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Record number of candidates for 2012/2013 FIS World Championships

Oberhofen, 2nd May, 2007/ -- FIS is pleased to announce the receipt of a record number of applications for the organization of FIS World Championships in 2012 and 2013. By the May 1st, 2007 deadline, FIS received complete application dossiers from a total of 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)

This represents the highest total number of applications since the introduction of the non-refundable registration fee and the guarantee for training days at the International Ski Congress in Christchurch (NZE) in 1996, which was implemented beginning with the organizers of the 2002/2003 FIS World Championships elected in Prague (CZE) in 1998. The FIS Council shall elect the organizers of the 2012/2013 FIS World Championships during the Congress Week in Cape Town (RSA) in May 2008. Prior to that, each candidate and its National Ski Association must complete a detailed questionnaire followed by a visit of the FIS inspection group.

For the FIS Alpine World Ski Championships, the registration fee is CHF 400'000 and 200 training days, for the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships, CHF 150'000 and 200 training days. For the other events, the registration fee is set at CHF 100'000 and 200 training days, although no training days are required by candidates for the organization of FIS Ski Flying World Championships. For a second consecutive candidature, candidates are entitled to a 25 % reduction in the registration fee and, for the third and further consecutive candidacies, a 50 % reduction is granted. The training days are typically valued at a theoretical rate of CHF 100/day.

No application was received for the 2013 FIS Snowboard World Championships by the May 1st deadline. However, interest has been expressed by a candidate and the deadline has therefore been extended until May 28th, 2007, when the FIS Council meets next.

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