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Race of Drones Oulu launches the 2020 World Cup series

Organised for the second time, Race of Drones Oulu brings the leading international names of drone racing to Oulu, the biggest city in northern Finland. Drone racing is one of the fastest-growing sports around the world.

Race of Drones Oulu is the first one in a series of 19 World Cup races published and arranged by World Air Sports Federation FAI this year. So far it is also the only one in Finland. The event is open for all audience and will be arranged at Ouluhalli sports arena on Fri 13 March.

The World Cup start in Oulu attracted 40 registrations in a single day. The competitors come from 14 countries, including China, the Philippines, and Morocco. The total number of registered competitors is 47.

"There has been a lot of interest due to our timing. The World Championships took place just before the turn of the year, and most of the other World Cup competitions are not arranged until the summer. This competition will definitely have at least the same high level as last year," anticipates **Ari-Pekka Repo**, Chairman of FPV Finland, the Finnish drone association.

The group of competitors includes for example last year's winner of the first Race of Drones Oulu, **Tomass Pētersons** from Latvia, along with many other professional World Cup competitors.

Sport gaining popularity also in Finland

At drone racing, the competitors fly their drones via remote controls and follow the route through FPV goggles. The drones can fly as fast as 200 kilometres per hour indoors.

"The gear is becoming more and more powerful and the pilots more and more skilled," says Ari-Pekka Repo.

The sport is on the rise also in Finland: national competitions are being organised and the Finnish national team has been doing well in the World Cup.

Race of Drone Oulu will take place on Friday 13 March between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. It is open to all audience and entry is free of charge. The race will be hosted by the Ambassador of Oulu, played by popular actor **Ernest Lawson**.

BusinessOulu organises the Race of Oulu event in collaboration with FPV Finland. The competition is an official part of the professional FAI Drone Racing World Cup.

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