

From Moscow to Inzell

13th Masters' Speed Skating Sprint Classics, Inzell/Germany 27 – 28 Jan 2007

Three months before the competition we found the electronic Entry Form for the 13th Masters' Speed Skating Sprint Classics in Inzell/Germany on the Webpage of the ISU Masters' Speed Skating Working Group IMSSG (www.imssg.org). We filled in this



electronic Entry Form and sent it off via Internet. Soon we got an answer from the IMSSG. They asked us to send them our addresses again, but in Latin letters and not in Cyrillic letters, because they couldn't read it. We had to learn that is important to

send our postal address in Latin email to the IMSSG, Volker Serini, e-mail-arrange personal invitations for all got the personal invitations separate for all regular airmail.

transliteration. Then we have written an address info@imssc.org, with request to teammates to get visa. Two weeks later we participants and accompanying persons by



Now we could start our preparations for the travel to the Competition in Inzell. We had realized the first steps to take part in the Sprint Classics.

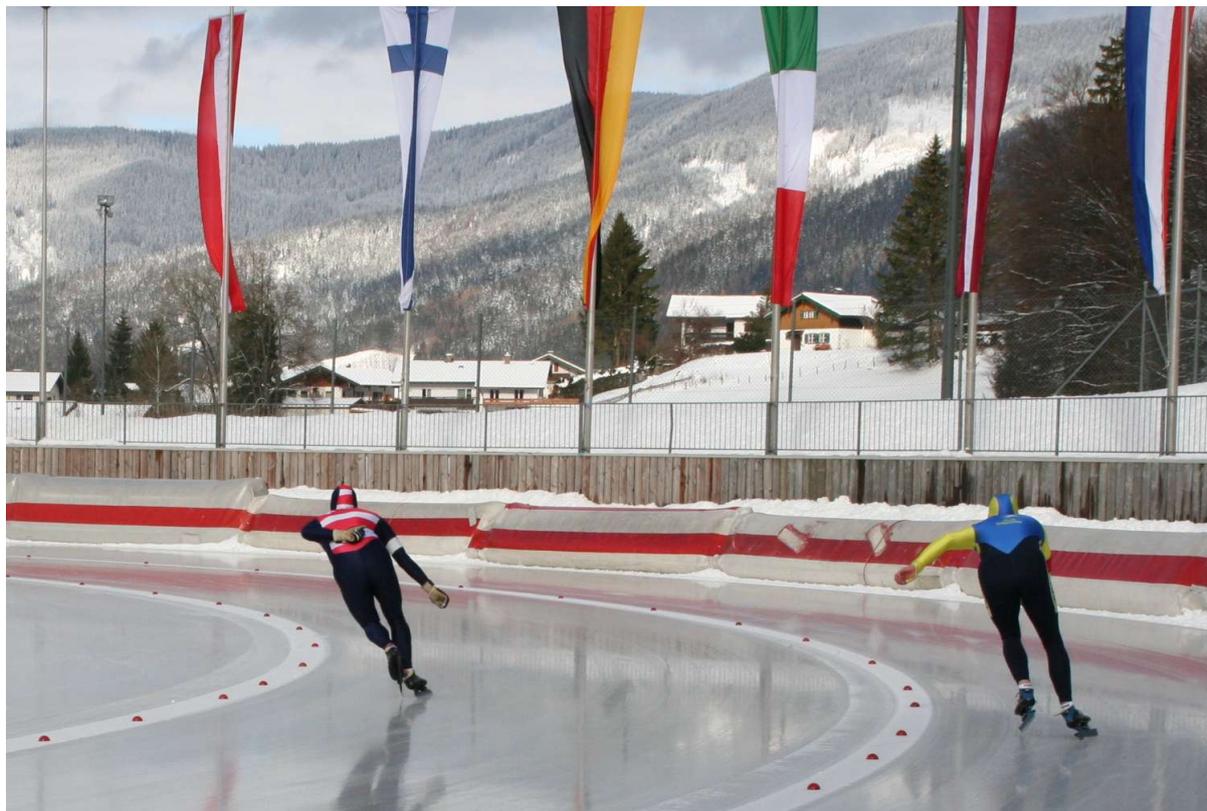
The next step: We had to prepare the documents for the reception of the visa at the German Embassy in Moscow:

1. Copy of the Russian passport
2. Information of the employer.
3. Health insurance.
4. Hotel booking and payment.
5. Round trip ticket
6. Two photos 3,5 x 5,5 cm.
7. Personal invitation.

And the appearance in the German Embassy is obligatory.

After reception of the visa we began to prepare our departure. We collected the belongings and went to the airport. At the airport our plane was delayed 5 hours. But this is nothing. We were packed with determinations. Finally - that we turned out to be in plane. In 3,5 hours we arrived in Munich.

In the airport we have bought a group ticket Munich-Traunstein return. In Traunstein we arrived at 2 a.m. We could get a taxi and go the 19 km to Inzell. So we reached Inzell late



in the night and went immediately to bed. We woke up in the morning, peered out of the window and saw Inzell, uncommonly beautifully. The Mountains were all in snow. The

sun was shining. And we visited the nice Icestadium for speed skating. And in the evening we had supper in a fish restaurant. All was beautifully and much tasty.

The following day the competitions began. The staff organized the races very well. At the first competition day the sky was cloudy and the weather was bad. We had very strong snowing and wind. Because of the wind we had problems not to struggle during speed



skating. BUT!!! The other athletes supported us and spoke good words to all, to members of their own commands and to adversaries. Atmosphere was mellow. The people were merry.

At the second day the weather was much better and speed skating was easier - all rooted their friends. But Ivan Pelipenko, the most adult participant of the competitions, finished under friendly applause of the whole stadium.



At the end of the competitions has peered the bright sun. The presentation ceremony passed in a close-fitting circle, merrily, heat and interesting. Moreover, all participants have been rewarded, at the podium the first three and at the left and right of them the other participants.

We want to express thanks to all: organizer, technical personnel, command representative, owner of the hotels "Alpenhotel Gastager", "Haus Stefanie" and restaurant "Planet ICE" and "Fish Restaurant" for creation verily olympic atmosphere - on competition and home atmosphere - at free time.

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