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 27-28, 2007

Skiers' favorite resort Otepää welcomes you!

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).

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

December 13, 2006 Form A: Preliminary entry form (both athletes and officials)

Form B: Accommodation and attaché information

January 17, 2007 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 Word Cup rules (point 7.6). All travel and accommodation costs will be settled in the finance office with the Team Captain on Friday January 26, 2007 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 7.5).

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

The course descriptions with profiles are enclosed to the invitation.

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 7.4). 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, deadline January 17, 2007!). 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 350 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 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 send list of all team members (surname, first name, date of birth, copy of passport, address in home country) to us by December 13, 2006 at the latest. Please contact directly Mrs. Ülle Viinapuu in Estonian Ski Association (ph. +372 603 1516, fax +372 603 1518, e-mail info@suusaliit.ee)

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 January 18, 2007**, 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, deadline December 13, 2006**

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 Hannu Kaikkonen (FIN), FIS Assistant TD Kari Mette Vika (NOR). National Assistant TD Tiit Tammemäe.

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

Office hours:	Wednesday, January 24, 2006	14.00 - 20.00
	Thursday, January 25, 2006	8.30 - 20.00
	Friday, January 26, 2006	8.30 - 20.00
	Saturday, January 27, 2006	7.30 - 20.00
	Sunday, January 28, 2006	7.30 - 15.00

THE PROGRAM

Tuesday, January 23. 10.00-13.00; 15.00-16.30	Courses proposed & marked for training	Slam CI + 1 lam CI + 1 Slam CI
10.00-13.00; 13.00-16.30	Courses prepared & marked for training	5kmCL; 1kmCL; 1,5kmCL
Wednesday, January 24.		
14:00 – 20:00	Arrival of teams, Race Office is open	Otepää Sports Hall
10:00–13:00; 15:00-16:30	Courses prepared & marked for training	5kmCL; 1kmCL; 1,5kmCL
10.00–13.00, 13.00-10.30	Courses prepared & marked for training	Jamel, Tamel, 1,Jamel
Thursday, January 25.		
8:30 – 20:00	Race Office is open	Otepää Sports Hall
10:00–13:00; 15:00-16:30	Unofficial training W 10 CL, M 15 CL	5kmCL
10.00 13.00, 12.00 10.30	Chambian training W To CE, III To CE	
Friday, January 26.		
8:30-20:00	Race Office is open	Otepää Sports Hall
8:30-20:00	Press Centre is open	Otepää Sports Hall
10:00 - 14:30	Official training W 10 CL, M 15 CL	5kmCL
14:30	TEST competition for Estonian Junior Team	5kmCL
15:15 – 16:30	Unofficial sprint training	1kmCL; 1,5kmCL
17:00	W 10 CL, M 15 CL Team Captains' Meeting	Otepää Sports Hall
19:00	pre-opening event: sprint competitions for	
	team service, journalists and sponsors	ski stadium
20:00	Opening ceremony	ski stadium
21:00 - 23:00	Reception of President of ESA for invited quest	ts Hotel Pühajärve
Saturday, January 27.		
7:30-20:00	Race Office is open	Otepää Sports Hall
7:30-20:00	Press Centre is open	Otepää Sports Hall
10:30	WOMEN 10 km CL, individual start	2x5kmCL
11:30	Flower ceremony for women (1-6)	ski stadium
11:45	Press conference for the W winners (1-3)	press-tent on the ski stadium
12:00	MEN 15 km CL, individual start	3x5kmCL
13:25	Flower ceremony for men (1-6)	ski stadium
13:45	Press conference for the M winners (1-3)	press-tent on the ski stadium
14:30 – 16:30	Official sprint training	1kmCL; 1,5kmCL
17:00	Sprint 1 Team Captains' Meeting	Otepää Sports Hall
15.00 22.00		D
15:00 – 23:00	DANCE PARTY IN THE SKY RESORT – SKY PLUS's PARTY TENT AT TEHVANDI	Party tent on Tehvandi ski
16.00		stadium
16:00	LET'S SING ALONG AT THE WORLD CUP	Night Club COMEBACK
19:00 – 21:00	with Reet Linna World Cup Ski Party for invited guests	Counst tout on the ski stadion
19.00 – 21.00	worth Cup Ski Farty for invited guesis	Guest tent on the ski stadium
Sunday, January 28.		
7:30 – 15:00	Race Office is open	Otepää Sports Hall
7:30 – 15:00	Press Centre is open	Otepää Sports Hall
9:45	WOMEN sprint qualification	1kmCL
10:05	MEN sprint qualification	1,5kmCL
10:50	Sprint 2 Team Captains' Meeting	ski stadium Team tent
11:15	WOMEN sprint ½ final (5x6)	
11:37	MEN sprint ½ final (5x6)	
12:05	WOMEN sprint ½ final (2x6)	
12:15	MEN sprint ½ final (2x6)	
12:26	WOMEN sprint B final (1x6)	
12:31	WOMEN sprint final (1x6)	
12:36	MEN sprint B final (1x6)	
12:42	MEN sprint final (1x6)	
12.47	Flower ceremony for Women (1-6)	ski stadium
12:52	Flower ceremony for Men (1-6)	ski stadium
13:15	Press conference for the W&M winners (1-3)	press-tent on the ski stadium
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THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Council

Chairman: Toomas Savi European Parliament Member, President of Estonian Ski Association

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Andrei Mändla AS Go Bus, Director of Lääne region

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Buildings of Sports Hall Kunnar Karu Club Tartu Maraton, Project Manager

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Director of the Central Law Enforcement Police **Ivar Prits**

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AS Falck South-Estonia, Chief of the Guard group Argo Raag

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Audio/Radio communication Jüri Makarov Blue Box, Manager

Communications Ain Kruusmaa AS Elion Enterprises, Customer Manager

Press Veiko Ulp OÜ Crispin, Manager TV communications Lembitu Kuuse ETV, Head producer - Editor TV Head Producer Free-lance Producer Tarmo Krimm

Competition Committee

Head track master

Chief of Competition Tiit Pekk AS Hansapank, Project Manager Viljandi Ski Club, Manager Assistant / ESL TD Tiit Tammemäe

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Start / finish **Arne Tilk** Head of Põlva Parish

Stadium buildings **Arnold Raid** Club Tartu Maraton, Maintenance Manager Chief of time-keeping Vahur Leemets Tapa City Government, Development Advisor

Official time-keeping **Swiss Timing Ulf Seehase**

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