



**«Rocks Are For Everybody»
8.06.2005 - 19.06.2005**

INTRODUCTION

This year we are supporting a rock climbing project in Russia which involves preparation of new climbing routes outdoors produced for participants from 7 cities in Russia; Ekaterinburg, Saint Petersburg, Izhevsk, Tyumen, Magnitogorsk, Miass and Shadrinsk – the onsite marathon festival. The routes test participants' ability to take up these outdoor challenges and also offer an understanding of the environmental considerations for route setting outdoors, specific categorization of routes by their difficulty considering local ethics and climbing style. The project aims are two fold; to run an educational course in routesetting with international participation and to offer the resulting routes of the seminar to climbers from many cities in Russia to enable them to consider developing outdoor climbing activity around their cities to complement indoor training.

This project supported the attendance of Alexander Klenov and Vitaly Primerov to attend the UIAA Youth Commission meetings to offer planning assistance in launching this project, «Rocks Are For Everybody» and International Youth Rock Climbing Festival "Europe – Asia 2005" which follows up from the previously supported youth leader training event held in the Urals. Advice was received from UIAA Youth Commission members and also the UIAA Sports and Development Director of the time. Follow on from this project can also be seen in the 2006 Global Youth Summit programme where Alex Klenov undertakes a similar project route setting project with the Macedonian Sports Climbing Federation.

Many thanks to the IOC and Association of IOC International Recognized Sports Federations (ARISF) for their support of this programme.

In 2006 the support from ARISF will be used for the Italian UIAA Youth Commission / CAI Youth Leader Training Seminar in the dolomites, Italy which has received participants from 10 countries.

2006 GLOBAL YOUTH SUMMIT PROGRAMME

This consists of 12 events including sports climbing, trekking, routesetting, ski mountaineering, summit success, environmental education for youth and youth leader training taking place in 2006. Full programme information can be seen on www.uiaa.ch under Global Youth Summit 2006. Most of the projects follow a sporting, educational or environmental theme allowing for the exchange of cultural aspects between participants and countries. The report from Global Youth Summit 2004/5 follows on from this document.

Anne Arran, UIAA Youth Commission President

BACKGROUND - MAIN REPORT

Rock-climbing, being an offspring of mountain climbing is drifting further and further apart from its parent in Russia. The very idea of rock-climbing – delicately overcoming the most difficult walls in real outdoor conditions, using only the strength and agility of a trained body – is gradually disappearing. There is hardly a rock-climber not spending almost all of their time in a gym who is prepared to demonstrate their ability on real rocks, especially for 'traditional climbing routes' without use of bolts. The term 'rock-climbing' gradually loses the right to contain the 'rock' root, since many athletes have never seen real rocks. Here there are virtually no more mountain climbers capable of free climbing, even under ideal conditions. We are losing traditions of our mountain climbing school of the Ural, which used to be different from many, a team in the USSR by winning mostly on the account of high level of climbing practice of all team members. Mountain climbers, masters of rock-climbing, all demonstrated phenomenal results on peaks of any classification, from the walls of Crimea to Everest.

One of the reasons for the decrease in climbing level is a virtual absence of classified rock routes in the Ural. Those who climb rocks without trainers – the latter are not supposed to be provided for adults at all

– cannot evaluate their level, don't know what to strive for, and simply lose an important motivation factor: 'catch up and surpass'.

Alexander Klenov decided to try and correct the situation. As of beginning of June we started a long, difficult, but very much needed program '**Rocks for Everybody**'. The main direction of the project is to set new classified routes in the Ural for all styles of climbing in an environmentally considerate way. A constantly updated catalogue of both existing and new routes will be created on www.manaraga.ru. Classic routes will be made, so that rock climbers who overcome these will be able to realistically evaluate other routes. A community of climbers on natural rocks will be established.

At the first stage of the program, new routes will be set on rocks in the Kourovka area under the guidance of Alexander Klenov, internationally certified route-setter and member of the UIAA Youth Commission. These routes will be tested by holding a festival "ONSITE MARATHON". Those who have not completed the routes during the festival will be able to try them on the rock later on, since, as different from a regular competition, the routes will be accessible for all any time available afterwards.



