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FIS MEDIA INFO**Decisions of the 49th International Ski Congress in Barcelona (SPA) 6th June 2014**

The 49th International Ski Congress in Barcelona (SPA) from 1st to 6th June 2014 was attended by 1'150 participants from the global ski family including delegates, representatives of National Ski Associations, Organising Committees and ski industry who took part in more than 100 official meetings. The Royal Spanish Winter Sports Federation took great pride in hosting the most important biannual gathering of FIS.

The General Assembly - the FIS Congress - held on Friday 6th June 2014 in Barcelona took the following important decisions:

FIS President Gian Franco Kasper unanimously elected for 6th mandate

Gian Franco Kasper (SUI) was unanimously re-elected as President. His leadership, vision and commitment to FIS were recognised by the delegates with a standing ovation.

Three new members elected to FIS Council

The following persons were elected to the FIS Council for the upcoming two-year period, 2014-2016 (in alphabetical order):

Mats Årjes (SWE) 109 votes
Andrey Bogarev (RUS) 91 votes
Dean Gosper (AUS) 94 votes
Alfons Hörmann (GER) 113 votes
Janez Kocijancic (SLO) 107 votes
Roman Kumpost (CZE) 80 votes
Sung Won Lee (KOR) 107 votes
Aki Murasato (JPN) 108 votes - new
Dexter Paine (USA) 116 votes - new
Flavio Roda (ITA) 116 votes
Eduardo Roldan (SPA) 108 votes
Peter Schröcksnadel (AUT) 114 votes
Sverre Seeberg (NOR), 119 votes

Patrick Smith (CAN) 116 votes
Martti Uusitalo (FIN) 83 votes - new
Michel Vion (FRA) 110 votes

The maximum number of votes available: 124 votes

Long-term FIS Council members Bill Marolt (USA) and Erich Demetz (ITA) were named FIS Honorary Members.

Financial and administrative decisions

The Congress affiliated Dominica, Guyana, Malaysia, Paraguay, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Timor Leste as associate members of the International Ski Federation. The total number of members in the International Ski Federation (FIS) now amounts to 122.

As part of the statutory business the Congress approved the accounts and reports of the auditors from the 2012-2013 financial period, as well as the budget for the next two year cycle 2014-2015. The delegates welcomed the proposal of the Council to distribute 70% of the 2012-2013 result to the National Ski Associations for the promotion of skiing. Together with the budgeted amount of CHF 10 million in National Ski Association support for 2014-15, a total of CHF 26.3 million will be paid out over the next two years from FIS directly to the member National Ski Associations and used for the FIS Development Programme.

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As part of the FIS “Bring Children to Snow” international campaign to engage and encourage the younger generations to winter sports, the recipients of the 3rd FIS SnowKidz Award were rewarded. The top three award winners were decided by the jury from among the eight finalists.

FIS SnowKidz Award 2014 Results

- 1st Netherlands - Wintersport Experience
- 2nd USA - NANA Nordic
- 3rd Finland - Hills Tournament for Kids
- 4th Sweden - Everyone on Snow
- 5th The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FIS Development Nation) - Site na Sneg
- 6th Switzerland - Rivella Family Contest
- 7th Germany - Primary Schools Contest for Ski Jumping
- 8th Belarus (A&P Nation) - Kids as active WSD Organisers
- 8th Austria - Skifahren mit Flocke / Skiing with Flakes

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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 122 member nations, more than 6'500 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.

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