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New endurance season has begun in Samorin, Slovakia

Šamorin, Slovakia, Saturday 13.4. and Sunday 14.4.2019

The multifunctional resort x-bionic® sphere in Samorin, Slovakia successfully opened their new endurance season this weekend. Riders competed in several categories of dynamic races from international levels CEI3* 160 km, CEI2* 120 km, CEI1* 80 km A and B, CEIYJ1* 80 km and CEIYJ2* 120 km to national level rides.

„A very well organized event with professional stable staff and facilities, over 30 stewards were attending the course and road crossings and radio communication covered the entire course. It's a pleasure to be back in here.“, said FEI Technical delegate from Ireland Brian Dunn.

In total 77 combinations entered, even a small number of competitors from non-european countries such as Iraq, China or UAE. Chinese Gang Zhi with his grey mare Gazal Borbala shined at the 160 km track divided into 5 loops and took home well deserved victory. Cold weather didn't stop also Bojan LIPOVAC from Croatia with another „mare power“ THOR, who made it look easy to get second place in this race. Baydaa Muneed SHAKIR from Iraq on O'BAJAN HUNCUT, borrowed grey mare from Hungary , left nothing to chance and placed third.

„We have a great footing at our equestor sphere, which is very important for this sport especially in case of bad weather. We offer beautiful tracks alongside the Danube river created and maintained by our experienced course designer. I think safety from the horses perspective is very important.“, underlined race director Alexander Nalepka.

„Samorin is one of the most anticipated stops on my European endurance calendar .We have so much space to ride the horses. Stables have big boxes—there's nothing to complain about, to be honest. I'd rather drive a little bit further and come to a place like this then go to places where the horses don't have this quality.“, sums up Czech rider Petra Boudnikova, who competed in CEI1* 80km.

There was a strong delegation from neighbouring countries, almost no eliminations on the vet gates, no injuries and quite a good presence on the starting line. Organizers already look forward to next race, which will be held from 10th to 12 th May, 2019 at x-bionic® sphere.

See you soon!!

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About organizer :

The x-bionic® sphere represents a whole universe of sports, leisure and innovation and is located in the middle of Europe, in the vicinity of two major capitals and their international airports: Vienna, Austria and Bratislava, Slovakia. It is easily accessible from every European country within less than 3 hours. Covering a total area of more than 1 000 000 m², offering professional conditions for 27 Olympic sport disciplines. In the summer of 2016, x-bionic® sphere became the official Olympic training centre in Slovakia. A part of the resort is one of the most modern and biggest Olympic equestrian centers with main aim on show jumping and endurance disciplines.

