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Raid in France

world cup final in the firing line

In less than six months time, the town of l'Argentière-la-Bessée (Hautes-Alpes) will be the starting line of the world cup final of the ARWS raid adventure series. 71 teams, representing over 20 nations, will ligne up for the start of a non stop 5 day journey.

For a special event: a special start. On Saturday, 15th September the teams will commence, one after the other, every 60 seconds, in the ranking order issue of a mini prologue, to assault this sporting and human adventure, unique in France.

The competitors in this world cup raid adventure final, selected during the different world cup legs (ARWS) throughout 2012, will cover over 520 kilometres non stop and accomplish between 16 000 and 18 000 metres of positive climb. They will only sleep for a dozen hours in total and will link the events in total autonomy: mountain bike, glacier walking, mountain racing, trekking, caving, canoeing (class 3), rafting (class 4), climbing.

The first teams will be expected at the finish line on Thursday the 20th of September, at Roquebrune Cap-Martin (Alpes Maritimes), on the Mediterranean sea, and the last on Saturday the 22nd.

For information, Raid in France is inscribed in the ARWC calendar since 2007. The race is in teams of four (3 males and 1 female) and offers a return to a real sense of adventure. Totally immersed in the wild where one must excel and go beyond ones limits calling upon strong human values needed to progress as a team until the finish line.

Those journalist wishing to follow the race on the terrain, please return the press accreditation which can be downloaded on the site www.raidinfrance.fr in the rubric 'presse'. During the event, Raid in France will make several conference rooms available along the route, as well as mini buses going to the 'hot' points of the race.

*The Adventure Racing World Series is an international circuit of adventure races creating a 12 month calendar of professional events around the world. The series events in 2012 are Huairasinchi-Ecuador, Tierra-Viva-Argentina, GodZone-New Zeland, Costa Rica Adventure Race, Apex-Switzerland, Untamed New England-USA, Adidas Terrex-England, Gold Rush Mother Lode-UDA. Adventure Racing World Series events are qualifiers for the Adventure Race World Championship: Raid in France.

