

CONGRESS DAILY

WEATHER TODAY

Thursday, 3 June 2010



26°C | 19°C

DID YOU KNOW?

The Turkish province of Antalya is the main tourist destination in the country, accounting for over 30 percent of the total annual hotel nights

TODAY'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Excursion with lunch

Special accreditation required

Where? Meeting point
Sheraton Voyager Lobby

When? @8.30

Cocktail for the announcement of the elected organisers of FIS World Championships 2014/2015

Where? Ballroom

When? @18.30

CONGRESS EXCURSION

This year the Congress excursion will take place by boat along the beautiful Turkish coast. The excursion meeting point is at 8.30 AM in the Sheraton Voyager Lobby and will begin ashore with bus transportation to Antalya Harbor, where the catamaran MobyDick will be waiting.

The boat trip will head to the Rat Islands and Duden Waterfalls. At the Waterfalls there will be a possibility for swimming and photo shooting. Thereafter the Catamaran will travel along the coast to the historic Yacht Harbor where there will be a possibility

to make a short tour of the old part of Antalya.

Lunch will be offered at Restaurant Arma at the old harbor. Airy stone arches on the inside give it an elegant look despite that it was once the port's petroleum depot.

Club Arma is Antalya's most luxurious restaurant where everyone will enjoy first class sea food and excellent, selected Mediterranean specialties.



Don't miss this unique experience!

Please do not forget to bring along your personal excursion voucher that you received together with your accreditation card! Participation is only for holders of a valid 2010 FIS Congress accreditation. Dress code is casual.

COCKTAIL FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2014/2015 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANIZERS

The excursion day will conclude with the Cocktail where the organizers of the 2014 FIS Ski Flying World Championships and the 2015 FIS Alpine, Nordic, Freestyle and Snowboard World Championships will be

announced following their election by the FIS Council. The Cocktail offered in honor of the elected organizers will take place in the Ballroom beginning at 18:30 with the announcement

expected at approximately 19:00 local time.



YOUR TURKISH WORDS OF THE DAY

Where are you from?
= nerelisin

Cheers = serefe

How are you?
= nasilsin

Today = bugün

Tomorrow = yarın

Red = kırmızı

White = beyaz

Q & A: HARALD AARHUS, CHAIR OF NORDIC COMBINED COMMITTEE

Harald Aarhus, who is the Chair of the Nordic Combined Committee since 1996, spoke to us about the development of the sport in recent years.

Where does the sport stand today?

The athletes' performances are at a very high level and we were the only discipline with winners from three different continents at the World Championships in Sapporo and Liberec and at the Olympic Games in Vancouver. This shows that our sport is global.

In recent years, we have been able to simplify our product and to maintain the competition program. These measures helped increase the popularity of the sport.



Harald Aarhus

What are the next steps?

We need to continue our work and keep the product

clean. It is important to perform the competition program and the calendar at the maximum level where it is now. This means for the athletes that they are able to compete as planned.

We already found solutions for a better competition management by reducing the number of TDs during the season. This way, the TDs can enhance their experience and knowledge to handle the competitions in a more professional manner. We want to continue to find solutions to help the sport grow.

Q & A: KILIAN ALBRECHT, CHAIR OF ATHLETES COMMISSION

Kilian Albrecht is the Chair of the Athletes Commission. This Congress saw the Commission meet for the second time after their election in 2009.

What is your resumé of your first year as Chairman?

It has been a great year of learning. We have really needed this time to learn how FIS works, how we can be involved, what the procedures are and how we best effect change. It feels like we were thrown into the water and had no

chance but to learn to swim. Now we are at least already staying afloat. We have also realized that sports politics entails a lot of informal work and that it can take a long time to move things along the paths of decision-making at FIS.



Kilian Albrecht

What is the current atmosphere in the Commission?

7 of the 12 Commission members are here in Antalya. We have had good discussions this week and all members benefited from their work to establish relationships with the athletes and FIS Race Directors last season. Besides the discipline specific topics, we continue to focus on topics such as 3rd party arbitration, support for severely injured athletes & Committee representation.

Q & A: BILL SLATTERY, CHAIR OF SNOWBOARD COMMITTEE

Bill Slattery, Chair of the Snowboard Committee, has been involved since the discipline came to FIS.

How has the sport evolved over the past years? It has been growing by the number of nations participating, by female

participants and by the number of athletes. This along with the growth in media exposure indicates that the sport is overall well-received. Several nations now propose the inclusion of Slopestyle and Team Snowboard Cross for the

FIS World Championships as well as Slopestyle for the 2014 Olympic Games before Congress. The disciplines of Snowboard and Freestyle share some similarities and therefore have potential for cross-over cooperation.



