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Main decisions from FIS Council meeting in Oberhofen (SUI)

The following important decisions were taken by the Council at its Meeting at the FIS Headquarters in Oberhofen (SUI) on 7th November, 2005:

FIS World Cup

- FIS World Cup Calendars for 2006/2007 for the majority of disciplines were approved, subject to the final calendar proposals from the Alpine Committee in spring 2006 (pdf downloads will be available on the FIS Website, www.fis-ski.com, FIS Calendar).
- Introduction of the FIS Cross-Country World Cup "Tour de Ski" from 2006/2007

FIS World Championships

- Following the extension to 1st October 2005 of the deadline for applications as candidates for the FIS World Championships in the Freestyle and Ski Flying Events, the following new candidatures were confirmed:

2010 FIS Ski Flying Ski Championships

- Planica (SLO)

2011 FIS Freestyle World Ski Championships

- Phenix Park (KOR)
- Deer Valley (USA)

Organisers of the following FIS Junior World Championships were appointed:

- 2008 Alpine Events, Spain
- 2006 Freestyle Events, St. Petersburg/Red Lake Area (RUS)

Acknowledgment of the proposals of the Technical Committees for the following events:

- 2007 Roller Skiing World Championships in Bergamo (ITA)
- 2007 Telemark World Championships in Thyon (SUI)
- 2009 Telemark World Championships in Fiss (AUT)

Other Business

- Code of Ethics for Council Members
- Rules on Gambling
- Criteria for inclusion of Disciplines within FIS for submission to Congress

Doping Activities

- Sanction against the Polish Ski Association for improper conduct in the case of Justyna Kowalczyk (POL)

Affiliation of National Ski Associations

- Three National Ski Associations; the Cayman Islands, Ethiopia and Bermuda, were affiliated as provisional associate members subject to ratification by the Congress in 2006

Further information can be found in the Media Info on the FIS Website: the Short Summary of the most important Council Decisions will be sent to the National Ski Associations:

<http://www.fis-ski.com/data/document/councilnov05-e.pdf>

FIS Alpine European Cup starts indoors

While the men began their FIS Alpine European Cup season at the Snowdome at Laandgraf (NED) on 4th November, the ladies also got their European Cup campaign underway at an indoor facility, when Bottrop (GER) - an indoor ski hall built partly with investment from five-time FIS Alpine World Cup overall winner Marc Girardelli - staged the first of 46 competitions during this season on 7th

November. It was the first time ever that a FIS Ladies European Cup competition was organized in a snowdome with similar success.

With a frozen base and a 3-4 centimeter coating of snow providing the surface, athletes competed on near perfect conditions throughout the competition. 87 athletes from 21 nations took part in the competition which saw around 300 spectators provide an impressive atmosphere around the event that was also broadcast live on German regional TV. You may find all the results from the event here: http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/1228.html?event_id=17191&cal_suchsector=AL

The men's European Cup in Landgraaf was the second time that Netherland's largest facility has hosted the opening men's race and this year the course was prepared to an even higher standard, which saw a Swedish clean sweep of the top 3 places and 8 different nations represented in the first 15 on the results list:

<http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/610.html?sector=AL&raceid=38937>

Schloss Mainau (GER) opens doors for FIS Symposium

With the permission of Count and Countess Bernadotte, Schloss Mainau will open its doors on 9th and 10th November to host a symposium on "Skisport in der bildenden Kunst" ("Skiing in the form of Art"). The symposium comes about through successful co-operation between the European Cultural Forum Mainau, the German Ski Association and FIS and will be attended by a number of celebrities among them Countess Bernadotte, who will open the symposium,.

A number of distinguished art experts with a keen interest in the world of skiing will make presentations during the event including Professor Dr. Bazon Brock Dr. Karin Rase, Dr. Andrea Jahn, Stefan Banz, Daniel Quaderer and Thomas Cernay with speeches from personalities from FIS, Gian-Franco Kasper, Honorary President Marc Hodler and chairman of the sub-committee for the Alpine World Cup Erich Demetz -

himself a renowned artist. Specially invited guests will also be treated to an exhibition which will display various artists' interpretation of skiing's aesthetic expression.

DSV celebrates centenary

Nine days after the ÖSV, the Austrian Ski Association, celebrated its' centenary in Vienna, it was time for DSV, the German Ski Association, to mark the same milestone in their association history with a set of spectacular celebrations during a gala evening in Munich on 4th November. Members of international ski federations, manufacturers, sponsors, international guests as well as a large number of former ski-stars – among them Jens Weissflog (ski jumping) and «Gold-Rosi» Mittermaier (alpine skiing) and triple Olympic gold medalist Uli Wehling, – were all present to celebrate the occasion which took place at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in the Bavarian metropolis.

FIS Honorary President, Marc Hodler, extended the congratulations from the International Ski Federation, whilst DSV President Alfons Hörmann held the opening speech in front of around 600 invited guests. One of the highlights of an eventful evening was centered around former ski jumper Sven Hannawald, the only athlete ever to win all four competitions in the Ski Jumping Four Hills Tournament, who received the German Ski Associations special honorary medal for his past performances.

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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