



More than thirty teams registered in the first week

## THE 2008 EDITION IS ALREADY TAKING SHAPE

Thirty four teams from 15 countries took up the challenge in the first week after registrations opened for the 2008 edition of the Estoril Portugal XPD Race. Eight months from the start of the race and over half the total number of the limit number of registrations are already filled.

Following on from an edition that was highly praised by all the teams that participated, the Estoril Portugal XPD Race 2008 is already drawing attention. The reason why? The huge number of international teams that signed up in the first week following the opening of registrations. Thirty four teams from a total of 15 countries have already reserved their places in this stage of the Adventure Racing World Series (ARWS), which will once again serve as a qualifier — not only to the winners, but to the top three teams classified — for the Adventure Racing World Championships that will be held in Portugal in 2009.

With more than half the places already filled, the organisers couldn't be happier. **“The number of registrations exceeded all expectations, especially in terms of the diversity and quality of teams who are already signed up. Of notable significance, for example, we have two teams who have already qualified for the World Championships that will be held in Brazil this year: the Spanish team TEVA, who won the last edition of the XPD Race, and the Polish Team Navigator Suunto who won the Polish stage of the ARWS and are thus also qualified for Brazil”**, explained Alexandre Guedes da Silva, president of the Portuguese Association of Adventure Races (APCA), the organisers of the Estoril Portugal XPD Race. **“This year we hope to reach the total of 60 teams”**, he continued.



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Between the 30<sup>th</sup> November and the 4<sup>th</sup> December, on the Estoril Coast, and in the Sintra-Cascais Natural Park another edition of this huge adventure will be held, taking the non-stop format. There will be great number of activities, and without the use of motorised vehicles, the athletes will have to test their physical stamina and psychological strength over the 600 km course. And there will be an extra incentive for the teams to pass all the challenges. At the end there will be a lottery for all the teams that didn't make it to the podium, for a chance to participate in the 2009 World Championships.

## Registered teams

12	Portugal
3	United Kingdom
3	Denmark
2	Netherlands
2	Spain
2	Brazil
2	Finland
1	South Africa
1	USA
1	Japan
1	Poland
1	Italy
1	Uruguay
1	Slovenia
1	Estonia

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