



International Rafting Federation

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Press release:

2010 IRF World Rafting Champs

As requested by the members at the 2007 IRF Congress, the IRF are now running R4 and R6 World Champs in alternating years. In 2009 it's the R6 World Champs and that, as we all know, will be held in Bosnia & Herzegovina.

In 2010 it will be the R4 World Champs. For this we received bids from Chile, Italy and Netherlands. After the first round we still had Italy and Netherlands. Both countries put in great bids. Italy's bid was to hold it on the Noce River in the Val di Sole region and the Netherlands on the artificial course in Zoetermeer. The attraction of having the event on the beautiful free-flowing river of Noce was great, however, the artificial course offers rafting the road to Olympics. Both locations offered great viewpoints for spectators, easy logistics and both bidders were offering similar packages to teams.

In the end we had to choose one. We feel the organisers chosen will do an extremely professional job of ensuring great media coverage, great exposure for the IRF and all its various sections, great deals for the teams, extras and spectators, and most importantly of all – will organise a GREAT R4 world rafting event where the teams are challenged and the spectators would be spoiled for views!

We thank both countries for their bids and would like to announce that the 2010 World Rafting Champs will be held in Zoetermeer in the Netherlands!

