ONLINE REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2017 MONTRÉAL INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON NOW AVAILABLE

MONTRÉAL, Que. - The Montréal International Triathlon announced on Monday that registrations for the 2017 event are now open. Since spots are limited, people should register quickly.

After hosting an ITU World Cup in 2016, Montréal is now part of the premium international triathlon circuit, the World Triathlon Series.

World elites will meet in the Old Port of Montréal on Aug. 5 and 6.

“The best triathletes will start in the afternoon, but in the morning, everyone will be welcomed to enter. No matter the level, everyone is invited to participate in this unique opportunity to complete a triathlon in the Old Port and in the closed roads of downtown Montréal”, said Patrice Brunet, president and chief executive officer of the Montréal International Triathlon. “In 2016, we had more than 1,000 participants and in 2017, our capacity will be only 1,500 - participants need to register quickly to reserve their spot.”

Nine stops are on the 2017 agenda; the first race will be in Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates) on March 3 and 4 and will end in Rotterdam (Netherlands) on September 14 and 15. Montréal will be the seventh stop on the calendar. The event will be broadcast live around the world.

A success for the first edition!
In 2016, participants represented 28 countries during the event. Last year 22,000 fans and 600 volunteers were onsite for this historic event.

In total, 18 Canadian elites (eight women, ten men) took part in the competition. Canadien Matthew Sharpe, (Victoria, C.-B.) 83rd in the world, finished on the second step of the podium. Quebec athlete Xavier Grenier-Talavera (Montréal), was the second best Canadian (14th) and was the best among Quebec natives.

Paula Findlay (Edmonton, Alta.), was the best Canadian in the women category with a 10th place and Emy Legault (Île Perrot, Que.) was the best Quebec native with a 27th position.

The formula has two levels, amateur and elite, which means that everyone can register in the individual or relay category. The two disciplines are triathlon, and duathlon offered in different distances.

This year, more than $350,000 will be awarded in prize money.
For more information on the Montréal International Triathlon, please visit:

**Official site of the event**: www.montreal.triathlon.org
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**ABOUT THE MONTRÉAL INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON**

Montréal International Triathlon is a non-profit organization. Its goal is to develop a rich triathlon legacy in eastern Canada by hosting an annual world sports event over the next several years, thereby promoting a healthy and active lifestyle to current and upcoming triathletes, making the sport more accessible to all and showcasing the world’s top triathletes.

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