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## **It's a race to the finish as ICC Wales takes part in ABP Newport Wales Marathon and 10k**

A dedicated team of 14 runners from ICC Wales took part in the ABP Newport Wales 10k this weekend, completing the course with the fastest finisher being chef Simon Crockford who clocked in at an impressive 42 mins 15 secs, placing 130<sup>th</sup> out of 2,270 runners. The forthcoming convention centre due to open later this year in the grounds of the Celtic Manor Resort, also sponsored the event and its associated marathon.

Before and after the race, the ICC Wales stand in the event village gave runners the chance to enter a competition to win tickets to The Nutcracker on Ice, a world class production from the Imperial Ice Stars showing at ICC Wales this Christmas. The stand was decorated in a natural theme with trees and grass floors reflecting the woodland location which is such a feature of the new convention centre with its outdoor breakout spaces and floor to ceiling meeting room views of Coldra Woods.

After completing the 10k race, ICC Wales Convention Centre Director Nancy Mollett said: "We love to take on any challenge as a team at ICC Wales and the 10k was the perfect opportunity to get together and prove we can tackle anything that's thrown at us. It was great being part of such an inspiring day and to showcase ICC Wales to the local community."

The Newport ABP Marathon and 10k is one of the flattest races in the UK. Starting and finishing on Newport's riverfront, runners pass iconic landmarks including coastal wildlife, medieval villages and the newly regenerated city centre.

When it opens this year, ICC Wales will accommodate more than 5,000 delegates and includes a 4,000sqm pillar-free main hall, a 1,500-seated auditorium, 12 flexible meeting rooms, a double-height glass atrium with views of the surrounding Coldra Woods and a 2,500sqm outdoor plaza.

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**Notes to editors**

ICC Wales is managed by the Celtic Manor Resort's expert leadership team responsible for the successful delivery of the 2014 Nato Summit and the 2010 Ryder Cup. Opening in 2019, the ICC Wales is located within the grounds of the Celtic