


Danish-French
Chamber of Commerce

Gala 2022

Tuesday, 17th May at 6:30PM
Langelinie Pavillon
Langelinie 10, 2100 København

With Guest of honor:
Christian Prudhomme
General director of Le Tour de France



Preface

Dear Members,

The two previous years, due to the COVID crisis, we have not been able to organize our annual gala as per tradition. Therefore, it is with enormous pleasure that we can once again invite you to this year's new edition.



In just a few weeks, Denmark is going to experience an incredible sporting event by welcoming the Grand Depart of the Tour de France on Danish turf.

We have awaited this spectacle for almost a decade. It will be a fantastic celebration and serve as an additional proof of the great ever-persistent Danish-French friendship between our two countries.

This gala will be the occasion to celebrate the Tour de France, the Danish-French relationship, and it allows our members to invite their employees and customers to join this unforgettable evening.

We are looking forward to the privilege of, once again, welcoming Christian Prudhomme, the general director of Le Tour de France, as our guest of honor for this gala.

We can not celebrate without consideration for what is happening in Europe and what our Ukrainian neighbours are going through. Therefore, we have decided to launch a charity auction at the gala, which will see all funds raised donated to the National Bank of Ukraine through a fund dedicated to helping the Ukrainian people. To give insights to what the world will look like after the crisis, we have asked one of the most knowledgeable Danish politicians, Per Stig Møller, to give his view on the prospects for democracy after the Russian invasion.

We are looking forward to seeing you on the 17th of May, just 45 days prior to the Grand Depart.

Best regards,

Anders Torbøl
*Chairman of the Danish-French
Chamber of Commerce*

Venue

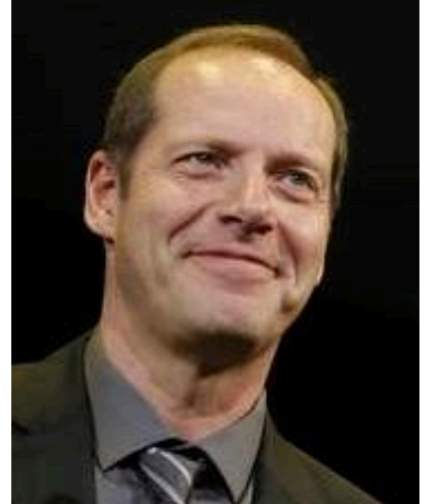
Langeline Pavillonen will be the venue for our gala 2022. On the terrace, on the very brink of the sea of Copenhagen Harbor, the guests will enjoy a welcome drink only a few meters from the iconic Little Mermaid.

A few weeks later, on the 1st stage of the Tour de France, the riders will pass just in front of this very building which is well-known amongst Copenhagen citizens.



Guest of honor

In a few weeks, thanks to the Tour, Denmark will be the center of attention for the sporting world. Le Tour enjoys vast media coverage and is broadcasted to 190 countries, plus the 10-12 million spectators who are on the route every year, and the 4500 people who work every day during the race.



The orchestra conductor of this fantastic organization is **Christian Prudhomme, general director of Le Tour de France** since 2007 and director of the cyclist races organized by Amaury Sport Organisation (ASO):

Before becoming the director of the world's most popular cycling race, C. Prudhomme was a famous French journalist who used to commentate Le Tour de France for France Télévisions during the period 2001-2003. Christian Prudhomme has worked tirelessly to organize the departure of Le Tour de France in Denmark and stated that "Of course, Le Tour de France with the best professional sport cyclists in the world had to visit Denmark and Copenhagen, the best country and city in the world for everyday cycling. The Grand Départ Copenhagen—Denmark 2022 is the 'rendez-vous' to celebrate the mutual inspiration between every-day cycling and professional cycling."

Program

The doors will open at 18.30. **The dinner will start at 19.30 .**

- ♦ During the evening you will have the opportunity to experience **different presentations relating to the Tour de France.**
- ♦ Our annual **export prize ceremony** will take place.
- ♦ A **charity auction** in support of Ukraine is organized.
- ♦ **Several surprises** will await you during the evening.
- ♦ To conclude the evening, **a DJ will liven the night** and offer you all the possibility to occupy the dance floor.

We will get back to you at the beginning of May with the complete program.

Menu

Starter

Grilled asparagus, roe, asparagus mousse and crisp fjord shrimps

Main Course

Guinea fowl with peas, new onions and burnt romaine lettuce

Dessert

Koldskål with braised rhubarb and pistachio.

Wines will be provided by Les Grands Chais de France.

Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions or allergies, and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.



Ukraine

At the end of the gala, a charity auction will take place in support of a humanitarian fund dedicated helping the Ukrainian people. If you would like to support this auction and great cause, you are welcome to contact us to offer gifts or products that we can put on auction. All gifts donated for auction will be presented in the program provided to the guests at the entrance, and also by the moderator of the charity auction during the event. All funds raised during the auction will go, in full, to a humanitarian fund managed by the National Bank of Ukraine.



To give an insight to what the world will look like after the crisis, we have asked one of the most knowledgeable Danish politicians, **Per Stig Møller**, to give his view on the prospects for democracy after the Russian invasion. Per Stig Møller is a liberal Danish politician and has a doctorate in philosophy from the university of Sorbonne. He has been leading several different ministries, most noticeably he held the office as Minister of Foreign Affairs for nearly 10 years, from 2001 to 2010. He is also the author of multiple books on subjects such as philosophy, history and politics. He regularly features as a commentator, on both Danish and international matters, in the newspaper Berlingske Tidende.

Collection


As you arrive and enjoy a welcome drink, you are invited to see an exhibition of a dozen collectors' items from the Danish and international road cycling history. This collection represents the material worn and used by the legends of the sport such as Eddy Merckx when he was taking the world



by storm at the Molteni team from 1971 to 1976. In the collection you can discover bikes and jersey used by the most famous Danish former professionals, such as Bo Hamburger (Team TVM) and Michael Sandstød (Team CSC), and not to forget Rolf Sørensen and Bjarne Riis's iconic sets of equipment from the 90's.



The collection also contains bikes and jerseys from the large foreign teams such as RaboBank, Mapei, Lampira, Casino, and Mercatone Uno from the days of the Italian "pirate" Marco Pantani. All in all, this exhibition is sure to impress you all and get you in the mood for the Tour de France's start in the Danish capital - we hope you enjoy and wish you a great Grand Départ!



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