



## Amsterdam hosts FIS Calendar Conference

Around 350 delegates from 40 nations will be present when the FIS Committees and Sub-Committees will assemble at the Dorint Sofitel Hotel in Amsterdam for the FIS Calendar Conference from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April until Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May. The Alpine Courses sub-committee will take the opportunity of staging the FIS committee meetings in the country with the largest number of indoor ski slopes by organizing an inspection and its' meeting at the SnowWorld Indoor Ski Slope at Zoetemeer.

The conference will mark FIS's annual administrative session in which the past season will be thoroughly analyzed and possible consequences discussed. During the five-day meeting in the capital of the Netherlands the Technical Committees and their Sub-Committees will meet to discuss if any proposals should be submitted to the FIS Council for consideration by the FIS Council at its Meeting in Munich (GER) on 21<sup>st</sup> January, including the final 2005/2006 FIS World Cup calendars

You may access the program for the FIS Calendar Conference in Amsterdam through the member section of the FIS website <http://www.fis-ski.com/>

## Bormio debriefing held in Åre (SWE)

Organisers of the 2007 FIS Alpine World Championships in Åre (SWE) were given a helping hand in their efforts to prepare for the event when the debrief of the 2005 FIS Alpine World Championships in Bormio (ITA) took place in the Swedish ski resort on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Beppe Bonseri, Managing Director of the Bormio Organizing Committee Susanne Gawlyta, Coordinator, Lorenzo Conci,

Sports Director and Rainer Senoner, Ladies Chief of Race presented a detailed analysis of the experiences gained during the extensive organization of the 2005 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships during the Coordination Group meeting in Åre which was attended by representatives of the Swedish Ski Association, FIS, the EBU (European Broadcasting Union) with SVT (Swedish Television), the EBU's marketing partner APF, and numerous key persons from the 2007 Åre local organizing committee, as well as representatives from the local organizing committee of the 2009 FIS Alpine World Championships Val d'Isere.

The basis for a successful preparation of the 2007 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships in Åre, Sweden was laid down as the participants enjoyed a series of fruitful discussions based on the practical experiences from Bormio.

## Zermatt steps in to host FIS Snowboard Junior World Championships

At the foot of the spectacular Matterhorn, Zermatt (SUI) provided a perfect location for the FIS Junior Snowboard World Championships when the picturesque Swiss ski resort staged the prestigious competition between 21st-24th April.

The popular tourist spot was chosen as an alternative venue after the championships were cancelled earlier in the month due to poor weather conditions in Arosa (SUI).

It was the first time that Switzerland played host to the championships which took place for the 9th time. 28 nations and 295 athletes (199 male and 96 female participants) competed in Zermatt, which was testimony

to the popularity of the competition that has grown from 13 nations and 33 competitors who participated in the first championships in 1997. The 2005 FIS Snowboard Junior World Championships included athletes born between 1985-1989 for Alpine, SBX events and Big Air and 1985-1991 for Halfpipe.

With two gold medals in Snowboardcross and HalfPipe Sophie Rodriguez (FRA) turned into the big winner of the championships which were cut a day short as organizers decided to stage both the Mens' and Ladies HalfPipe and Big Air competitions on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April after receiving bad weather forecasts for Sunday.

#### **FIS Snowboard Junior World Ski Champions**

##### **Men:**

**Halfpipe: Janne Korpi (FIN)**

**Snowboardcross: Toni Ramoin (FRA)**

**Parallel GS: Benjamin Karl (AUT)**

**Big Air: Joy Geenen (NED)**

##### **Ladies:**

**Halfpipe: Sophie Rodriguez (FRA)**

**Snowboardcross: Sophie Rodriguez (FRA)**

**Parallel GS: Corinna Boccacini (ITA)**

**Big Air: Ursina Haller (SUI)**

Positive results from FIS' increased efforts in fight against doping

For FIS as well as other sports federations the fight against doping goes on and on. Looking back at the 2005 World Championships the signs are encouraging with no positive test recorded, following the establishment of a comprehensive programme and the introduction of new tests.

As such, the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships in Oberstdorf represented a milestone in the fight against doping as it was the largest doping control programme outside of the Olympic Winter Games carried out in close collaboration with the Local Organising Committee and the National Anti-Doping Agency of Germany

(NADA) and the accredited laboratory in Cologne (GER) which included for the first time the recently-introduced tests for blood transfusion and human growth hormone. Blood testing was also added to the testing programme for the first time at the FIS Alpine World Ski Championships in Bormio with considerable commitment from the Organising Committee and the Italian Anti-Doping Organisation.

In total 1095 urine and EPO urine tests were carried out during the 2005 FIS World Championship competitions in Alpine Skiing, Nordic Disciplines (Cross-Country Skiing, Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined), Freestyle Skiing in Whilster whilst 1983 blood tests (incl. HGH and blood transfusion) were performed on athletes during these events. Also out-of-competition tests were carried out by FIS and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) with a total of 90 urine, 101 blood, 47 EPO urine and 24 HGH tests conducted during the 2004/2005 season.

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