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FIS Academy Distributes Athlete Certificate in Partnership with National Associations

The FIS Academy has been working with many of the National Associations throughout the season communicating the content and benefits of the Level 1 - 05/06 Athlete Certificate. The course contains information relevant to competitive athletes including:

- drugs in sport;
- nutrition;
- competition rules;
- the FIS;
- life after competition;
- along with many more topics.

All content is provided on a CD-Rom and athletes are able to progress through the course in a timeframe that suits their needs. The assessment is available online when the athlete has completed the course.

The following Associations will be distributing the course to athletes over the next two months:

- Australia
- Netherlands
- Russia

Many other Associations are also in discussions with the FIS Academy about distributing the course to their athletes. This course is now being implemented and National Associations are encouraged to contact the FIS Academy to obtain the course for their athletes. Any queries can be directed to info@fis-academy.org. Athletes who successfully complete the 05/06 Athlete Certificate are then able to continue with studies in the Academy's pre-university entrance courses.

The Academy is also developing school programmes to run in conjunction with FIS

World Championship events. These programs will be run throughout local schools of the hosting city to firstly increase awareness and knowledge about the event and hopefully help to motivate participation in the sport and secondly to increase the overall return in terms of community participation from the event to the host city. All 2011 World Championship candidates will be provided with information on these programmes.

Executive Education Programmes will be launched in the coming months and updates will be available via the FIS Newsflash and the FIS Academy website – www.fis-academy.org

The FIS World Cup – A world wide success

With the FIS annual World Cup events having reached a thrilling finish to conclude the 2004/2005 season here are some interesting statistics to illustrate the scope of the FIS World Cup (for Alpine, Nordic, Freestyle skiing and Snowboarding), the popularity of the competitions as well the interest to stage the events from all corners of the world.

No less than 293 FIS World Cup competitions took place during the 2004/2005 season in Alpine skiing, Cross Country skiing, Ski Jumping, Nordic combined, Freestyle skiing and Snowboarding and Italy leads the field in terms of hosting events with 49 FIS World Cup competitions including events in each of the disciplines, while Austria staged 31 events and neighbouring country Switzerland played host to 27 events. 23 nations took part in staging the 293 events. 9 nations hosted more than 15 events while Croatia organized one single FIS World Cup

event – however, it was a proud moment for the Croatians as it was the first time they staged a FIS Alpine World Cup event – the Ladies' slalom on 20th January 2005. Five continents hosted the FIS World Cup events. Europe staged 221 events, North America 38 competitions, Asia 26 events, South America 4 competitions and Australia 4 competitions.

Sun Valley (USA) an ideal host for the 2005 FIS Masters World Criterium

Sun Valley (USA) lived up to its reputation for great weather and world-class skiing when Masters racers from 12 different nations in the Mens' events and 10 different countries for the Ladies' events gathered in Idaho for the 2005 FIS Masters World Criterium Alpine Skiing.

It was the first time Sun Valley, the first resort built exclusively for skiing in North America, hosted an international alpine event since it organized Men's and Ladies FIS Alpine World Cup competitions in 1977. Racing took place on the north side of Sun Valley's main mountain, Baldy, providing plenty of challenging terrain for all levels of master competitors.

360 athletes gathered for the event in which participation was limited to skiers who were members of their national ski associations and had reached the age of 30 by December 31st of the current "competition year" (A "competition year starts on July 1st).

The idea of the FIS Masters World Criterium Alpine Skiing is to arrange it every year over a 5-6 day period with Super-G, Giant Slalom and Slalom (plus an addition Giant Slalom valid for the FIS Masters Cup).

Results from the event may be found here:
http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/1228.html?event_id=14019&cal_suchsector=MA

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Should you have any feedback, comments, you are most welcome to send them to me at: frandsen@fisski.ch. "FIS Newsflash" will not only be distributed via e-mail but also be published in the News section of the FIS Website.

Best regards

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