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SRG SSR idée suisse receives FIS TV award

On Saturday 5th February 2005 Swiss television channel SRG SSR idée suisse received the FIS Television award from FIS President Gian Franco Kasper for its outstanding coverage of the 2003 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships in St.Moritz (SUI). The award was given for SRG SSR idée suisse's remarkable ability to develop new forms of presenting the championships mainly based on the extensive experience they enjoy through many years of producing skiing broadcasts for the Swiss television viewers including the famous "Lauberhornrennen in Wengen (SUI) that celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2005.

No less than four years of extensive planning went into the successful production which managed to capture not only the competitive spirit of the championships but also the special atmosphere of the event. All this was done with the help of 170 people who were all involved in the extensive TV-production led by project coordinator Arthur Hächler. FIS wishes to congratulate SRG SSR idée suisse with the prestigious award.

Sensational Bormio statistics

With the FIS Alpine World Ski Championships heading into its final phase, we thought it might be interesting to offer you a brief outlook into some of those statistics that have made up the background for this event. 358 athletes from 62 nations were registered to participate in Bormio (ITA) to compete for 33 medals in 11 competitions. So far 7789 people have obtained accreditation for the event of which 1500 belong to the media. 28 TV stations are broadcasting the championships relying on the excellent coverage by the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) with the images

to transmit around the world produced by its' Italian member and host broadcaster (RAI) who have installed cameras in 22 different positions in Bormio and 20 in Santa Caterina for the downhill races. 400 million viewers are believed to have watched the competitions in front of the television screen while no less than 25 km of fibre optic cables have been laid out beneath the slopes in Bormio and Santa Caterina to ensure high-definition pictures could be transmitted live from the slopes for television production. The complete budget for the championships approaches 45 million EURO.

Oberstdorf (GER) gearing up for FIS Nordic World Ski Championships

While the FIS Alpine World Ski Championships in Bormio and Santa Caterina (ITA) is slowly approaching the end, Oberstdorf (GER) is putting the last touch on its preparations for hosting the FIS Nordic Ski World Championships from 16th to 27th February. Since Oberstdorf won the election to host the championships at the FIS Congress in Melbourne (AUS) in June 2000, local organizers have been hard at work to honor the deadline of the organization planning and FIS President Gian Franco Kasper is extremely confident that Oberstdorf will turn into a sensational occasion for Nordic skiing enthusiasts. "German perfection is well recognized all over the world and what Oberstdorf has accomplished in terms of developing a new ski jumping venue and cross country stadium is simply remarkable!" In total 530 athletes from 51 nations have entered to compete for 19 gold medals in eleven days. 10'000 people have so far been accredited for the event which is expecting 300'000 spectators to pass through the gates during the 11 days of action.

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