



7 Cities bid for 2014 Olympic Winter Games

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) have announced that 7 cities have been put forward by their respective National Olympic Committees (NOCs) to apply to host the XXII Olympic Winter Games in 2014. The cities, in alphabetical order, are: Almaty (KAZ), Borjomi (GEO), Jaca (SPA), PyeongChang (KOR), Salzburg (AUT), Sochi (RUS) and Sofia (BUL).

NOCs had until 28 July 2005, midnight, to notify the IOC that a city within their jurisdiction was interested in applying. The 7 Applicant Cities will now proceed to phase 1 of the IOC's two-step procedure, which will lead to the election of the 2014 host city in Guatemala City in July 2007. Pyeongchang and Salzburg were already finalists in the race for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games, when the South Korean resort was a narrow loser to Vancouver (CAN) with Salzburg coming in third.

Salt Lake City staged the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, while Turin (ITA) will host next year's Games and Vancouver is the 2010 venue. London was chosen last month to host the 2012 Olympic Summer Games beating Paris, Madrid, New York and Moscow to the honour.

Leader's Seminar to be organized in Thessaloniki (GRE)

As part of the extensive range of activities in the FIS Aid & Promotion programme, this years "Leaders Seminar" will be organized in Thessaloniki (GRE) from 11th to 13th November.

Participants who will include Presidents, Vice-presidents or Secretary Generals from

National Ski Associations, will have the opportunity to gain advice from experts and share experiences amongst each other in a workshop centered around how to attract potential sponsors. In addition, topics like "Organization within a National Ski Association", "How to obtain support from Olympic Solidarity" and "Anti-Doping work" will be presented at the three-day seminar.

FIS will cover costs, accommodation, meals and transfers from the airport to the hotel for 1 person per National Ski Association. Additional persons will cost € 500,-.

Olympic Winter Games, Torino 2006 - Gondola from Sestriere to San Sicario goes ahead

Following a protest from local property owners about the location of the gondola link from Sestriere to San Sicario, the responsible court has ruled in favour of the construction of the lift.

The gondola will serve as a vital transportation link during the Olympic Winter Games in Torino, notably for the teams who will be accommodated in the Olympic Village in Sestriere and competing in events taking place in San Sicario. This includes the Ladies Alpine Speed Events as well as Biathlon, Bobsleigh and Luge.

Olympic Winter Games 2010 - Construction of Nordic venue on track

Construction of the venue for the Nordic Skiing competitions at the Olympic Winter Games 2010 in Vancouver (CAN) is proceeding on time and in line with the budget according to Steve Matheson, VANOC's Senior Vice President of Venue Development. "Our goal was to begin venue

preparations as early as possible to help us provide enhanced possibilities of venue testing well in advance of the Games”, said Matheson.

The Nordic venue, situated in the Callaghan Valley, will host competitions within Cross Country skiing, Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined and Biathlon. In total the Nordic venue will host more than 30 medal events. The Nordic sites in Whistler are part of a 620 million Canadian dollar investment for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games venues funded equally by the governments of Canada and British Columbia.

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