Bill Slattery

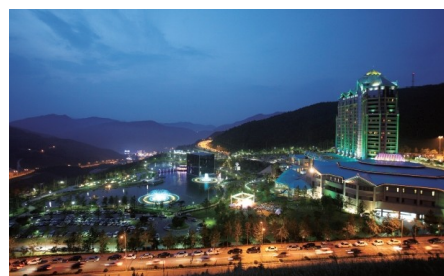
PREVIEW 2012 FIS CONGRESS IN KOREA

The 47th International Ski Congress in beautiful Antalya (TUR) is still in full swing but here's a short preview of the 48th edition of the Ski Congress. As decided by the FIS Council in autumn 2008, the 2012 Congress will take place in Asia, namely in the Gangwong Province of Korea.

The High 1 Resort close to Pyeongchang is the high standard leisure resort in the west of Korea that will

host the FIS Family in spring 2012. A new convention-oriented five star hotel called High 1, scheduled to be completed in February 2011 and containing an amazing convention area, will serve as an excellent location for a fruitful International Ski Congress. The resort includes a fabulous golf course, a casino, different hotels and condominiums as well as a ski resort belongs to Korea's leading

tourist sites and is now preparing to become the leading integrated Resort in Asia. You can find detailed information about the host venue under www.high1.com.



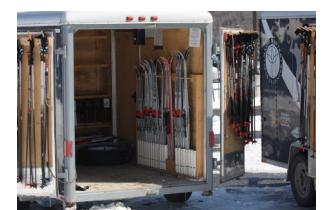
FIS SNOWKIDZ AWARD: FINALISTS IN PORTRAIT

The FIS SnowKidz Award will be awarded for the first time and each edition of the Congress Daily will feature two of the eight 2010 finalists. Today focuses on:



The Naltar Ski School project by the Pakistan Ski Federation established a ski school to help kids with limited financial resources or from dry/desert areas to get exposed to skiing by providing lodging / boarding at a nominal charge while ski equipment and coaching are provided free of charge.

The Healthy Hometowns Program launched by the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association introduces skiing to communities without resources to provide youth programs, and enhances opportunities in communities with existing ski programs. Two portable trailers with 70 ski sets are used in participating communities.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE TURKISH SKI RESORT ERZURUM

Erzurum, the well known Turkish winter sport resort will be hosting two important ski events in the next two years. In only 238 days, the 2011 Winter Universiade will kick off in the biggest city of East-Anatolia, which is situated in the east of Turkey. Close to 3500 students will compete at various venues in eleven different disciplines including the six Olympic disciplines of FIS: Cross-Country, Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined, Alpine Skiing, Freestyle and Snowboard. The venues are situated on snow-secured high plains close to Erzurum. The Organizing Committee in Erzurum invested into infrastructure projects and built some venues completely new as for example the Ski Jumping hill while several other venues were simply upgraded or reconstructed.

As an ideal follow up for the new

infrastructure, the Turkish Winter Sport Federation will host the 2012 FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships, which is the most important event for our upcoming stars in Nordic sports.

But Erzurum, the highest city of Turkey (1850m over the sea level), is not only famous for winter sport. It is also an open-air museum with its officially registered 320 immovable cultural landmarks. With traditional handicrafts, rich local cuisine and traditional sports the city is an important cultural place. It is a center of natural richness and invites visitors to stay – maybe an interesting post-Congress-tour.



For additional details, please visit the event website:

universiadeerzurum.org

TRAVEL DESK

Belmondo Travel

Ferit Memis

Phone:

+90 541 373 33 61

www.belmondotravel.net



Rafting Beskonak

EXCURSION TIP OF THE DAY

Full day excursion (incl. lunch): If you prefer to do a whole day trip instead of the half day Congress excursion, you may opt for the **Rafting Beskonak** excursion, the favorite adventure trip to the National Park Koprulu Canyon, where foaming fresh water with three different lapses awaits you and accompanies you over the next 11 km of the Koprulu River. While floating on the river you get to enjoy an impressive panorama.

WHERE TO PLAY GOLF

Gloria Golf Resort

Distance 52,1 km; 1h15 min drive

Antalya Golf Club

Distance: 41 km; 54 min drive

Sueno Golf Club

Distance: 42 km; 1h drive

Carya Golf Course

Distance: 40km; 50 min drive

LykiaLinksGolf

Distance: 58,5 km; 1h 13 min

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We would like to use this opportunity to extend our belated birthday wishes to Pierre Mignerey, who is also the new FIS Cross-Country Assistant Race Director as from the 2010/11 season



Pierre Mignerey