

# **INVITATION**

*Tehvandi Sport Center and Estonian Ski Association take pleasure in inviting all member associations of the International Ski Federation (FIS) to participate in the*

**“Viessmann” FIS World Cup Cross-Country  
in Otepää, Estonia  
on January 7 -8, 2006**

***Skiers' favorite resort Otepää  
welcomes you the sixth time!***



**Toomas Savi**  
*European Parliament Member  
President of Estonian Ski Association  
Chairman of Otepää World Cup Council*

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## ORGANIZER

The organizer of the competition is Foundation Tehvandi Sport Center, according to the agreement with the Estonian Ski Association.

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## ENTRY

To register your participation, we ask you to use enclosed **Form A** (preliminary registration). For official entry, please use the enclosed **Form D** and specify each competition in which your athletes will participate. Please specify information about all your attending coaches and assistants as well. The entries must be sent to Estonian Ski Association (fax: +372 603 1518 or e-mail: [info@suusaliit.ee](mailto:info@suusaliit.ee)).

## REGISTRATION DEADLINES

**November 21<sup>nd</sup>, 2005** Form A: Preliminary entry form (both athletes and officials)

Form B: Accommodation and attaché information

**December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005** Form D: Official entry form

Form C: Final Team Transportation information

## RESTRICTIONS

FIS rules will apply. The number of participants must comply with FIS World Cup rules (point 3) and other FIS regulations.

## RESPONSIBILITY

Each competitor must be insured by her/his own ski association and must have signed the Athletes Declaration. The Organizers have coverage for their own third part liability only.

## FINANCES

Financial conditions apply as stated in the FIS World Cup rules (point 8). All travel and accommodation costs will be settled in the finance office with the Team Captain on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2006 in Otepää. Travel payments by the Organizer to the Seeded Group members will be made in cash, Team payments to the organizers can be done in cash or with major credit cards. The finance office is located in the Otepää Sports Hall, Mäe 23a, Otepää.

## WAXING FACILITIES

Waxing is arranged according to FIS World Cup rules (point 8.5).

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

The course descriptions with profiles are enclosed to the invitation and can be found on this web site.

## TRANSPORTATION

Teams arriving by plane (Tallinn International Airport) or by ferry (Port of Tallinn) are entitled to transport according to the FIS WC rules (point 8.4). Please be aware of the regulations concerning one free transfer per team and sending the information about the travel of your team to the organizer at least two weeks before arrival (**Form C**). Organizers guarantee **one free trip** to Otepää per team within maximum 2 hours from an arrival to Tallinn.

A special trip from Tallinn to Otepää costs 250 EUR.

### Extras:

For teams flying to Tallinn, vehicle rentals are available at the Tallinn International Airport; however, reservations for rental vehicles must be made in advance.

## VISA

NB! Please remember that citizens of some countries need visa for visiting Estonia. See info on the website of the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs [http://www.vm.ee/eng/kat\\_132/916.html](http://www.vm.ee/eng/kat_132/916.html) Submit your application form in due time to the Estonian Embassy. If your team needs official invitation of Estonian Ski Association to get Estonian visa, please contact directly Mrs. Ülle Viinapuu in Estonian Ski Association (ph. +372 603 1516, fax +372 603 1518, e-mail [info@suusaliit.ee](mailto:info@suusaliit.ee)) by **December 1<sup>st</sup> 2005 at the latest**.

## ACCOMMODATION

All delegations will be accommodated in hotels in Otepää and Otepää area (maximum 12 km from Otepää). All persons outside the Seeded Group and their qualified coaches will be charged EUR 65 (for a quality room with full board per night in double room). According to the FIS World Cup rules each team (female and / or male) has the right to have one single room without any additional costs. All other single rooms will cost EUR 90 with full board per night. For cancellation of a booked room **after December 28<sup>th</sup> 2005**, the FIS World Cup Rules point 8.6 applies (the respective National Ski Association has to pay the difference between effective and announced rooms). To find you best possible accommodation, please fill in **Form B**.

