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FIS MEDIA INFO

FIS Congress 2018 to take place in Costa Navarino (GRE)

Approximately 1,000 delegates representing more than 80 Member National Ski Associations of the International Ski Federation (FIS) are scheduled to participate in the 51st International Ski Congress in Costa Navarino (GRE) from 13th to 19th May 2018.

As part of the Congress Week, the FIS Council as well as the various FIS Technical Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Groups will meet from Sunday 13th to Wednesday 16th May, whilst the FIS Congress (General Assembly) itself takes place on Friday 18th May.

The Organisers of the FIS Ski Flying World Championships 2022 and the FIS Alpine, Nordic, Freestyle Ski and Snowboard World Championships 2023 will be elected by the FIS Council on Thursday 17th May. The six Candidates (see p. 2) will present their concepts to all Congress participants from display stands and during the respective Technical Committee meetings as well as having a final opportunity to present to the FIS Council on Tuesday 15th May. The announcement of the four elected Organisers will take place on Thursday at approximately 19:00 local time (20:00 CET). A live stream from the announcement will be available on the FIS Facebook channels.

Representing the highest decision-making authority within FIS, the Congress will take place on Friday, 18th May. It will review the business reports of the Council, the accounts and reports of the auditors, approve the budget for the 2018-2019 financial period, elect the FIS President and 16 FIS Council Members, as well as decide on the proposals submitted by the Member Associations and the Council. 18 candidates are running for election to the FIS Council (see p.2 for complete list), as well as the representative of the FIS Athletes Commission.

The items on the programme of the FIS Council in the days prior to the Congress primarily focus on the Congress Agenda and reviewing the various proposals to submit to the delegates. Additionally other key topics will include final approval of the FIS World Cup calendars for the 2018/19 season, as well as receiving proposals submitted by the Technical Committees following their meetings. These will include the FIS Snow Safe Policy, Safeguarding Athletes and Participants from Harassment and Abuse.



Candidates as Organisers of the FIS World Championships in 2022 and 2023

<u>Candidate for the FIS Ski Flying World Ski Championships 2022</u> Vikersund (NOR)

Candidates for the FIS Alpine World Ski Championships 2023 (in alphabetical order) Courchevel-Méribel (FRA) Saalbach (AUT)

<u>Candidates for the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships 2023</u> (in alphabetical order) Planica (SLO)
Trondheim (NOR)

<u>Preliminary Candidate for the FIS Freestyle Ski & Snowboard World Championships 2023</u> Bakuriani (GEO)

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Candidate for FIS President

KASPER, Gian Franco, SUI Swiss Ski Association re-election

Candidates for the FIS Council:

ÅRJES Mats, SWE	Swedish Ski Association	re-election
ARNHOLD Stefano, BRA	Brazilian Snow Sports Federation	new election
BOKAREV Andrey, RUS	Russian Ski Association	re-election
DONG YANG Steve, CHN	Chinese Ski Association	new election
GOSPER Dean, AUS	Ski & Snowboard Australia	re-election
HOERMANN Alfons, GER	German Ski Association	re-election
KOCIJANCIC Janez, SLO	Ski Association of Slovenia	re-election
KUMPOST Roman, CZE	Czech Ski Association	re-election
MURASATO Aki, JPN	Ski Association of Japan	re-election
PAINE Dexter, USA	U.S. Ski & Snowboard Association	re-election
RODA Flavio, ITA	Italian Winter Sports Federation	re-election
ROESTE Erik, NOR	Norwegian Ski Association	new election
SCHROECKSNADEL Peter, AUT	Austrian Ski Association	re-election
SMITH Patrick, CAN	Canadian Snowsports Association	re-election
TAJNER Apoloniusz, POL	Polish Ski Association	new election
UUSITALO Martti, FIN	Finnish Ski Association	re-election
VALENZUELA Eduardo, ESP	Royal Spanish Winter Sports Assoc.	new election
VION Michel, FRA	French Ski Association	re-election
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In addition, one Athlete's Commission representative as Member of the FIS Council has to be elected separately by the FIS Congress. Proposed is Konstantin Schad (GER).

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About FIS

FIS is the governing body for international skiing and snowboarding, <u>founded in 1924</u> during the first Olympic Games in Chamonix, France. Recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), FIS manages the Olympic disciplines of <u>Alpine Skiing</u>, <u>Cross-Country Skiing</u>, <u>Ski Jumping</u>, <u>Nordic Combined</u>, <u>Freestyle Skiing</u> and <u>Snowboarding</u>, including setting the international competition rules. Through its 130 member nations, more than 7'500 FIS ski and snowboard competitions are staged annually. Specific



initiatives are undertaken by FIS to promote snow activities as a healthy leisure recreation, <u>notably for the young</u>. For more information, please visit **www.fis-ski.com**.