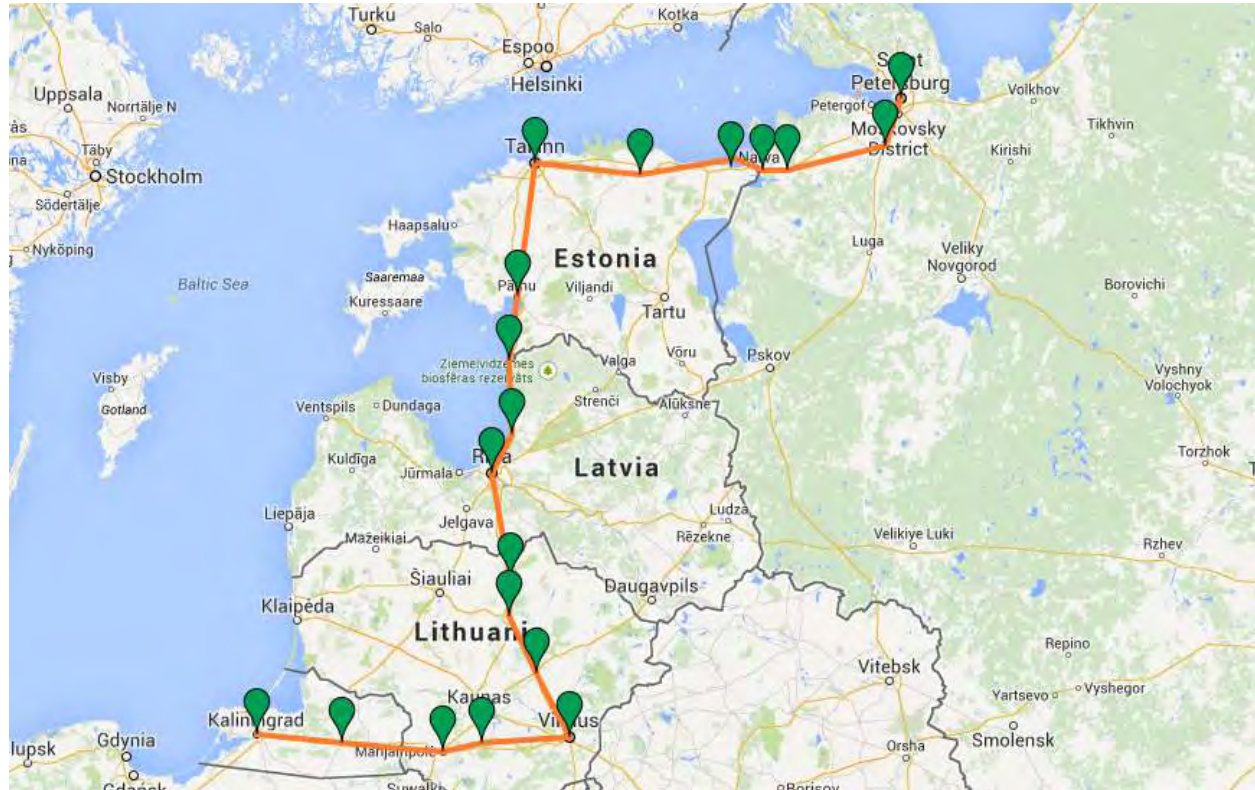


St. Petersburg-Kaliningrad Super-Marathon to Promote Dialogue

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St. Petersburg, Russia - An international group of long-distance runners are making plans to “run for peace” in a super-marathon that will take them through four nations bordering the Baltic Sea in the autumn of 2014.

The latest super-marathon event—titled “Baltic Dialogue 2014!”—will start in the former Russian capital of St. Petersburg on Sept. 20 and pass through Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania before ending in Kaliningrad, capital of the Russian exclave of the same name, on Oct. 4. The length of the run is estimated at 1,400 kilometers (approximately 870 miles).

The International Super-Marathon Association was established in the early 1990s to promote peace and friendship between peoples, to form a favorable perception of citizens of Russia in other nations, and to advertise a healthy lifestyle. In the summer of 2013 an international group of runners completed a 3,100-kilometer (1,864-mile) Super-Marathon from Moscow to Paris.

The 23 runners scheduled to participate in the Baltic event come not only from the four Baltic neighbors mentioned above but also from Belarus, Kazakhstan and Ukraine. They will be accompanied by seven staff members, including a doctor and drivers of support vehicles.

The event is being organized by the International Super-Marathon Association together with Moscow’s Modern University for the Humanities. It is being sponsored by UPF-Eurasia, the All-Russia Athletic Federation and the federal drug control service of the Russian Federation.