SEMINAR PROGRAMME 8.06.2005 - 19.06.2005

This seminar is intended to help local climbers to set routes on their crags and for participants to share understanding of route setting and grading on different rocks and in different parts of the world. We will begin with sports climbing and progress to traditional climbing in future events. This is interesting for all climbers, particularly those who want to establish new routes.

Alexander Klenov
climbing 'traditional
style', using
removable protection
in Llanberis pass,
Wales, UK

1 day

- Acquaintance and discussion about the essence and importance of preparation of routes on rocks and safety precautions.
- Discussion of climbing styles and ethics in different countries – slide shows from participants
- Climbing of the bolted lines on the cliff "Fat man" Kourovka.
- Estimation of climbing level of meeting participants.
- Practice in an estimating grades of the routes.

2 day

- Training in self protection and fixing the static rope to the cliff face.
- Skills of safe descent and ascent of fixed ropes
- Forming of working groups for creating the new routes on the crag

3 day

- Installation of fixed static ropes and self protection in working groups.
- The general rules of safe work.
- Cleaning of a rock – removing loose blocks sensitively and cleaning of vegetation, brushing.

4 day

- End of preliminary cleaning.
- Test-climbing of the line and identifying the best line and positions for the protection.

5 day

- The principles of placing bolts – discussion and types, pros and cons of the different types in different rocks. Hand placing and with a drill.
 - Selecting positions of bolts.
 - Training the skills of using all of the equipment and rules of installation of anchors at the top of the climb.
- 6 day**
- Installation of bolts.
 - Discussion
- 7 day**
- Climbing on completed routes, the final cleaning and estimation of degree of difficulty.
- 8 day**
- Drawing of TOPOS. Route names.
- 9-10 day**
- Rest and consolidation of any techniques, further discussion.
 - Party and departure.

At opening ceremony there were official representatives of the Governor of Sverdlovsk area, Vadim Dubichev and Michael Sveshnikov which, together the President of Federation of rock-climbing of Russia (CFR), Alexander Piratinsky lifted the flag of the Sverdlovsk area.

The program of the seminar is completely executed. Certificates of successful passage of routes from CFR have received. Have received the diploma of participation in UIAA Youth Commission Camps 2005 & Global Youth Summit 2005 SEMINAR "Route setting on natural rock for sport climbing".

Seminar participants

Sergey Dashkevich - Ekaterinburg
 "MANARAGA-TEAM"
 Ekaterina Vertiprahova - Ekaterinburg
 Mihajlov Maxim - Yekaterinburg
 Vladimir Motovilov - Tyumen

Stanislav Lobzov - Tyumen
 Ilya Vlasov - Magnitogorsk
 Ilya Permjakov – Miass
 Guillermo Rogel - Spain

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Seminar outcomes

- New routes on rock "Tolstik" both the equipment and clearing of a new wall of the rock above water were set by **9 routesetters** on the seminar.
- Creation of a planked footway established by a rock for access.
- Following the seminar **61 climbers** took part in competitions « **On-sight Marathon** » from Yekaterinburg, Saint Petersburg, Izhevsk, Tyumen, Magnitogorsk, Miass, Shadrinsk, among them 10 masters of sports winners of many prestigious competitions in Russia and abroad.
- Routes in place for local people from Sverdlovsk region to climb for many years to come.
- Approval of UIAA Youth Commission's Alex Klenov to work in partnership with the Macedonia Sports Climbing Federation to run a similar routesetting seminar in Ohrid, Macedonia in 2006.
- Participants received a certificate for UIAA Youth Commission Camps 2005 & Global Youth Summit 2005 "Route setting on natural rock for sport climbing"

All trainers and participants are very pleased with the competitions, the seminar, and routes and certainly generous prizes from "MANARAGA".

Media

www.russianclimb.com, www.managara.ru; www.climbing.org; Spanish Federation climbing magazine, www.uiaa.ch; local newspapers.



