



Masters' Ice Crystals 2007

Change from ICEOVAL to the IMSSC- and IMSSG-Websites in 2008

vs. The number of Masters' International Competitions did grow in the last years. For 2007/2008 we have already 13 International Masters' Competitions on the Competition Calendar (see www.imssg.org). We had 2006 for the first time to divide ICEOVAL 2006 into two booklets, the second booklet was containing the announcements of the competitions. ICEOVAL 2007 will also be divided in this manner. But we have to find another solution for the information of our Masters because the solution with two booklets or with one much larger booklet is too expensive. This solution will probably be the following.

In 2008 the Masters, who competed in International Competitions in the season 2007/2008 will not get automatically an ICEOVAL 2008 (International Masters Speed Skating News). **They can get their informations, as the announcements 2008/2009, the IMSSC Record List 2008, etc., from the Websites of the Masters, www.imssc.org and www.imssg.org.** That seems possible, because 90 % of the international competing Masters have an internet connection (email-address). The 10 % Masters without internet connection can easily get their information from the internet connection of their children or friends.

Nevertheless the Masters can subscribe to **ICEOVAL 2008 against a remittance of 10 EUR. But this issue does not contain any announcement.** It contains the Competition Calendar, reports and results about the Games and perhaps about one other Competition, the IMSSC Records List, the IMSSC Rules, the List of IMSSC Members and Icecrystals (small but important informations).

Sessions of the IMSSC

vs. The 26th Session of the IMSSC was held in conjunction with the last Games in Calgary/CAN on 21 Feb 2007. The 27th Session of the IMSSC (Working Session) took place in Krefeld/GER on 01 Sep 2007. You will find the minutes of the sessions in the Internet: www.imssc.org or www.imssg.org. The **28th Session of the IMSSC will take place on Thursday, 28 Feb 2008, 10.00 a.m., in Erfurt/GER** in conjunction with the 18th Masters' International Speed Skating Games in Erfurt/GER.

Important Decisions at the 24th IMSSC Session in Baselga di Pinè/ITA

- vs. Important decisions taken at the 26th Session of the IMSSC in Calgary/CAN in Feb 2005:
1. Men Allround Big (500 m, 5000 m, 1500 m, 10000 m), IMSSC Records listed from 2007/2008.
 2. Four new Masters' International Competitions recognized for 2007/2008, Milwaukee/USA (Sprint), Calgary/CAN (Allround), Heerenveen/NED (Sprint), Moscow/RUS (2 distances).
 3. IMSSC votes by email/letter possible for important matters everytime.

Session of the ISU Masters Speed Skating Working Group (IMSSG)

vs. The 4th Session of the ISU Masters Speed Skating Working Group (IMSSG) was held 20 Feb 2007 in conjunction with the 16th Masters' International Games in CAL/CAN. The 5th Session of the IMSSG will take place on Wednesday 27 Feb 2008, 4 p.m. in Erfurt/GER in conjunction with the 17th Masters International Games in Erfurt/GER. The minutes of the IMSSG Sessions can be found in the Web under www.imssg.org.



Games 2008 – 2010

vs. The Masters' International Speed Skating Games will take place at the following sites, as decided by the IMSSC at its 26th Session in Calgary/CAN:

2008 Erfurt/GER Gunda-Niemann-Stirnemann-Hall

2009 Bjugn/NOR Fosen Icehall

2010 Kolomna/RUS Icehall of Kolomna

The IMSSC Members are asked to submit applications of organizers for hosting the 20th Games in 2011.

Limitation of Participants at the Games Erfurt/GER 2008

vs. For the Games in Erfurt 2008 the participants are limited to **175 participants** respectively 206 entries (by experience 15 % loss by injuries, illness or other reasons) as decided by the IMSSC at its 26th Session in Calgary 21 Feb 2007. For the different countries there are **quotas of entries CAN 12, FIN 9, GER 40, ITA 12, NED 50, NOR 35, RUS 15, SUI 12, USA 6, Other Nations 15**. If the organizer in Erfurt is ready to heighten the number of participants, the additional entries shall be added to the quota of Other Nations.

IMSSC Member Movements

vs. The IMSSC Members **Mary O'Donnell/USA** and **Aris Dijksman/NED** resigned. As new Members of the IMSSC were appointed by the IMSSC at the 26th Session in Calgary: **Brett Arnason/CAN, Indrek Aarna/Ph.D./EST, Bram de Vries/NED and Andrew Love/USA**. **Aris Dijksman/NED** was appointed as Honorary Member of the IMSSC.

Number of IMSSC Records in 2006/2007

vs. **2006/2007** **146 IMSSC Records**
 2005/2006 **41 IMSSC Records**

More Information about Masters' Speed Skating

You find a lot of further information about Masters' Speed Skating under www.imssc.org and www.imssg.org.

