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FIS MEDIA INFO**Decisions of the Autumn 2016 FIS Council Meeting in Oberhofen (SUI)**

The FIS Council held its' Autumn Meeting at the FIS Headquarters in Oberhofen (SUI) on Saturday 5th November and dealt with a full agenda relating to the current season, as well as future activities. The main subject areas comprising both the sport organisational aspects included competition calendars, proposals from the FIS Technical Committees with updates to various regulations and competition rules, appointment of technical officials and reports on the upcoming FIS World Championships and Olympic Winter Games.

In addition, various important areas of the Governance of FIS were addressed, including approval of the FIS Universal Code of Ethics, roadmap for the FIS Strategic Plan, review of FIS financial matters and activities of the Marc Hodler Foundation.

Decisions of the Council Meeting in Oberhofen include the following:

FIS competition activitiesFIS World Cup calendars 2016/2017 to 2020/2021

The final versions of the FIS World Cup Calendars for the 2016/2017 season that include minor modifications proposed by the respective Technical Committees were approved and are available on the FIS website. The draft calendars for future seasons up to 2020/21 were also acknowledged.

FIS World Championships

The dates of the FIS World Championships 2021 in the Alpine and Nordic Events were confirmed: Cortina d'Ampezzo (ITA), 8th - 21st February 2021
Oberstdorf (GER), 23rd February - 7th March 2021
For the FIS Freestyle Ski and Snowboard Championships 2021 in Zhangjiakou - Genting Resort (CHN) the dates will be defined shortly.

Appointment of Future FIS Junior World ChampionshipsFreestyle Ski and Snowboard 2017:

Silvaplana (SUI) for the halfpipe events

The other competition events have been awarded earlier to Italy and the Czech Republic:

- Snowboard: Klinovec (CZE) snowboard cross, parallel events and Spindleruv Mlyn (CZE) slopestyle, big air
- Freestyle Ski: Valmalenco (ITA) aerials, moguls, ski cross, slopestyle, big air

IOC - Olympic Winter Games

The progress report from PyeongChang 2018 in regard to its' preparations provided, in particular, an update about the status of the venues readiness for the FIS World Cup events in 2017 that will be the last Test Events before the Olympic Winter Games. The FIS Snowboard World Cup big air event will be the first to take place this pre-Games season on 25th and 26th November 2016 at the Alpensia Ski Jumping Centre, thereby using an existing PyeongChang 2018 Games facility in line with Olympic Agenda 2020.

The final report from the 2016 Youth Olympic Winter Games in Lillehammer (NOR) was provided as part of the IOC Transfer of Knowledge during the City to City Debrief, which took place at the end of October 2016 with the 1st IOC Coordination Commission for the YOG 2020 in Lausanne (SUI).

In addition President Gian Franco Kasper gave an update following the recent first IOC Coordination Group meetings in Beijing (CHN) as the newly-elected host of the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, as well as from the Olympic Summit, notably in regard to the establishment of an independent anti-doping organisation, the positive implementation of Olympic Agenda 2020 and the launch of the Olympic Channel after Rio 2016.

The Council formally congratulated President Kasper on his election to the IOC Executive Board at the IOC Session in Rio as representative of the Association of International Winter Sports Federations (AIOWF).

FIS Technical Committees

A number of proposals from the Technical Committees to amend rules and sport organisational aspects were accepted. Of note are the following:

Nordic Combined

- The Nordic Combined Committee's strategy paper on the development of Ladies' Nordic Combined was supported. The timeline objectives are: Continental Cup competitions in 2018, Junior World Championships 2019, Youth Olympic Winter Games 2020, World Cup series 2020/21, FIS Nordic World Ski Championships 2021 and potentially inclusion by the IOC on the programme of the Olympic Winter Games in 2022.

Alpine Skiing

- Detailed regulations for the new starting order system in downhill and super G to be implemented as from this season 2016/2017 that aim to increase the duration of media exposure throughout the top 30 athletes.
- The change of giant slalom ski specifications for men that was approved in spring 2016 will apply from the Southern Hemisphere season 2017.

Cross Country Skiing

- The maximum length of ski poles for classical technique races is defined at 83% of the athlete's height.

Freestyle Ski / Snowboard

- Implementation of the new quota system for big air city events.
- The Nations Cup is expanded to Snowboard cross and Freestyle Ski big air, halfpipe and slopestyle.

Governance of FIS

The FIS Universal Code of Ethics submitted by the Council's Working Group was unanimously adopted. It will be provided to the National Ski Associations for their input and will continue to evolve taking into account best practice models and the upcoming IOC International Forum on Sports Integrity (IFSI) that will include collaboration with Governmental Organisations, which will aim to develop a Code applicable for all the Olympic Movement, in a similar way to the IOC Rules on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions.

Additionally, Vice President Dexter Paine has been appointed to lead coordination of the FIS Strategic Plan.

Anti-Doping Update

The Council decided that FIS will act promptly and decisively following the publication of the final WADA McLaren Report, in accordance with the FIS policy of zero tolerance to punish anti-doping violations and the protection of clean athletes. After receipt of information about potential doping violations contained in the WADA McLaren Report, which is scheduled for publication in December, FIS will coordinate with the IOC, as the responsible body for anti-doping at the Olympic Winter Games, in order to address each organisation's next steps.

FIS Development Programme and FIS Solidarity support

The activities and budget for 2017 of the FIS Development Programme, which consists of 37 FIS member National Ski Associations, were agreed. Applications for financial support from FIS Solidarity for 13 special projects were approved.

Committee Memberships

On proposal of the National Associations, membership was confirmed of the new Snowboard, Freestyle, FreeSki Committee and the Sub-Committees for Park & Pipe (HP, BA & SS), Cross (SBX & SX), Freestyle Ski Moguls and Aerials (MO & AE) and Snowboard Alpine (PGS & PSL) that were established by the Council in spring 2016. Council Member Dean Gosper (AUS) has been appointed as Chairman of the main Committee.

Bring Children to Snow Campaign - FIS World Snow Day

The sixth FIS World Snow Day will take place on 15th January 2017 following the successful developments since the inaugural edition in 2012.

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About FIS

FIS is the governing body for international skiing and snowboarding, [founded in 1924](#) during the first Olympic Games in Chamonix, France. Recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), FIS manages the Olympic disciplines of [Alpine Skiing](#), [Cross-Country Skiing](#), [Ski Jumping](#), [Nordic Combined](#), [Freestyle Skiing](#) and [Snowboarding](#), including setting the international competition rules. Through its 128 member nations, more than 500 FIS ski and snowboard competitions are staged annually. Specific initiatives are undertaken by FIS to promote snow activities as a healthy leisure recreation, [notably for the young](#). For more information, please visit www.fis-ski.com.