

## Valle Nevado (CHI) gets Nokia Snowboard FIS World Cup off to perfect start

Valle Nevado (CHI) got the Nokia Snowboard FIS World Cup off to a flying start when the high altitude South American ski resort staged the first competitions for Men and Ladies Halfpipe and Snowboard Cross for the fifth consecutive year between



13<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September.

Record snowfalls providing dry and powdery snow which was watered every night to make the slopes harder created near perfect conditions for the athletes during the six-day programme.

For the first time in history, Chinese Men and Ladies took part in the FIS Snowboard World Cup competitions and Zhifeng Sun's 8<sup>th</sup> spot in the Ladies' Halfpipe competition on 14<sup>th</sup> September was an impressive debut. It was however, mostly athletes from USA and France who excelled claiming no less than 12 spots on the podium out of a possible 24 during the competitions (two Halfpipe events and two Snowboard Cross competitions for Men and Ladies) in Chile. 101 athletes took part in the Halfpipe events while 109 were in action at the Snowboard Cross competitions. The next FIS Snowboard World Cup event is scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> October at the SnowWorld in Landgraaf (NED) You may find the results from the event here: [http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/1228.html?event\\_id=18011&cal\\_suchsector=SB](http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/1228.html?event_id=18011&cal_suchsector=SB)

## Changes to FIS Snowboard management

Chris Wagner, FIS Snowboard Coordinator has decided to explore new challenges and will step down from the position of FIS Snowboard Coordinator at the end of the 2005/2006 season.

"It was a difficult personal decision for me, but it is time for new challenges", says Wagner. I have been fortunate during my career with FIS to meet many people that have become friends as well as colleagues and I have appreciated the support of many. I have decided to use these years of my experience in international sport to begin my own business in consulting and marketing from the beginning of April 2006. Before beginning this new chapter I am really looking forward to having a hugely successful 2005/06 season which of course includes the Olympic Winter Games in Torino during which the Snowboard events will be staged in Bardonecchia."

Alex Hoeller, FIS Snowboard Race Director since 2002 will step up and take overall responsibility for the management and organisation of the discipline.

The handover will already take place during the coming season in order that the responsibilities and knowledge can be transferred.

## TOROC unveils new motto

The Organising Committee for the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Turin (TOROC) revealed its new motto, "Passion lives here", on 15<sup>th</sup> September in Rome. This new motto will now be found on TOROC's exhibition stands, in TOROC publications, on TOROC publicity campaigns and on all of TOROC's

institutional communications.

The new motto was launched in celebration of the fact that the Games were only 150 days away. The motto aims to encapsulate the strategic positioning of Torino 2006, which is summed up in the concept of the "piazza": a meeting place, a backdrop for passion and participation, a unique symbol of the Italian way of life and the key element of Turin's Look of the Games.

*Passion lives here*

"Passion lives here" uses the colour red, the classic colour of passion, to great

effect, allowing the motto to establish a visual link between the Look of the Games, the Olympic Torch Relay and the Look of the City (the graphic design of the Municipality of Turin for public places during the Games).

WADA Executive Board meets  
Approval of the 2006 WADA Prohibited List was the main item on the agenda of the World Anti-Doping Agency's Executive Board meeting attended by FIS President Gian Franco Kasper on 20<sup>th</sup> September in Montreal (CAN). For a further report from the meeting see [www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org)

WADA expresses satisfaction with FIS

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has communicated "its" appreciation of FIS' proactive approach to co-ordination and harmonisation of anti-doping activities and that FIS is setting an excellent example in the area of testing in the following ways:

- Implementing a comprehensive testing program by appointing agencies to conduct the testing under FIS' direction, and maintaining an element of independence by allowing these agencies to determine event and athlete selection.
- Fully supporting testing by NADOs (National Anti-Doping Agencies) at FIS competitions, and encouraging co-ordination by asking NADOs to check that there will be no duplication of testing before proceeding.

- Using sophisticated methods to target test athletes both in and out of competition based on the latest scientific research and data, and making this data available to WADA."

La Tremblade (FRA) stages FIS Rollerski World Championships

La Tremblade (FRA) provided a different back-drop for the action when 110 junior and senior athletes from 11 nations travelled to the French Atlantic coast to take part in the FIS Rollerski World Championships from 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> September. The programme comprised a 6 km individual time-trial, a 200 meter sprint competition, a relay (introducing three instead of four athletes to make up the individual



teams) and a 25 km pursuit race (based on the results of the time-trial). No less than 8000 spectators were present during the three

days to watch the events which were all broadcast on the French Eurosport TV channel. A number of new rules have been tested on a trial basis during the FIS Rollerski World Cup and also during the FIS Rollerski World Championships and the results of these will now be summarized in a report by the Chairman of the FIS Rollerski Sub-Committee, Jean Pierre Cochet (FRA), to the FIS Cross-Country Committee during the FIS Technical Committee meetings in Zurich later this month. Italy and Sweden dominated the championships winning three goldmedals each.

Kaprun (AUT) to host Snowboard Judge clinic

Kaprun (AUT) will host the second of four pre-season FIS Snowboard Judge clinics between 23rd and 25th September. Tokyo (JPN) hosted the first session on 11<sup>th</sup> August and an additional two clinics will take place in Canada and Scandinavia in November.

The session is basically designed to give

new judging candidates a thorough introduction into criteria for FIS Snowboard Judges as well as provide an update on these criteria for the current FIS Snowboard Judges.

During the session the participants will discuss current rules and review video-footage from major competitions in relation to performances, scores and deductions. In addition, participants will be kept up-date on how to evaluate new manoeuvres. Criteria for Halfpipe will be discussed on 23<sup>rd</sup> September while Big Air criteria will be reviewed on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

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