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FIS Youth Seminar organized in Dublin

Co-operation between the Irish Ski Association, the FIS Youth and Children's Committee, the FIS Medical Committee and the FIS Working Group Aid & Promotion formed the organization of a successful FIS Youth Seminar which took place in Irish capital, Dublin from 28th-30th October.

With a number of distinguished speakers invited for the seminar, participants had the opportunity to explore a number of topics related to youth and children's skiing and personal development. Among others there were presentations from Managing Director of the Swiss Ski and Snowboard school, Vali Gadiant, who described the school's initiative for the establishment of a "Kids Village" and Snow League for young children. Former Swiss Alpine skier Didier Plaschy spoke about the experiences of a former Alpine World Cup star. German Alpine Ski Team Doctor, Dr. Hubert Hörterer and Dr. Hans Spring his counterpart from the Swiss Team gave detailed presentations relating to the medical concerns in relation to the performances of young contenders while FIS Secretary General, Sarah Lewis informed about of the FIS anti-doping activities. The highlight of the seminar was a visit to the city's dry ski slope at Kiltiernan, where several participants tested the unfamiliar skiing surface and were positively surprised by the experience. They were also suitably impressed by the standard of the young Irish skiers who were training on the slope. The feedback from the participants for the initiative to organize the seminar was very positive and they appreciated the opportunity to familiarize themselves further with the issues that is facing youth skiing, but also to make useful contacts during the event.

Austrian Ski Association celebrates centenary

900 people including former and current athletes, numerous officials including the FIS President and members of the FIS Council, event organizers, ski manufacturers as well as a large number of celebrities were invited when ÖSV, the Austrian Ski Association, celebrated its' centenary in glorious surrounding at the Leopold Museum in the centre of Vienna during the evening of the Austrian National Day on 26th October. Austrian Federal President Heinz Fischer und Prime Minister Wolfgang Schüssel were among the guests to honour the ÖSV. Schüssel made the opening speech to get the celebrations underway and was keen to underline the importance which the association has had over the years. "Our ski athletes have had a tremendous influence on our national identity and the centenary of the ÖSV is also a part of Austrian history", said Schüssel who ranked Toni Sailer's 1956 Olympic campaign higher than the 1954 FIFA World Cup where Austria took the bronze medal. The famous Vienna Philharmonics provided musical entertainment throughout the evening during which the guests were also treated to Austrian TV broadcaster ORF's memorable presentation of ÖSV's 100 year history.

Oberhofen (SUI) to host FIS Council's annual autumn meeting

Oberhofen (SUI) will host the members of the FIS Council on Sunday 6th and Monday 7th November for the annual autumn meeting. The Council will meet to discuss proposals submitted by the various committees that were present during the FIS Technical Committee Meetings in Zurich (SUI) earlier in the year and notably to review the Agenda for the 2006 International

Ski Congress in Vilamoura (POR) and discuss the numerous proposals submitted to next year's assembly. Details of the decisions taken by the FIS Council will be published in next week's edition of the FIS Newsflash which comes out on 9th November.

Nove Mesto (CZE) to host Cross-Country TD Seminar
Nove Mesto (CZE) which will host the 6th edition of the FIS Cross-Country World Cup on 30th and 31st December 2005, will already entertain the Cross-Country officials when the Czech ski resort hosts a FIS Seminar for Technical Delegates and Candidates between 4th-6th December. For experienced TD's the seminar will represent a welcome opportunity to update their knowledge and discuss new rules as well as meet colleagues. New candidates will receive a thorough introduction to their new responsibilities and in addition benefit extensively from the experience of the "old" TD's.

Chairman of the Cross-Country Committee, Peter Petriček, Chairman of the FIS Sub-Committee for Rules and Control, Karl-Heinz Lickert, and assistant Technical Delegate, Marco Mapelli as well as FIS Cross-Country Race Director, Jürg Capol will make various presentations at the seminar in which the development of Cross-Country skiing, the role of the TD, the FIS points system, sanction procedures and the preparation of team captain's meetings will all feature as items for discussion. Throughout the seminar the participants will be able to work in small groups and offer their opinion on different case studies.

FIS Alpine European Cup in Snowdome

After the first FIS Alpine European Cup took place in the Netherlands on November 25th 2004, the impressive Snowdome in Landgraaf (NED) will once more provide the setting for a high level FIS competition, when the Men's Slalom European Cup competition returns to the world's largest indoor winter sports resort on 4th November 2005. Following the extensive coverage by

the media last year, the organizers are expecting a sizeable public attendance for the event which will see more than 120 athletes compete. Landgraaf is one of no less than six indoor ski centers in the Netherlands. You may find the complete program for the event here. http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/1228.html?event_id=18147&cal_suchsector=AL

Changes within FIS Communications

Svend Frandsen, FIS Communications Manager, will step down from his position in the end of December to take up a new position as Media Manager of ITTF (The International Table Tennis Federation) from the beginning of 2006. Frandsen whose main tasks have included the compilation and distribution of the "FIS Newsflash", issuing press releases and collaborating on the media guides is grateful for the time he has spent inside FIS: "I have been at FIS for around 11 months now and I have enjoyed a wonderful and challenging time here. However, after careful consideration together with my family I have decided to accept the offer from ITTF which is based in Lausanne. I want to thank everybody for their co-operation, help and support during my time at FIS and I wish all a great 2005/2006 season."

Dear Friends of FIS,

Should you have any feedback, comments, you are most welcome to send them to me at: 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.

Best regards

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