



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND

The Finns are an orienteering nation. Here, in the land of forests, the summer orienteering events attract large numbers of participants every week. Orienteering is a versatile sport that combines physical and mental agility. Orienteering brings together people who love nature and outdoor activities. The map speaks a common language, whatever your background.

This year, the World Orienteering Championships will be held near the centre of Kuopio in eastern Finland. The Kuopio region offers challenging terrain for even the most experienced orienteers. I would like to thank Kuopion Suunnistajat, the City of Kuopio and the countless volunteers for making this event possible. The competition arrangements and facilities are world class.

I wish all orienteers, service teams and supporters memorable World Championship moments and a successful Orienteering Week.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Alexander Stubb". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Alexander Stubb
President of the Republic of Finland
Patron of the World Orienteering Championships 2025 and the Fin5 Orienteering Week