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**FIS MEDIA INFO****Candidates for the 2020/2021 FIS World Championships**

FIS is pleased to announce the receipt of a total of five applications to be Candidates for the organisation of FIS World Championships in 2020 and 2021. By the May 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 deadline, the following candidacies have been submitted:

- One application for the 2020 FIS Ski Flying World Championships submitted by Planica (SLO)
- Three applications for the 2021 FIS Nordic World Ski Championships submitted Oberstdorf (GER), Planica (SLO) and Trondheim (NOR)
- One application for the 2021 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships submitted by Cortina d'Ampezzo (ITA)

"Just weeks after the successful FIS World Championships in 2015, FIS is pleased at the interest for the organisation of these important events. Experienced Organisers including the world's premium resorts' desire to host FIS World Championships underlines their importance in the global sports calendar," commented FIS President Gian Franco Kasper.

**Project review with FIS Inspection Group**

A first briefing with the Candidates will take place during the FIS Calendar Conference in Varna (BUL) in early June. Their detailed concept for the project is due by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 based on a specific FIS Questionnaire, containing details such as plans for sports organisation, logistics, accommodation, transportation, logistics, security, media, communications, marketing, ceremonies, the environment, spectator services and fan experience.

The FIS Inspection Group members led by Sarah Lewis FIS Secretary General, will review the project in detail together with the Candidate during this phase from 1<sup>st</sup> May until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Thereafter a meeting with each of the Candidates will take place during the FIS Technical Committee Meetings in early October after which each Candidate will finalise its concept for the FIS World Championships.

### Election by FIS Council 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016

The FIS Council will elect the Organisers of the 2020 and 2021 FIS World Championships at the 50<sup>th</sup> International Ski Congress on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016 in Cancun (MEX). During the FIS Congress week, each Candidate will have a chance to present their candidatures to the extended FIS family and discuss their plans at dedicated exhibition stands. They will also make show their project to the respective Technical Committee(s) before the final presentation to the FIS Council on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

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### **About FIS**

FIS, founded in 1924, is the governing body for international skiing and snowboarding. Recognised by the International Olympic Committee, FIS manages the Olympic disciplines of Alpine Skiing, Cross-Country Skiing, Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined, Freestyle Skiing and Snowboarding and sets the international competition rules. Through its 122 nations, more than 7'000 FIS ski and snowboard competitions are staged annually. Specific initiatives are undertaken by FIS to promote snow activities, notably for the young.

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