houston as well as winning World Championships on the track, in cross country, and on the road. Her personal best times from the 1980's including her world record marathon of 2:21:06 (London 85) would easily win the vast majority of races today:

Róbert ŠTEFKO, CZE 28.5.1968

One of the most recognized names in Czechoslovakia distance running history Robert, although retired from competitive running, remains an inspiration for young Czech and Slovak distance runners as a coach. His personal best times for the half marathon of 1:00:29 and the marathon at 2:09:53 (London 98) are still at the top of the local lists. He has participated often in PIM events.





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Anežka DRAHOTOVA, CZE 22.7.95

A very talented young CZE athlete she was a gold medalist at the European Junior Championships last year in the 10k race walk, and she also finished 7th in the 20k walk at the World Championships in Moscow. As a runner she recently set a personal best in the Sportissimo Prague Half Marathon with a 1:14:25 and she regularly competes on the track in the 3000m steeplechase. One of our Czech Marathon Hopes she is also a competitive biker.

Patrick MAKAU, KEN 2.3.85

Anchoring the team the former marathon World record holder who ran 2:03:38 in Berlin in 2011 and has won major marathons in Berlin, Rotterdam, and Frankfurt. Patrick also has an excellent record in the half marathon having finished under one hour eight times with a best of 58:52. He has visited the Czech Republic many times participating in RunCzech initiatives and ran in the Prague Grand Prix in 2012.

The **20th Volkswagen Prague Marathon** will take place on **May 11, 2014** and feature the second fastest marathoner in history, Moses Mosop of Kenya. The race will be broadcast live by Czech TV and several international television outlets (details to be announced), and also available internationally by live internet streaming.

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