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Sapporo organisers benefit from debriefing of the 2005 FIS Nordic World Ski Championships

The debrief of the 2005 FIS Nordic World Ski Championships in Oberstdorf designed to transfer knowledge and experiences of the championships took place in Sapporo on 12th and 13th April.

Rudi Höller, General Secretary of the Oberstdorf local organizing committee, and Stefan Huber, Assistant General Secretary, travelled to Sapporo to present key facts and figures as well as to pass on experiences from the organization of the event during the Coordination Group Meeting in Sapporo which was attended by Yoshiro Ito, FIS Vice President and President of the Japanese Ski Association as well as representatives of the Ski Association of Japan, FIS, the EBU (European Broadcasting Union), and their marketing partner APF and most importantly numerous key persons from the 2007 Sapporo local organizing committee.

The in-depth analysis of the 2005 FIS Nordic World Ski Championships was discussed in an open and frank way with practical experience passed on during the meeting in order to support the basis for a successful preparation of the 2007 FIS Nordic World Ski Championships in Japan.

FIS takes active role at SportAccord Convention

FIS took a leading role in SportAccord, the annual international sports convention, which took place from 16th-19th April at the Hotel Intercontinental in Berlin (GER).

SportAccord brings representatives from

the 100 International Sports Federations affiliated to GAISF, ASOIF (Association of Summer Olympic International Federations), AIOWF (Association of the International Olympic Winter Sports Federations) and ARIFS (Association of Recognised International Sports Federations), as well as the International Olympic Committee Executive Board, together with other interested parties in the sports business. A total of around 1200 persons were accredited with each of the Sports Associations organizing its' statutory meetings alongside a series of conference sessions to discuss a number key issues facing the sports industry

FIS President Gian Franco Kasper is a member of the GAISF (General Association of International Sports Federations) Council, whilst FIS General Secretary Sarah Lewis represents the winter sports federations in the SportAccord steering group and FIS Marketing and Communications Director Christian Knauth is an active member of the GAISF Media Working Group and as such all took an active role in the event.

FIS represented at Andorra Mountain Tourism Congress

It was not only in Berlin that FIS was well represented. In order to debate and present their views on the future of mountain resorts a number of FIS representatives were invited to take part in the 4th World Congress for snow and mountain tourism in Andorra from 14th-16th April.

Dr. Lee Sung-won, FIS Council Member and President of the Asian Ski Federation was present to speak about the future development of skiing in Asia whilst chair of the Subcommittee for Ladies Alpine Skiing, Jana Gantnerowa, presented a talk on new investments in mountain tourism in Eastern Europe. Finally Dr. Josef Zenhäusern,

Consultant on the FIS Aid & Promotion Program offered his expertise on the current ski market.

Dear Friends of FIS,

Should you have any feedback, comments, you are most welcome to send them to me at: frandsen@fis.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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