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**Mountain runners club Papež –  
the proud organizer of the 16th European Championship at Velika planina,  
Slovenia**

The Mountain runners club Papež is a club with over 16 years of successful working tradition.

Mira and Dušan Papež have established the club mainly to give young people an opportunity to spend time in nature in a healthy, fun and useful way. Since the time when the club was established by a couple of enthusiasts, it has grown to a society that is well known and respected in the world of athletics at home and abroad. With dedicated and honest work they take good care of all their members. Living in the world of sports has even broader benefits, many families of our members and supporters also developed a new, healthier life style. We are proud of their cooperation with the club; although sometimes difficult and demanding, working with children and teenagers allows families and club members to spend time together on camps, trainings, races and young people can learn positive values together with their parents.

The club has more than 150 members. They enjoy mountain running, sky racing, vertical kilometres, mountain marathons and other fun and interesting activities. Our young members train with a lot of dedication under the supervision of their diligent trainers and achieve best results at local, national and international competitions.

The club organizes one of the most prestigious races in the world, the mountain race to Grintovec. For seven times the race has been a part of the Mountain running world cup and is considered to be one of the most demanding and best organized races in the world. Support of local community and more than 200 volunteers make this race a real mountain running festival of the whole valley under the Kamnik Alps.

In 2010 the club organized 26st World Championship at Velika planina. Runners still remember that race as one of the most beautiful and best organized races, which took the name of Slovenia way out into the world of international athletics.

On July 6th till July 8th KGT Papež will organize this year's biggest athletics event in Slovenia: the 16th European Championship in mountain running to Velika planina. The city of Kamnik

will host 25 European teams. Seven members of KGT Papež will run for the Slovenian national team.

Dušan Papež, director of the event is confident: "All of us together: organizers, runners, numerous companions and fans along the racing course and at the accompanying events, will create an amazing and memorable event. Let us be proud promoters of Slovenian athletics and mountain running in the world!"

Mira Papež



Občina Kamnik

