

The Best of... History of Záríečie Biketrial Club

Ján Šidlík sr. from Záríečie is one of the founding members of the biketrial sport in Slovakia. Záríečie Biketrial Club is the only club in Slovakia working continuously since its inception 30 years ago. Since 1983 the club annually prepared at least one national race, and over the past 10 years three competitions a year. Záríečie Biketrial Club organized the World Championships in 1995, 1997 and World Indoor Cup in Púchov in 1996. Púchov was also the scene of the World Indoor Championship 2000, prepared by members of the Záríečie Biketrial Club. In collaboration with the town Púchov the members of Záríečie Biketrial club organized the Indoor Championships in 2006, European Cup in 2008 and a lot of other competitions with international participation. The first Slovak woman who competed at world championships was Gabriela Daníková from Záríečie Biketrial Club and she took second place in the final results. Representatives from Záríečie have for many years formed at least half of the Slovak national team and their results are significantly contributing to the excellent results of Slovakia in the ranking of countries.

Picture on the cover: World Champion Peter Barták from Záríečie Biketrial Club in Shanghai

Picture on this page: The team representing Slovakia at the opening ceremony of World Biketrial Championship 1997 in Púchov. 9 of the 12 Slovak team members are from Záríečie

The Year 2012

Záríečie Biketrial riders won medals again!

Last year was for the riders of Biketrial Club Záríečie a great success in terms of the results achieved. Riders competed at the **BIU European Championship** in Scheibenberg where **Kristína Sýkorová won the silver medal** in the category Femina, Junior rider **Martin Behro got fourth place** and **Tomáš Kalús** in the category Senior finished **fifth**. **Tatiana Janíčková won the gold at the UCI European Championships** in Riedelbach and **the bronze at the UCI World Cup** in Saalfelden! **Kristína Sýkorová**, after her very comparable performance with Janíčková at **UCI World Cup**, managed to occupy **a very nice fourth place**. Based on the points earned at the World Cup in Aalter, Val d Isere, Antwerp, Pra Loup and Geneva, as well as points earned for their results at World and European Championships, **Janíčková won the UCI ranking** and **Sýkorová ranked in the excellent fourth place**. The **BIU World Championships** were attended by one rider from Záríečie Biketrial Club – **Tomáš Kalús – who came in 11th place** in a very strong competition. The Championships were held in Igualada in Spain, Saix in France and Sonic in Italy.

Picture: 1st – Tatiana Janíčková, 3rd – Kristína Sýkorová at the World Cup 2012 in Val d Isere

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In addition to winning a number of medals the representatives of Záríečie Biketrial Club achieved also many valuable results very close to the medal positions. Záríečie riders are very proud about the period from 2002 to 2006, when our four riders Peter Barták, Ján Šidlík, Peter Muziga and Peter Javorek following their excellent results qualified to advance into the world's elite categories Elite and Masters, this achievement is unprecedented in Slovakia. Peter Barták and Jan Šidlík were invited by the organizers to take part at the competitions in Hong Kong and Shanghai, as the top world riders they were to contribute to the popularity of biketrial in China and to promote the Olympic Games. The best riders of Záríečie Biketrial Club competed in several towns in China and Japan, in New Zealand, Singapore, Canada, USA and in almost all European Countries. Every year our athletes represent our club at more than 35 competitions and numerous shows and demonstrations. Záríečie town had been the home of the Slovak Biketrial Union since its establishment until the year 2011. The president of Slovak Biketrial Union and the national team trainer, who was in these roles between 1995 and 2010, comes also from the Záríečie Biketrial Club.

Picture: World Champion Ján Šidlík, World Championships in Livigno, Italy

The Year 2013

As a part of their preparation for the Championships the representatives will take part in nine races in Slovakia and in approximately 10 competitions in the Czech Republic, Poland, Germany and other countries near to Slovakia. The best riders are awaiting **participation in the World Cup competitions** in Heubach in Germany, Walbrzych in Poland, Pra Loup and Meribel both in France and Antwerp in Belgium. The **UCI European Championship** is organized in Bern in **Switzerland** and the **BIU European Championship** will be in **Spain**. **We are planning our participation at both UCI and BIU World Championships**. The UCI WBCH will take place in Pietermaritzbur in **South Africa**. The BIU World Championships consist of three rounds: 1st round in **China**, 2nd round in **Czech Republic**, 3rd round in **Spain**. The best riders of our club have got a very good chance to win medals at these competitions.

25th May 2013 – European Cup in Záríečie

The EBU Committee selected Záríečie Biketrial Club to host the European Cup in 2013. This will be the tenth major international event organized by Záríečie Biketrial Club. The competition will be attended by dozens of European riders who will compete on natural and artificial sections. The track will be located in the course of Záríečie Biketrial Club, at the stone pitch in the village Mestečko and 'behind the underpass' in the village Záríečie.

Picture on the left: Sections in trialpark of Záríečie Biketrial Club

Picture on the right: Natural sections in the stone pitch