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## FIS MEDIA INFO

### Top slalom specialists confirmed for FIS Alpine Ski Champions Cup in Moscow (RUS)

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Oberhofen (SUI), 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009/-- The FIS Alpine Ski Champions Cup in parallel slalom will take place in Moscow (RUS) on 21st November 2009. For the second consecutive year, the Russian Ski Association will host an Alpine Ski competition in the city of Moscow. Given the success of the inaugural FIS Alpine Ski World Cup Promotional Event last season, the second edition of the event promises to attract high interest.

The world's best alpine skiers have been invited to participate: top-14 male and, for the first time, top-7 female athletes along with three promising Russian athletes (two men and a lady) who will be granted wild cards for the contest.

The participating athletes include:

Grange, Jean-Baptiste	FRA	Riesch, Maria	GER
Pranger, Manfred	AUT	Aubert, Sandrine	FRA
Lizeroux, Julien	FRA	Pietilae-Holmner, Maria	SWE
Herbst, Reinfried	AUT	Hansdotter, Frida	SWE
Hargin, Mattias	SWE	Jelusic, Ana	CRO
Matt, Mario	AUT	Börssen, Therese	SWE
Hirscher, Marcel	AUT	Chmelar, Fanny	GER
Myhrer, Andre	SWE		
Rocca, Giorgio	ITA		
Janyk, Michael	CAN		
Thaler, Patrick	ITA		
Razzoli, Giuliano	ITA		
Missilier, Steve	FRA		
Hoerl, Wolfgang	AUT		

“After the highly successful first edition on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2009, we look forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> FIS Alpine Ski Champions Cup. The event will now be held earlier in the season, on 21<sup>st</sup> November, which we believe is a great timing for promotional purposes. This year’s competition is more focused on the slalom specialists and we are proud to welcome 11 of the top 14 male racers to Moscow,” stated Günter Hujara, FIS Chief Race Director for Alpine men. He added: “The Moscow event has developed an excellent standing in a short time. Only some leading all-round skiers have chosen to skip it to focus on preparation for the Olympic season and their heavy racing schedule with the men’s FIS Alpine World Cup downhill and super-G taking place in Lake Louise (CAN) the following week. We will do our utmost to prepare excellent race conditions and hope for great weather for 21<sup>st</sup> November.”

“The first ladies’ Champions Cup promises to be an excellent event: led by last year’s slalom World Cup winner, we will see a strong field and the athletes and coaches are all very excited. This is a great result despite the fact that there is a technical event the weekend before and after Moscow in the ladies’ Audi FIS Alpine Ski World Cup,” commented Atle Skaardal, FIS Chief Race Director for Alpine ladies. “The refined format, a one pole parallel slalom in a knock-out format, is bound to deliver a great show.”

### **New Location**

This year, the event will be staged at a brand new location. Located not far from last event’s venue (Moscow State University Square), the new ramp area will offer a wider range of facilities for all participants, from athletes and officials, to guests and spectators.

The competition will be held at the Moscow State Palace of Children’s and Youth’s Creativity and the new venue will be known as the Moscow Grand Ramp Arena. This year’s ramp will be 60 meters high and 35 meters wide, with the total length of the slope about 200 meters. Compared to last year’s ramp height of 56 meters and length of the slope of about 170 meters, the construction represents another breathtaking venture.

### **Prize Money**

All invited athletes (men and ladies) will receive a participation fee in the amount of USD 10’000. Prize winners will receive the net prize money.

#### **Men:**

1st place – USD 30.000  
2nd place – USD 20.000  
3rd place – USD 10.000

#### **Ladies:**

1st place – USD 30.000  
2nd place – USD 10.000  
3rd place – USD 5.000

The total prize money fund event amounts to 315 000 USD!

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