

# CONGRESS DAILY

## WEATHER TODAY

Monday, 31 May 2010



30 °C | 19 °C

## VOLCANO WATCH

Icelandic volcano pauses

## TODAY'S SPECIAL EVENTS

### 2nd Ladies Seminar

When? 16.30-18.45

Where? Hotel Falez

Room Aspendos

### Turkish Evening

On invitation of Turkish  
Ski Federation

When? @19.00

Where? Tropic Grass  
Area, outside

### Exhibition Candidates for FIS World Championships 2014 & 2015

When? @10.00

Where? Foyer, 1st floor

## WELCOME TO ANTALYA

Welcome to the first edition of the Congress Daily. Designed to highlight the main events of the day during the Congress Week, I hope you will find it a useful companion during the 47<sup>th</sup> International Ski Congress.

After the successful FIS Congress in Istanbul in 1988, it is only the second time in the history of FIS that the world-wide ski family gathers in Turkey.

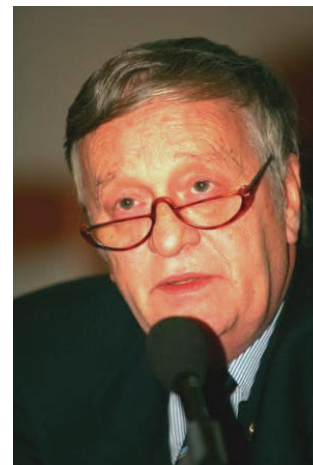
The 2010 Congress in Antalya is of great significance for skiing. We shall be focused on the sport's further development and setting the future direction of the International Ski Federation in all its facets.

The 2010 Congress will also see a celebration of

the 100th anniversary of the very first International Ski Congress that was held in Christiania (later renamed Oslo), Norway on 18th February 1910.

More than 1'000 persons are participating in this Congress; official delegates of the National Ski Associations, Council and Committee Members, event organizers, representatives of the sponsors and media, candidates for the FIS World Championships, just to mention a few.

Even if about 100 official meetings of the Council and the FIS Committees are included within the program of the Congress Week, we hope that all participants will find an



Gian Franco Kasper  
FIS President

opportunity to spend some relaxing time with their friends in the FIS family.

I wish you a successful 47<sup>th</sup> International Ski Congress and hope that the decisions taken in Antalya will serve the successful development of the sport of skiing.

## 2ND FIS LADIES' SEMINAR: "WOMEN POWER IN SKI SPORT?"

The 2nd FIS Ladies Seminar will be staged on Monday, 31st May 2010 from 16.30-18.45 in the neighboring Hotel Falez, room Aspendos. It will finish before the official opening

and the Turkish Evening beginning at 19:00. Registrations can still be made at the FIS Accreditation and Information Desk!

The seminar is entitled

"Women Power in Ski Sport?" and it will focus on current and future trends concerning the position of women in ski sport, and (continues on Page 3...)

## YOUR TURKISH WORDS OF THE DAY

Hello! = merhaba!

Room = oda

Hotel = otel

Yes / No

= evet / hayir

Please! = lütfen!

Okay = tamam

## WELCOME TO TURKEY!

On behalf of the Turkish Ski Federation, I would like to welcome you to the 47th International Ski Congress. We are pleased to host this major event in Antalya, Turkey.



Özer Ayık  
President  
Turkish Ski Federation

It is a great pleasure for us to accommodate the members of the international ski family in this beautiful Mediterranean city.

Ski sports have developed noticeably in Turkey and the country has been investing great efforts in their growth. In recent years, many new facilities and resorts have been put to ser-

vice and they are awaiting valuable guests like you. Reconstruction and improvements completed with great excitement and enthu-

siasm for the forthcoming 2011 Winter Universiade at the Palandöken Ski Resort of Erzurum have changed the scenery of the mountain there. Events held this year in Turkey were greatly appreciated as was the ski tourism in the area. The natural beauty, history and cultural riches of our country, with the many

mountains nearly created for ski sports, will acquire more meaning with you, our dear guests.

Furthermore, I would like to emphasize that we are very pleased to collaborate with the staff of the International Ski Federation to organize the 2010 FIS Congress.

I hope you will experience unforgettable moments as you discover the natural and historical beauties of Antalya and its environment, as well as the Turkish culture.

I wish you a great time!

## Q & A: CHRIS ROBINSON, CHAIR OF FREESTYLE COMMITTEE



Chris Robinson

### What is your future vision for the development of Freestyle?

I see Freestyle having to move forward with two parallel paths. The first being to continue to improve and strengthen our existing events: Moguls, Aerials, Ski Cross and Halfpipe.