## RADIO

Use of radio transmission equipment in Estonian Republic is regulated by the Telecommunication Act (§18, 68§, 73§). Permits for the installation of radio transmission equipment are issued only by **Estonian National Communications Board (ENCB)**. Please find the terms and application forms from ENCB website <http://www.sa.ee/atp/eng/>

## ATTACHÉS

Each team may have their own attaché provided free of charge by the Organizer during the race days. Please let us know on **Form B** if you want an attaché or not.

## LETTER OF CONFIRMATION

After we have received your entry form, accommodation form and transportation forms we will send you a letter of confirmation to confirm all your information by e-mail or fax.

## TECHNICAL DELEGATES

FIS TD Erik Røste (NOR), FIS Assistant TD Ekaterina Afanassova (RUS).  
National Assistant TD Tiit Tammemäe.

**RACE OFFICE is situated in Otepää Sport Hall, Mäe 23a, 67403 Otepää, Estonia**

Office hours:	Wednesday, January 4 <sup>th</sup> 2006	14.00 – 20.00
	Thursday, January 5 <sup>th</sup> 2006	8.30 – 21.00
	Friday, January 6 <sup>th</sup> 2006	8.30 – 21.00
	Saturday, January 7 <sup>th</sup> 2006	7.00 – 20.00
	Sunday, January 8 <sup>th</sup> 2006	7.00 – 17.00

# THE PROGRAM

## Tuesday, January 3<sup>th</sup>

10.00-13.00; 15.00-16.30

Courses prepared & marked for training

5kmCL; 1kmCL; 1,5kmCL

## Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

14:00 – 20:00

10:00–13:00; 15:00-16:30

Arrival of teams, Race Office is open

Courses prepared & marked for training

Otepää Sports Hall

5kmCL; 1kmCL; 1,5kmCL

## Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

8:30 – 21:00

10:00–13:00; 15:00-16:30

Race Office is open

Unofficial training W 10 CL, M 15 CL

Otepää Sports Hall

5kmCL

## Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

8:30 – 21:00

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10:00 – 14:30

14:30

15:15 – 16:30

**17:00**

18:00

**20:00**

21:00 – 23:00

Race Office is open

Press Centre is open

Official training W 10 CL, M 15 CL

TEST competition for Estonian Junior Team

Unofficial sprint training

**W 10 CL, M 15 CL Team Captains' Meeting**

Organizer's press conference

**Opening ceremony**

Reception of President of ESA for invited guests

Otepää Sports Hall

Otepää Sports Hall

5kmCL

5kmCL

1kmCL; 1,5kmCL

**Otepää Sports Hall**

Otepää Sports Hall

**ski stadium**

Hotel Pühajärve

## Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

7:00 – 20:00

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**10:30**

11:30

11:45

**12:00**

13:25

13:45

14:30 – 16:30

**17:00**

19:00 – 22:00

Race Office is open

Press Centre is open

**WOMEN 10 km CL, individual start**

Flower ceremony for women (1-6)

Press conference for the W winners (1-3)

**MEN 15 km CL, individual start**

Flower ceremony for men (1-6)

Press conference for the M winners (1-3)

Official sprint training

**Sprint 1 Team Captains' Meeting**

World Cup Ski Party for invited guests

Otepää Sports Hall

Otepää Sports Hall

**2x5kmCL**

ski stadium

press-tent on the ski stadium

**3x5kmCL**

ski stadium

press-tent on the ski stadium

1kmCL; 1,5kmCL

**Otepää Sports Hall**

VIP tent on the ski stadium

## Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

7:00 – 17:00

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**9:45**

**10:05**

**10:50**

11:15

11:37

12:05

12:15

12:26

**12:31**

12:36

**12:42**

12:47

12:52

13:15

Race Office is open

Press Centre is open

**WOMEN sprint qualification**

**MEN sprint qualification**

**Sprint 2 Team Captains' Meeting**

WOMEN sprint ¼ final (5x6)

MEN sprint ¼ final (5x6)

WOMEN sprint ½ final (2x5)

MEN sprint ½ final (2x5)

WOMEN sprint B final (1x4)

**WOMEN sprint final (1x4)**

MEN sprint B final (1x4)