Some Festival and seminar images



Report by Alexander Klenov

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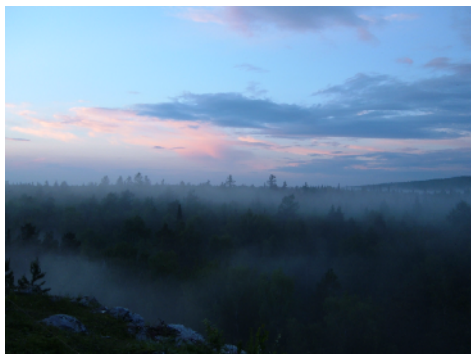
International Youth Rock Climbing Festival “Europe – Asia 2005” was held in the Urals in July 15-29 2005.

It was organised under the aegis of the Youth Commission of UIAA, the Department of Sports, Tourism and physical culture development of the Yekaterinburg Administration, Children’s School of the Olympic Reserve of Mountain sports. It is a follow on practical event for diffusing of information from the 2004 Youth leader training in the Urals

Aims of the Festival

- Showing the benefits of rock climbing outdoors, physical and ecological as well as a powerful means of upbringing of young people.
- Popularization of the ideas of the YC UIAA and Global Youth Summit (GYS) among Russian youth.
- Diffusing the UIAA safety standards during rock climbing.
- The development of contacts among young people of different countries; upbringing of the tolerance towards the culture of other countries; language practice; cultural exchange.
- Strengthening of the authority of Yekaterinburg as one of the centers of mountain sports in Russia.
- Attracting the attention of city sports authorities to the development of rock climbing as one of the most emotional and powerful means of upbringing young people.

Participants



Among the participants of the festival there were 25 young people from different towns of Russia; 2 participants from Spain, 2 from Austria, 1 girl from USA. Some honored guests took part in the ceremony of the opening of the Festival. Among them the Director of the Children's School of Mountain Sports, honored master of sport, the ascender on many Himalayan peaks Valery Pershin; the famous mountaineer awarded with "The Golden axe 2004" Alexey Bolotov. Complete quantity of participants took part in Festival of almost **60 people**.

Results

- The programme of the Festival is fully completed
- The spirit of the Festival corresponds to the purposes and principles of YC UIAA – Global Youth Summit
- The participants approve the organization and holding the Festival, they believe that such events are useful, they would like to take part in such events next year
- The participants have got T-shirts with the symbols of YC UIAA and Global Youth Summit. This symbols also used on the transparent were shown on many TV channels both local and central.
- The participants have cleaned 3 rock massifs in the outskirts of Yekaterinburg from the garbage – 3 lorries of garbage were taken away from these territories.
- The participants approved the event in the form of a Festival.
- The local authorities express more and more interest in these kinds of events – our Festival was included in the calendar of town sports events of the year 2005.
- Our young people have realized that it is interesting and useful to spend spare time in climbing, rafting and in other outdoor activities.
- The exchange in the experience of safety standards was very useful.

Media

- Mass media were greatly interested in our Festival – it was shown on the central channels of Russia TV and reported on several websites.

Problems

- Foreign participants usually send their application forms too late (after the deadline). It makes very difficult for organizers to pass the invitations through the Department of visas and registrations in time.

Opinions of the participants

"What I liked most of all were people who took part in the festival, especially young Russians. I have heard many times that the youngsters here have become wicked and lazy, that they have no interests except computers and money. And I was very glad to learn, that it is not true at all - young Russian people in the camp were friendly, clever, hardworking, and it was interesting to talk with them about their lives and interests. All foreigners had very strong impressions about how concerted was all the work in the camp organized. In America in such camps there are usually many strict rules about who must do this or that work and when, and people often get angry at each other, when something is done in the wrong way. In this camp there were very few such debates, but the work was done properly. The participants of this festival didn't lose good temper when they faced difficulties like hard rain and tiredness. The Ural people seem to be both cheerful and hardy." **Amanda (USA)**

"It was the first travel around Russia which is a new country for me, quite different from Spain. I met a lot of good people. The nights with fire and good live music are very special. And of course climbing – it was great! The thing I didn't like were mosquitoes – too many **Alvaro (Spain)**

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