Secondly, we must continue to be the discipline within the FIS that embraces new trends in skiing and provides a 'FIS stream' for those formats to be tested and

developed. We have seen this in the past 10 years with the introduction of Ski Cross and Halfpipe. The momentum of Slopestyle is now moving us in the direction of formally adding another new event to our discipline.

We also have to be flexible and work with regional strengths to allow for discrepancies in levels of event activation between national associations. All of this requires us to operate in a

delicate balance. To be successful we need to be innovative in our approach and look for strategies that will assist NSA's and event organizers to deal with an increasing program of activity. Strategic alliances with Snowboarding around the 'Cross events', 'Pipe events' and Slopestyle is an example.

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the associated challenges and opportunities. The group of speakers includes Sabine Wittner, Ski Cross Coordinator of the Austrian Ski Association; Jan Tischhauser, FIS World Cup Race Director for the ladies' Speed Events; Åsne Havelid, CEO Oslo Nordic World Ski Championships 2011; and Tulay Bayar, Turkish member of the Sub-Committee for Ladies Cross-Country Skiing.

"Sports are extremely exciting, and especially winter sports appeal to Norway's national character. This job gives me an opportunity to benefit from 20 years of experience in sports, combined with experience from business life," says Åsne Havelid and adds: "Oslo 2011 is a national initiative – it depends on us being able to develop the competence in people in a timely way. We all have the same objective: To arrange a

WSC in Holmenkollen. I am experiencing a fantastic engagement from all the parties involved, and we all have a strong wish to create a great event!"



Åsne Havelid

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Tulay Bayar will discuss the significant changes taking place in sports in Turkey and says: "There has been an increase in the level of women's participation in sports that have traditionally been limited to men." Bayar, a senior banking specialist, is also very active in the field of sports by providing assistance to the Turkish Ski Federation

(TSF) as a referee and Cross-Country ski coach. She ended her competitive career as an athlete back in 1989.

"The interest and participation of young girls in various sports has grown in recent years. The younger generation is better at encouraging children, especially girls, to enjoy sports,

because it is considered something positive.

However, taking into consideration the limitations of female involvement in sports and in the pursuit of corrective action, we should all increase our awareness of the issue and try to play a role as individuals for a better sharing of women in all fields of social life."



Tulay Bayar

**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 **Ski Bus (Suusabuss)** project was started by the Estonian Ski Association for the season 2007/2008 offering professional ski lessons for beginners at schools. This way, pupils and teachers alike can engage in cross-country skiing and learn that the sport is not difficult but instead, lots of fun!

The **'Teach the Teachers to Ski'** project by the Finnish Ski Association provides teachers with ideas and skills to conduct lessons on skis, thereby involving children in the FIS disciplines. In cross-country, the project has even encouraged the schools to buy sets of skis for everyone to use.



## THE CONGRESS HOTEL: THE SHERATON VOYAGER ANTALYA

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Overlooking a turquoise sea and the famous Konyaalti Beach, the FIS Congress Hotel, the Sheraton Voyager Antalya Hotel, Resort & Spa offers familiar comfort amidst splendid views.

If you have the time, make sure to try some of the spa services which combine local holistic therapies and traditional services. Panoramic views of either the Mediterranean or the Bey Mountains create a wonderfully relaxed setting. The hotel's swimming pool is well-known as the largest in the area.

If you prefer to escape to tranquility, you can take a peaceful walk through the hotel's beautiful botanical garden. Golf lovers will enjoy the many nearby championship courses. But if you decide to just stay at the Sheraton Voyager Antalya Hotel, Resort & Spa, there are four different restaurants and a cozy sports bar to enjoy. The friendly staff will be happy to cater to any of your needs!

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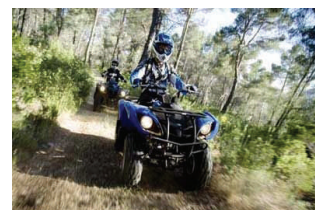
### EXCURSION TIP OF THE DAY: DISCOVER ANTALYA

**Discover Antalya half-day excursion (excl. lunch):** Discover the colorful city of Antalya, visit the old town and a waterfall. You also get an opportunity for shopping. The old city of Antalya is confined to the walled town of steep, narrow streets, wood and stucco houses, perched on the cliffs surrounding the harbor. On the way to Lara Beach, you will see the Lower Duden Waterfall.



Antalya

If you are a bit more adventurous, there are also **Half-day QUAD SAFARI excursions** every day offering full excitement on 4-wheel quad motorbikes through valleys and rivers.



Quad Safari

Or what about a **full day DIVING excursion (incl. lunch)**? It is on offer every day. If weightless floating while discovering a world you only know from movies and books sounds appealing, this may just be the excursion for you.

Please contact the Travel Desk served by Belmondo Travel in the Hotel for more.

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Enjoy your stay in

Antalya!

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