

# 100 km Berlin - Staffel

## 10 x 10.000 m im Stadion

### HISTORY

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The "100km Berlin-Staffel - 10 x 10.000m im Stadion" (100 km relay race - 10 x 10,000m in a stadium") is a running event, which was designed by Horst Schuller, Berlin. Organized by Horst Schuller and some of his sports friends, the first 100km Berlin-Staffel took place at the "Lipschitzallee" sports field in Berlin-Gropiusstadt on Ascension Day in 1978 (Thursday, May 4th). Due to the date, the sports event was called

### **Erster 100-km-Vatertags-Staffellauf - 10 x 10 000 m**

(First 100 km Father's Day relay race – 10 x 10,000 m)

The motto was **LAUFEN, WEIL ES SPASS MACHT** (Run to have fun) and the idea was to organize a running event for both, professional athletes and runners with a lower performance as well as to encourage team spirit and the sense of a common bond within a sports club. Runners, usually doing their sports individually, should become a team while still remaining an individual competitor, for which the running time is measured separately. Thus an athlete's performance could also be used for the "Spiridon Triathlon", for example.

11 relay teams started and the event was a great success. The winner was the team of the SCC Berlin. They needed **6:04:11** hours and were setting the first world record.

The participants were very enthusiastic about this new running event and asked Horst Schuller to repeat the relay race in 1979.

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#### Participants in the first run and contemporary witnesses:

Hans Werner Ram	SCC Berlin	Hans Joachim Rother	SCC Berlin
Alfred Schall	Stolpertruppe - Spiridon Berlin	Siegfried Job	Stolpertruppe
Lothar Pawlak	Stolpertruppe	Sven Pawlak	Stolpertruppe
Günter Fischer	Stolpertruppe - SCC Berlin	Dr. Peter Ligdas	BSC
Franz-Ludwig Feddema	BSC - SCC Berlin	Horst Knopf	BSC
Klaus Schmidt	IBM Club	Frank Beggerow	IBM Club
Raymond Kiebitz	Berlin Fire Department		
Helmut Kersten	Berlin Fire Department		
Helmuth Aull	4th secondary school Neukölln (Otto-Hahn-Schule)		
Hartmuth Voigt	4th secondary school Neukölln (Otto-Hahn-Schule) - LTC Berlin		

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In 1979, Horst Schuller succeeded in inviting a relay team from Switzerland. The Swiss team set a new world record: **5:39:28**. On May 15th, 1980 the event was renamed because outside of Germany the name "Vatertag" (Father's day) was unknown. The new name was:

### **Internationale 100 km Berlin-Staffel**

#### **10 x 10 000 m im Stadion**

(International 100 km Berlin relay race - 10 x 10,000m in a stadium)

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Horst Schuller was head of the event until 1983. The Stolpertruppe kept organizing the 100 km Berlin-Staffel until 2000. In 2001 the sports club "SCC Berlin" took charge of the event and is still the organiser of the 100 km Berlin-Staffel.

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