**MEN sprint final (1x4)**

Flower ceremony for Women (1-6)

Flower ceremony for Men (1-6)

Press conference for the W&M winners (1-3)

Otepää Sports Hall

Otepää Sports Hall

**1kmCL**

**1,5kmCL**

**ski stadium Team tent**

ski stadium

ski stadium

press-tent on the ski stadium

# THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

## Council

<b>Chairman:</b> <b>Toomas Savi</b>	European Parliament Member, President of Estonian Ski Association
<b>Raivo Palmaru</b>	Minister of Culture
<b>Siim Sukles</b>	Chancellor of Ministry of Culture
<b>Riho Sõrmus</b>	Estonian Road Administration, General Director
<b>Mati Raidma</b>	Estonian Rescue Board, General Director
<b>Robert Antropov</b>	Estonian Police Board Police Director
<b>Aivar Nigol</b>	Head of the Otepää's county
<b>Erkki Raasuke</b>	AS Hansapank, Chairman of the Board
<b>Arti Arakas</b>	AS Arco Vara, Chairman of the Council

## Organizing Committee

Chairman/ Race Director	<b>Alar Arukuusk</b>	<a href="mailto:alar@tehvandi.ee">alar@tehvandi.ee</a>
Chief of Competition	<b>Tiit Pekk</b>	<a href="mailto:tiit.pekk@hansapank.ee">tiit.pekk@hansapank.ee</a>
Secretary	<b>Ülle Viinapuu</b>	<a href="mailto:ylle@suusaliit.ee">ylle@suusaliit.ee</a>
Project Manager	<b>Hillar Toobal</b>	
Competition Centre	<b>Jüri Kull</b>	
Race Office, VIP buildings	<b>Kunnar Karu</b>	
Accommodation	<b>Raivo Epner</b>	
Guests	<b>Aivo Pärn</b>	
Transport	<b>Ravu Ivask</b>	
Traffic	<b>Aivar Otsalt</b>	
	<b>Marek Tiirats</b>	
Roads	<b>Aivar Pärli</b>	
Security	<b>Tõnis Pleksepp</b>	
	<b>Ilmar Puusaag</b>	
Commerce	<b>Argo Raag</b>	
Ticket sales	<b>Meelis Leidt</b>	
Ceremonies	<b>Marge Reiljan</b>	
Awards Ceremony	<b>Mart Mardisalu</b>	
Communications	<b>Tauno Loodus</b>	
Press	<b>Ain Kruusmaa</b>	
TV communications	<b>Veiko Ulp</b>	
TV head producer	<b>Lembitu Kuuse</b>	
	<b>Tarmo Krimm</b>	

## Competition Committee

Chief of Competition	<b>Tiit Pekk</b>
• Assistant / ESL TD	<b>Tiit Tammemäe</b>
Competition Secretary	<b>Aet Nurk</b>
• Accreditation	<b>Epp Paal</b>
• Finances	<b>Ülle Viinapuu</b>
Chief of stadium	<b>Indrek Kelk</b>
• Start / finiš	<b>Arne Tilk</b>
• Stadium buildings	<b>Arnold Raid</b>
• Team cabins	<b>Veiko Võrk</b>
Chief of time-keeping and data processing	<b>Vahur Leemets</b>
Time-keeping	<b>Wige Data</b>
Chief of Course	<b>Tõnu Kinks</b>
• Head Course master	<b>Assar Kütt</b>
• Course master	<b>Mati Kopli</b>
Chief of control and Competition security	<b>Peip Reedi</b>
Chief of Medical services	<b>Andras Laugamets</b>
Commentators	<b>Kjell-Erik Kristiansen</b>
	<b>Mart Mardisalu</b>

## Jury

<b>Chairman:</b> / FIS TD	<b>Erik Röste</b>	NOR
FIS Assistant TD	<b>Ekaterina Afanassova</b>	RUS
Chief of Competition	<b>Tiit Pekk</b>	
ESL TD	<b>Tiit Tammemäe</b>	
FIS Race Director	<b>Jürg Capol</b>	