

Welcome to Olomouc!

For the second time in history, the Czech Republic hosts the European Universities Championship in table tennis. The premiere round of this competition that took place in 2007 in Ostrava will be followed by already eight academic championship of European universities in Olomouc. This venue will be held from 20 through 25 June in the Olomouc Sports Hall of Palacký University.



In Olomouc will come together table tennis players – university students from all corners of Europe. The start list has been eventually stabilised at twenty men's and twelve women's teams. ***"I am very pleased by the interest from universities across the whole Europe. In the men's category we even had to reject further contestants"*** says Vít Ratajský, Chairman of the Commission of Table Tennis of the Czech Association of University Sports (ČAUS), unsuccessfully hiding his satisfaction over the number of participants.

Title holders Michal Benes and Anna Blazhko in Olomouc

The most numerous foreign expedition is coming from Poland where the university sport and table tennis in particular is extremely popular. In the Polish crew, we will find very famous names that belong to the core group of the Polish representation team. Olomouc will welcome for example Piotr Chodorski, Robert Floras, Pawel Fertikowski and Sandra Wabiková. Traditionally high quality is attributed to the university teams from Russia or Turkey. The long start list will not miss the holders of titles in singles from EUC 2015 in Geneva, Czech Michal Beneš and Anna Blazhko from Russia.



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First Interview with Anna Blazhko in Olomouc

How did your team qualify for this championship?

We qualified in a really good position and we have good chance to win this competition so I hope so, we will see.

Does your university or country has a system university sports?

We are professional players and we play in many competitions in Russia. Some of us play in national teams as well. We are sportive and this is professional for us.

Does university encourage you to play sports and get in the professional world afterwards?

I finished the sport college in Moscow and after I went to study in Kazan University. They give importance to sports and they support you in this.



20th birthday of Inês Nobre Guimarães Martins Teixeira from University of Porto



On the eve of the opening of the European Universities Table Tennis Championship the

student of Portugal University of Porto Inês Nobre Guimarães Martins Teixeira celebrated her **20th birthday**. Attentive Olomouc organisers came with a small present which they gave to the honoree on Tuesday before the general technical meeting.

Congratulations Inês !



General technical meeting

Yesterday evening took place the general technical meeting wherein the team competitions were drawn Team Events.

DRAW

MEN

Group A

Technical University of Ostrava (CZECH REPUBLIC), VU University of Amsterdam (NETHERLANDS), Rzeszow University of Technology (POLAND), University of Poitiers (FRANCE), University of Porto (PORTUGAL).

**Group B**

Magnitogorsk State Technical University (RUSSIA), University of Zurich (SWITZERLAND), Kozminski University (POLAND), Marmara University (TURKEY), University of Western Brittany (FRANCE).

Group C

The Angelus Silesius State School of Walbrzych (POLAND), Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences (FINLAND), Nottingham Trent University (UNITED KINGDOM), University of Gothenburg (SWEDEN), Istanbul Aydin University (TURKEY).

Group D

Saarland University (GERMANY), Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NORWAY), Stockholm School of Economics (SWEDEN), University Palacky Olomouc (CZECH REPUBLIC), University of Nottingham (UNITED KINGDOM).

WOMEN

Group A

University Palacky Olomouc (CZECH REPUBLIC), Jan Dlugosz University in Czeszochowa (POLAND), University of Paris 13 (FRANCE).

Group B

Kazan Innovative University (RUSSIA), University of Bordeaux (FRANCE), University of Hamburg (GERMANY).

Group C

Kozminski University (POLAND), University of Economics Prague (CZECH REPUBLIC), University of Porto (PORTUGAL).

Group D

University of Nottingham (UNITED KINGDOM), University School of Physical Education in Wroclaw (POLAND), University of Amsterdam (NETHERLANDS).

Schedule of the European Championship 2017 in Olomouc

Wednesday 21 June

Opening ceremony,
Introductory team competitions

Thursday 22 June

Team Competitions (continued)

Friday 23 June

Team Competitions (finals)

Saturday 24 June

Individual & Doubles Events

Sunday 25 June

Individual & Doubles Events,
Award and Closing ceremony



View to the history

Survey of European Academic Championships in Table Tennis:

2007 – Ostrava, **2008** – Latina (Italy), **2009** – Niš (Serbia), **2010** – Kazan (Russia), **2011** – Madeira (Portugal), **2013** – Zonguldak (Turkey), **2015** – Geneva (Switzerland).

Events and Title holders

Men's Team: Rzeszow University of Technology (Poland). **Women's Team:** Institute of Economics Management and Law Kazan (Russia). **Men's Singles:** Michal BENES (Technical University of Ostrava). **Women's Singles:** Anna BLAZHKO (Institute of Economics Mgmt and Law Kazan - Russia). **Men's Doubles:** Bajger / Benes (Technical University of Ostrava). **Women's Doubles:** Lebedeva / Blazhkova (LAW Kazan – Russia).

For complete information on the 8th European Academic Table Tennis Championship in Olomouc

see: <http://tabletennis2017.eusa.eu>