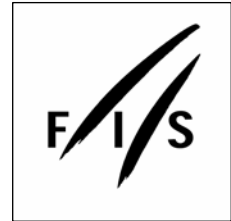




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FIS confirms rules of bidding process for 2012/2013 FIS World Championships

Portoroz, 26th May, 2007/ -- Following the receipt of a record number of applications for the organization of FIS World Championships in 2012 and 2013, an orientation meeting with all the Candidates took place on Friday 25th May 2007. Taking advantage of the FIS Calendar Conference and the spring meetings of the FIS Technical Committees currently underway in Portoroz (SLO), FIS representatives convened all the Candidates to clarify the procedures and rules for the candidature process.

As a first step, the Candidates have been tasked with providing answers to a detailed, discipline-specific questionnaire including the areas of sports organization, accommodation, transportation, other services, marketing and promotion as well as the environment. Following the submission of the Candidates' responses, a FIS Inspection Group will visit each Candidate venue for the Alpine and Nordic events during the months of August and September 2007. Consisting of FIS officials, sports professionals, representatives of the European Broadcasting Union (EBU), the television and marketing rights holders for the Alpine and Nordic events and its marketing partner, as well as other experts, the FIS Inspection Group's task is to review the proposed event concepts while acting as an advisory body to ensure the feasibility of the concepts' implementation. For the Ski Flying, Freestyle and Snowboard events, inspections will take place during the autumn/winter seasons.

The FIS Inspection Group will compile a report that will be submitted to the FIS Council, FIS Technical Committees and National Ski Associations in April 2008, after each Candidate has had the opportunity to review its own section beforehand. Each Candidate will make a final presentation to the FIS Council during the 46th International Ski Congress in Cape Town (RSA), as well as the respective Technical Committees during their meetings. They will also be able to present their candidatures to the extended FIS family and discuss their plans at special exhibition stands at the FIS Congress venue. The selection of the organizers will be made by the FIS Council on May 29th, 2008.

According to the procedures that were agreed to by all Candidates, communication about the candidacy will be through the distribution of written informational material and use of electronic communications. There will be no presentations to the FIS committees by the Candidates until the meetings during the FIS Congress in Cape Town. Measures have been implemented to limit the expenditure on the candidacies with clear rules that have been detailed by the FIS Council in the Annex I to the Rules for the Organization of FIS World Championships.

"We are very pleased about the interest by a large number of National Ski Associations in the organization of FIS World Championships. Following the very successful 2007 championships, this further enhances the value of our flagship events amongst the most

important winter sports events,” commented FIS Secretary General Sarah Lewis during the meeting with the Candidates. “At the same time, whilst we know that the bids to host the FIS World Championships offer candidate cities exceptional opportunities to promote their image and enthusiasm for the ski sports throughout the world, we feel very strongly about controlling the expenditure on the candidatures. We much prefer that money be spent in the promotion and development of the sport!” she added.

By the May 1st, 2007 deadline, applications were received from 12 candidates, divided as follows:

- Two applications for 2012 FIS Ski Flying World Championships submitted by Vikersund (NOR) and Harrachov (CZE)
- Four applications for 2013 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships submitted by Cortina d’Ampezzo (ITA), Schladming (AUT), St. Moritz (SUI) and Vail (USA)
- Five applications for 2013 FIS Nordic World Ski Championships submitted by Falun (SWE), Lahti (FIN), Oberstdorf (GER), Val di Fiemme (ITA) and Zakopane (POL)
- One application for 2013 FIS Freestyle World Ski Championships submitted by Voss (NOR)

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