



# FIS NEWSFLASH

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As promised in last week's edition of the FIS Newsflash further information would follow on the work done by the various FIS Committees that met at the Dorint Sofitel Hotel in Amsterdam between Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May for the FIS Calendar Conference.

As such no less than ten FIS committees - the Youth and Children's Committee, the Advertising Matters Committee, the Masters' Racing Committee, the Legal & Safety Committee, the Speed Skiing Committee, the Committee for Skiers with a Disability, the Far East Cup Committee, the Recreational Skiing Committee, the Roller-Skiing Committee and the Competition Equipment Committee (in addition to the Committees already reported on in last week's edition) were all hard at work to prepare, analyze the season and look ahead to new challenges. Rounding up our coverage from Amsterdam, we here bring a brief look into the deliberations of further two committees.

## FIS Legal and Safety Committee reviews past season issues

With the world of skiing developing into new frontiers and facing complex mountain safety challenges, the demands on FIS to constantly ensure legal and safety procedures to keep up-to-date and in line with the development of the sport are extensive.

At the Legal and Safety Committee meeting Chairman Dr. Karl Heinz Klee and members of the committee had a chance to discuss the juridical challenges that have faced FIS in the past season while obtaining helpful input from invited guests. Discussions touched upon appeals against decisions of juries and the appeals commission, the

general application of FIS rules as well as reviews of various legal issues that have arisen throughout the past year in each of the countries.

## Debut for newly designed FIS Youth and Children's Committee

While the Amsterdam Calendar Conference marked the fifth meeting of the FIS Youth and Children's Committee, it was the first time in which the committee met under its new design with a core committee which comprised of a representative of each FIS discipline and a member who deals with all general development questions as well as a secretary and a chairman, Harald Schoenhaar.

In general the committee had a chance to discuss initiatives taken to preserve and encourage the "kid element" within the various disciplines and the possible future organization of "Trofeo Topolino". In addition the FIS Academy represented by Chief Executive Chris Solly, was invited to give a review of the progress made by the institution to provide educational services for National Ski Associations.

As it was mentioned in FIS Newsflash 22, proposals of the FIS Committees from their meetings in Amsterdam (NED) will be submitted to the FIS Council which meets on 21<sup>st</sup> May in Munich (GER). Details of the decisions of the Council will be published in the FIS Newsflash issued on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> June.

## Changchun Cross Country organizers visit FIS

Distinguished visitors from Changchun (CHN) visited the FIS headquarters when plans for the FIS Cross Country World Cup

sprint to be organized on 15.03.2006 in the Chinese Ski resort were discussed.

Mrs. Anli, vice-mayor of Changchun city and other members of the Foreign Affairs Office of Changchun's Municipal People's Government as well as Mr.Gavert Waag and Mr.Erik Unaas from Swedish advisors "Nordic Ways" enjoyed preliminary discussions prior to the on-site inspection next month by with FIS Cross Country Race Director, Jürg Capol.

The World Cup sprint event in Changchun - a city with around 8 million inhabitants located 900 km north-east of Beijing - will take place the week before the FIS World Cup Finals in Sapporo for Cross Country Skiing and Nordic Combined, which will also serve as important tests for the 2007 FIS Nordic Ski World Championships in Sapporo.

FIS is currently assisting the Chinese Ski Association in their development specially for preparing slopes, time keeping, administrating affairs, etc. as part of the Aid & Promotion program.

### Steady progress for FIS Academy

The development of the FIS Academy to provide educational services to the FIS family is progressing. In particular this has seen the development of the 2005/06 Athlete Certificate Course which is currently being provided to athletes via their National Associations.

The course contains information relevant to competitive athletes and is provided on a CD-Rom. This allows athletes to study while traveling without having the need to carry additional bulky items such as text books, etc.

Both the Netherlands and Australia have received their initial Courses and will be providing these to their athletes for the 2005/06 season. The Academy also welcomes both Japan and Canada who have joined the programme and have been successful in developing innovative strategies to provide the course to their athletes.

National Associations are encouraged to contact the FIS Academy to discuss how this course can benefit their athletes and the association respectively. The Academy can be contacted via email; [info@fis-academy.org](mailto:info@fis-academy.org).

Dear Friends of FIS,  
Should you have any feedback, comments, you are most welcome to send them to me at: [frandsen@fisski.ch](mailto: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.

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