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INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe 2021 a competition for fans worldwide

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INDOOR MEETING without spectators in the Europahalle / Gold Status meeting effective immediately / "Sport in the City" as a summer event 2021 in the heart of the city / Start of the World Athletics Indoor Tour in Karlsruhe

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As a well-established location for athletics, Karlsruhe will continue to present world-class sport in 2021 with the INDOOR MEETING, when top athletes go to the starting line on 29 January 2021. Due to the coronavirus regulations, the INDOOR MEETING in Karlsruhe on Friday, 29 January 2021, will be held in front of empty stands in the Europahalle. "The international TV rights have already been awarded by the World Federation; Karlsruhe will again be present all over the world. In the next few weeks, we will make every effort with the planning to make the INDOOR MEETING as attractive as possible at the best broadcasting time, to get both national and regional athletics fans in front of their televisions at home," says Martin Wacker, Managing Director of the promoter, Karlsruhe Marketing und Event GmbH.

The INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe has now received another honour at the same time. Since last year, the INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe has been part of the "Hall of Fame" of athletics. It has now been awarded Gold Status by the World Federation, with the other World Athletics Indoor Tour meetings. This proves the high standing of the meeting as one of the most important indoor meetings worldwide.

With spectators again next year, there will be a completely new athletics format in Karlsruhe, as planning is already under way at Karlsruhe Marketing und Event GmbH for a new open-air event on the Karlsruhe market square at the end of August. The plan is to bring athletics in the form of a pole vaulting and long jump event into the Karlsruhe City for its citizens and visitors – into the heart of the city, so to speak. "Unfortunately, we will not be able to welcome our loyal and actually essential spectators into the arena for the INDOOR MEETING 2021, due to the current situation. But we don't want the athletics fans in Karlsruhe to miss out on athletics altogether," says Sport Director, Alain Blondel.

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“Such jumper events, which we are already familiar with from other cities, are always something very special, due to their nearness to the athletes. The Karlsruhe market square is ideal as an open-air event venue,” says Blondel. With this new format, we want to give the sports clubs in Karlsruhe and the region a platform to present themselves and contribute to the revival of the city centre with “Sport in the City”.

As a founding member, Karlsruhe has been a permanent fixture in the international athletics calendar since 2016 with the INDOOR MEETING. The INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe will also be part of the World Athletics Indoor Tour series in 2021 and will launch the tour on 29 January. Further stages will be the meetings in Boston, USA (6 February), Liévin, France (9 February), New York, USA (13 February), Torun, Poland (17 February) and the end of the tour in Madrid, Spain (24 February). In addition to the USD 20,000 prize money, beckoning the tour winners in each discipline, the winner will also receive a wildcard for the Indoor World Championships (19 to 21 March) in Nanjing, China, which were postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

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Stages of the World Athletics Indoor Tour 2021:

29.01.2021: INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe (Karlsruhe, GER)
06.02.2021: New Balance Indoor Grand Prix (Boston, USA)
09.02.2021: Meeting Hauts-de-France Pas-de-Calais (Liévin, FRA)
13.02.2021: NYRR Millrose Games (New York, USA)
17.02.2021: ORLEN Copernicus Cup (Torun, POL)
24.02.2021: Villa de Madrid (Madrid, ESP)

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