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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**FIS MEDIA INFO****Decisions of the 48th International Ski Congress in Kangwonland -
FIS membership grows to 115**

The 48th International Ski Congress in Kangwonland (KOR) from 27th May 2012 has been the first FIS Congress in Asia. More than 760 delegates representing the extended global ski family have enjoyed the great hospitality of their hosts, the Korea Ski Association and the Kangwonland Hotel as part of the High1 Resort, during the entire Congress Week.

The organization's General Assembly - the FIS Congress - held on Friday in Kangwonland took the following important decisions:

Two new members elected to FIS Council

The following were elected to the FIS Council for the upcoming two-year period, 2012-2014:

Mats Årjes (SWE), 123 votes
Patrick Smith (CAN), 120 votes
Alfons Hörmann (GER), 119 votes
Eduardo Roldan (SPA), 119 votes
Sung Won Lee (KOR), 118 votes
Peter Schröcksnadel (AUT), 118 votes
Sverre Seeberg (NOR), 118 votes
Janez Kocijancic (SLO), 116 votes
Bill Marolt (USA), 116 votes
Michel Vion (FRA), 115 votes
Roman Kumpost (CZE), 110 votes
Vedran Pavlek (CRO), 110 votes
Matti Sundberg (FIN), 108 votes
Dean Gosper (AUS), 101 votes
Flavio Roda (ITA), 100 votes (new)
Andrey Bogarev (RUS), 99 votes (new)

The maximum number of votes available: 123 votes

Long-term FIS Council members Yoshiro Ito (JPN) and Pablo Rosenkjer (ARG) were named FIS Honorary Members.

Financial and administrative decisions

In order to enable even greater promotion of its events, the FIS Congress adopted a revision of the so-called Rule 208 dealing with the “Exploitation of Electronic Media Rights.” The intention of the rule change is to ensure that the technological changes in the distribution of information are better reflected in the regulations.

The rules now identify the conditions under which short extracts can be distributed in terms of their duration, time embargo and appropriate financial conditions, taking account of the platform that is used be it television, mobile devices or the Internet. The interests of the rights owner and producer of the material are protected and financial responsibilities are clarified.

The Congress affiliated Eritrea, Haiti, British Virgin Islands, Palestine and Togo as associate members of the International Ski Federation, whilst Montenegro became a full member with one vote. The total number of members in the International Ski Federation now amounts to 115.

The FIS Congress 2012 also adopted criteria defining for eligibility of the Members of the FIS Council that set out the qualifications to run and hold a position in the FIS Council.

As part of the statutory business the Congress approved the accounts and reports of the auditors as well as the budget for the next two year period 2012-2013. It welcomed the proposal of the Council to distribute CHF 8 million from the result of the financial period 2010-11, along with an additional 2 million from the FIS reserves to the National Ski Associations for the promotion of skiing. Together with the budgeted amount of CHF 10 million in National Ski Association support for 2012-13, a total of 20 million CHF will be paid out over the next two years from FIS to the member Associations.

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As part of FIS’s multi-year international campaign entitled “Bring Children to Snow” that has been designed to generate passion for snow activities among the younger generations, the Kangwonland Congress Week saw the recipients of the 2nd FIS SnowKidz Award honored. The top three award winners were decided from among the eight finalists. Altogether, 21 projects representing 21 National Ski Associations competed for the awards.

FIS SnowKidz Award 2012 Results

1. SnowKidz Czech Republic (CZE)
1. DSV Schoolsport Concept (GER)
3. School Marathon in Pokljuka (SLO)

Finalists:

Kids on Snow (BEL)
Snow Day Every Day (BLR)
Snow Camp (GBR)
Five Days of Snow and Fun (PAK)
Everyone on Snow (SWE)

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About FIS

FIS is the governing body for international skiing and snowboarding, founded in 1924 during the first Olympic Games in Chamonix, France. Recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), FIS manages the Olympic disciplines of Alpine Skiing, Cross-Country Skiing, Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined, Freestyle Skiing and Snowboarding, including setting the international competition rules. Through its 115 member nations, more than 6'500 FIS ski and snowboard competitions are staged annually. Specific initiatives are undertaken by FIS to promote snow activities as a healthy leisure recreation, notably for the young.

For more information, please visit www.fis-ski.com.