



Tour de France study to assist Tour de Ski

While most of the world will have their eyes firmly fixed on the duel between Lance Armstrong, Jan Ullrich and Ivan Basso in the world's largest cycling race, the Tour de France, which starts on Friday 1 July, FIS Cross Country Race Director Jürg Capol, will focus on how to use the experiences behind the scenes of the prestigious event to the best effect of the FIS XC-Tour which is set to start in January 2007.

Capol has been invited by the Tour de France local organizing committee to gain a valuable insight into the logistics, television production, media, communication, internet and accreditation services, etc.. that go into the organisation of the race between 11-13 July when the riders make their way from Grenoble-Couchevel and Couchevel to Briançon. As in the Tour de France, the overall leader would wear a yellow bib, the best sprinter a green bib, and the King of the Mountain would wear a polka-dotted bib in the FIS Cross Country XC-Tour to provide Cross Country Skiing with a clear profile and consequently a strong brand identity.

Transition to new regulations for ski jumping suits

In an attempt to guarantee a smooth transition between the period of preparation and the start of the ski jumping season, beginning with the Continental Cup competitions in Kranj/Velenje (SLO) on 8th/9th and 10th July, FIS Ski Jumping Race Director, Walter Hofer, assisted by FIS Ski Jumping Assistant Race Director, Miran Tepes, and FIS Ski Jumping Continental Cup Coordinator, Sepp Grazer, will offer athletes body measurement services between 29th June and 5 July related to the new specifications of the competition

equipment regarding ski jumping suits.

The Austrian, Finnish, Polish, German and French athletes have already been measured and next in line are the Swiss, Slovenian and Norwegians from 29th June and 5 July in Stams (SUI), Bischofshofen (AUT) and Ramsau (AUT) before the action gets under way at the Continental Cup summer events in Kranj/Velenje (SLO).

The rules for "Specifications for competition equipment and commercial markings 2005/06 will be published on the FIS Website in the near future (draft version Southern Hemisphere is already available on-line). In the meantime you may find the FIS Ski Jumping Rules here: <http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/rulesandpublications/skijumping/rules.html>

Schröcksnadel and Hörmann elected as presidents

FIS expresses congratulations both Peter Schröcksnadel and Alfons Hörmann with their elections as Presidents of the Austrian and German Ski Associations respectively.

FIS Council Member, Peter Schröcksnadel, a lifetime ski racer and dynamic leader, was re-elected as President of ÖSV, an honour he has enjoyed since 1990, for another three years during the Austrian Ski Association's annual assembly which took place in the "Festspielhaus" in Bregenz (AUT) on 20th June.

Hörmann, who has been President of the Bavarian Ski Association since 2002, was elected the new President at the Congress of the DSV in Erfurt on 19th June and succeeds FIS Council Member Fritz Wagnerberger, who after a period of 19 years did not run for the office again.

Wagnerberger received the certificate of appointment as the first Honorary President of the German Ski Association from the hand of his successor.

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Best regards

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