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Bedřichov, start and finish village of Jizerska Padesátka

# Jizerská Padesátka

## DEAR SPORTSMEN AND FRIENDS OF CLASSICAL SKIING,

*I would like to take the present opportunity to offer you an invitation to the 41st annual event of one of the oldest and most prestigious sport event in the Czech Republic. Historically, the Jizerská 50 was first held in 1968 as a testing race for the abilities of mountain climbers. However, the race gained a further dimension in 1971, when it was held in memory of Czech climbers perished in Peru in 1970 during a rock avalanche on the slopes of Mt. Huascarán.*

*During the entire period of its existence, the Jizerská 50 has won respect and recognition among professional and amateur skiers, not only from the Czech Republic but from all of Europe and indeed the world, considering that the race has also attracted entrants from the USA, Canada or Australia. In anticipation of the unique atmosphere of this great winter sports event, the region sees the arrival of over 4 thousand entrants, who can choose from three different routes: 30 km in free technique and 25 and 50 km in classical technique. The longest route, of 50 km, is part of the prestigious FIS Marathon Cup series. And of course, we cannot forget the younger members of the family, for whom a special children's race is laid on. Besides the race itself, the organisers have arranged many accompanying events that form a pleasant diversion not only for the spectators. As of*

*last year, the race acquired a new general partner, the financial company Patria Direct. Not only thanks to this new partner, the race is being modernised, the services improved, and above all, its reputation is increasing among the general public, both at home and abroad.*

*The 41st annual Patria Direct Jizerská 50 will be held on January 11. - 13., 2008 in Bedřichov. Come and visit the Czech Republic and discover the beauty of the Jizera Mountains. For more information, visit the official website [www.jiz50.cz](http://www.jiz50.cz).*

*Looking forward to meeting with you, and wishing you a successful skiing season in 2007/08.*



*On behalf of the entire Jizerská 50 team,  
Kateřina Neumannová  
6-time Olympic medallist and 4-time world  
champion in cross country skiing*