



FIS Aid & Promotion Programme Ski Jumping training camp

The Aid and Promotion Programme for Developing Ski Nations Ski Jumping Training Camp takes place for the 6th season. One of the main objectives of the project to enable more different nation's athletes to qualify for World Cup and Continental Cup status have been steadily fulfilled as the standards of the participants have increased each year.

This season 12 nations have had the chance to register for participation in a FIS ski jumping training camp before and after the Continental Cup competitions in Kranj/Velenje (SLO) on 8th/9th and 10th July. FIS Ski Jumping Continental Cup Coordinator, Sepp Gratzner will organize the camps in which nations have been invited to take part either from 2nd-7th July or from 11th-16 July.

For the nations involved this is a welcome opportunity to train under high level conditions to facilitate their further development. Each nation has been able to enlist two athletes as well as one coach for the camp, which is a particularly important element in communicating the experiences gained to other athletes and coaches in the own nations. In addition to the experienced guidance of Sepp Gratzner, the nations will receive full board accommodation as well as access to various facilities supported by the FIS Aid & Promotion programme.

ARD/ZDF receives FIS TV award

On Saturday 25th June 2005, German television channel, ARD/ZDF received the FIS Television Award from FIS President Gian Franco Kasper for its outstanding

coverage of the 2005 FIS Nordic World Ski Championships in Oberstdorf (GER). The award was given to EBU's appointed host broadcaster of the championships, ARD/ZDF's remarkable ability to develop new forms of presenting the championships mainly based on the extensive experience they enjoy through many years of producing skiing broadcasts. "An abundance of technical innovations paved the way for a TV production that created enthusiasm for Nordic skiing across the world", said Gian Franco Kasper during the award ceremony which took place during a night of post World Championship celebrations in the "Kursaal" in Oberstdorf.

Extensive planning went into the successful production which managed to capture not only the competitive spirit of the championships but also the special atmosphere of the event. All this was done with the help of around 200 people who were involved in the extensive TV-production led by the TV-host broadcaster team leader in Oberstdorf, Werner Rabe, who understood how to unite ARD and ZDF in a dynamic partnership.

Roller Ski season gets underway

While most athletes are intensifying their preparations for another season primarily focussed on next winter season and especially the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Torino (ITA), the FIS Rollerski World Cup got underway this past weekend when Cesis (LAT) from 1st-3rd July organized sprints and pursuits with the participation of around 350 athletes from 25 nations.

The FIS Rollerski World Cup is comprised of five stages in various cities or resorts across Europe. After Cesis the FIS Rollerski World Cup will then move on to Villard de Lans

(FRA) in the second weekend of July in which stages individual sprints and mass start team sprints. Athletes will then head for the Balcan corner of Europe where Oroslavje (CRO) from 19th-21st August will host the 3rd stage of the World Cup involving sprints and pursuits. Geyer (GER) then sets the scene for a similar program as in Croatia between 1st-4th September. And the overall competition then reaches its conclusion on 16th-18th September with sprints, pursuits and a mass start in Sestola (ITA)

Before the final stage of the World Cup, the athletes will travel to La Tremblade (FRA) to compete in the 2005 FIS Rollerski World Championships from 8th-11th September. A number of internationally recognized Cross-Country skiers have already announced their arrival at the 2005 FIS Rollerski World Championships. As such Vincent Vittoz (FRA) and Pietro Piller Cottler (ITA), who both won gold medals during the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships in Oberstdorf, will be among the participants in La Tremblade

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