

## International Youth Rock Climbing Festival "Europe - Asia 2006" Report



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The International Youth Rock Climbing Festival "Europe - Asia 2006" (Festival) was held in Russia from the 14th of July to the 02nd of August. The first part was held in the Urals, the second part - in Siberia. The organiser of this event is Vitaly Primerov, Master of sports in rock climbing, the coach of Children's Sports School of Rock Climbing and Mountaineering in Ekaterinburg. It is the 5th International Youth Rock Climbing Festival organised by Vitaly Primerov.

All these events were held under the aegis of YC UIAA or Global Youth Summit and supported by the Administration of the city of Ekaterinburg and the Federation of Sports Climbing of Russia. These events have attracted hundreds of young people who have joined the wonderful world of mountaineering and rock climbing.

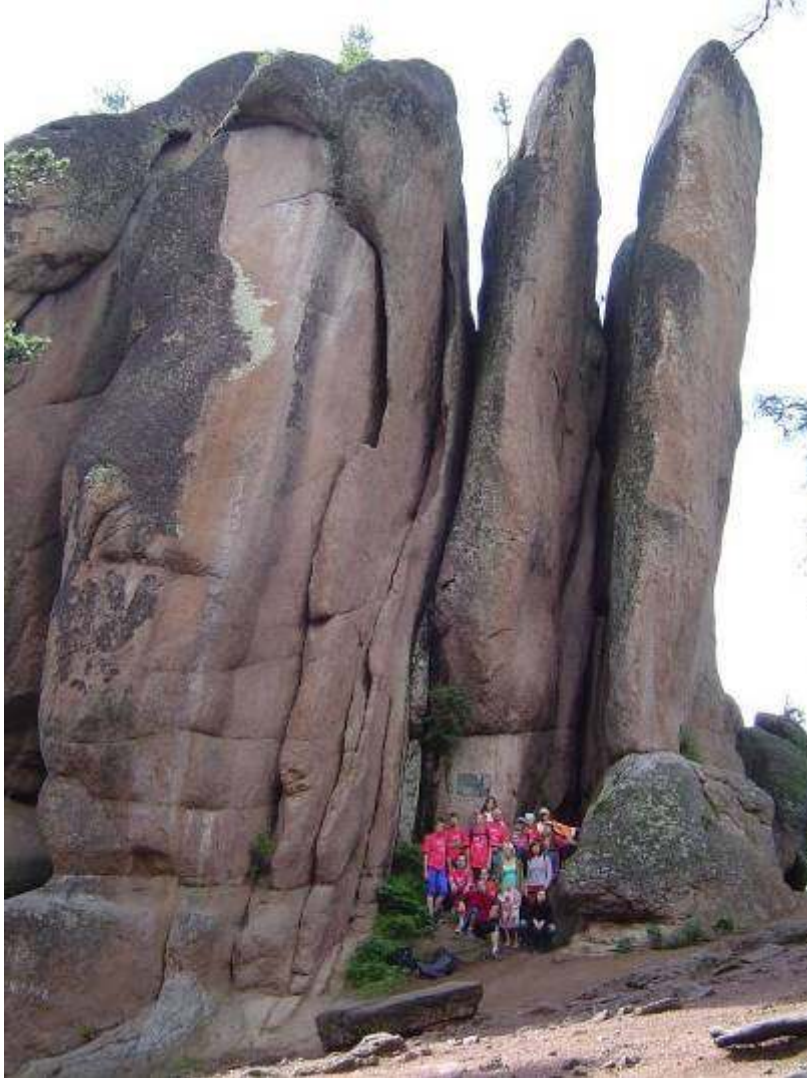
The main feature of this year Festival was that it partly took place in the National Park "Stolby" near Krasnoyarsk. The Festival raised great interest among the rock climbing community of Krasnoyarsk. It was highlighted in the local mass media. Many famous stolbists were interested in the events of this kind, especially in holding of such event on the Stolby with wider participation of young climbers. While our being in the National Park "Stolby" participants got acquainted with the unique special style of climbing "stolbizm" with its origin and traditions, the participants also had an opportunity to learn a lot about flora and fauna of the National park.

### About the participants

45 sportsmen took part in the Festival 2006. Among them: 2 girls from Switzerland, 1 girl from Germany, 1 boy from Kazakhstan, and others from Russia. All the participants got the souvenirs with the symbols of the capital of the Urals, special t-shirts with the symbols of YC UIAA, Global Youth Summit 2006.



Mass media support



The Festival "Europe - Asia 2006" was highlighted by the central and local press and TV channels. The opening ceremony which took place on the border between Europe and Asia was broadcasted by 3 TV channels both the All - Russia and local, and in Siberia the information in the local press.

### **The opinions of the participants**

Denise Bayard (Switzerland): " We wondered the friendly attitude of all the members of the Festival to us. We were amazed by the nature of Siberia and the atmosphere of the Festival. Many thanks to the organisers of this event, we got the brightest impressions of communication with the Russian people. We will never forget these two weeks in Russia."

Marina Berdyaeva (Russia) : " It is the first time I take part in the events like this. Most of all I was impressed by the lessons of climbing on the wonderful rocks of Shikhan (the Urals) and Rock Pillars (Stolby). And I liked that was the atmosphere of cooperation in the camp not rivalry.



### **Conclusions**

The programme of the Festival is fulfilled completely. The level of organizing is very high, everything was done in time and according to the plan. In the whole the Festival was organized and held according to the recommendations and criteria of the YC UIAA. We would like to express the perplexity that despite of the interesting programme and good organisation of the Festival there are so few participants from the

countries - members of YC UIAA.

The leader of the International Youth Rock Climbing Festival "Europe - Asia 2006"

Vitaly Primerov.