

Editorial



Dear Speed Skating Friends,

“ICEOVAL” will no longer be sent automatically to all participants of Masters’ Competitions with IMSSC fee as already put into practice last year. And the announcements for the Masters’ Competitions will no longer be issued in “ICEOVAL”. But the announcements are already published since 1 Oct 2009 on our website www.imssc.org as last year. And the whole content of “ICEOVAL” will also be issued there until 15 Oct 2009. The announcements and all documents of “ICEOVAL” will be issued as pdf-documents and can be easily printed from our website.

If you want to get “ICEOVAL” nevertheless as hardcopy, you can subscribe. How to do this is described in the “Imprint” in “ICEOVAL”. As last year we have reports and results of the largest Master competitions issued in “ICEOVAL”, Masters’ SPRINT GAMES in Inzell/GER 2009 and Masters’ ALLROUND GAMES 2009 in Bjugn/NOR. As additional report of special interest we have added a report about the Masters’ International REVIVAL in Baselga di Pinè/ITA, the place where we will have the 19th ALLROUND GAMES in 2010.

For all the nice International Masters’ Competitions in different countries, especially for the wonderful 18th Masters’ ALLROUND GAMES in Bjugn/Norway with 184 participants and the successful 1st SPRINT GAMES in Inzell/GER with 165 participants, we have to give heartily thanks to all organizers, organization committees, to all juries and other co-workers, in the most cases volunteers. They all helped the Masters to have excellent competitions and much fun during these competition days.

Nearly all competitions of last season will again take place in the coming season 2009/2010. As last year we will have SPRINT GAMES and ALLROUND GAMES, now in Milwaukee/USA and in Baselga di Pinè/ITA. But there will also be some changes. The Masters’ SPRINT CLASSICS in Inzell/GER will not be held this year because in Inzell they are building an icehall. It is already under construction. I hope that we can have again the SPRINT CLASSICS in the new icehall in Inzell in 2011. The Masters’ International CANADIAN OPEN will not be in Richmond/CAN or in Calgary/CAN in the coming season, but will be held in Québec/CAN, the nice place where we had already fantastically organized Masters’ Games in 1996 and 2001. The Masters’ International RUSSIAN ALLROUND CHAMPIONSHIPS in Kolomna had to be changed from a Saturday/Sunday weekend to a Friday/Saturday weekend in March because of commercial reasons. I hope that our smallest competitions, the Masters’ REVIVAL in Baselga di Pinè/ITA and the Masters’ MEETING in Davos/SUI will still grow. Both of them are held at wonderful places in the Alps with wonderful situated tracks.

The International Masters’ Speed Skating Committee (IMSSC) and the ISU Masters’ Speed Skating Working Group (IMSSG) held their yearly Sessions in conjunction with the Masters’ ALLROUND GAMES in Bjugn/NOR. Frank Anderson/AUS and Marcello Bresin/ESP were appointed as new IMSSC Members. Bram de Vries was appointed as new IMSSC Treasurer. Decisions were made by the IMSSC about the places for the ALLROUND GAMES and the SPRINT GAMES for 2010, 2011 and 2012. Some IMSSC Rules were altered (IMSSC Constitution and Rules version 2009 see “Downloads”). You can also find the complete Minutes of the Sessions on our website.

The IMSSG and the IMSSC were very disappointed about the decision of the ISU Council to reject the introduction of Masters age groups into the ISU Rules and the change of the competition name “Masters Games” into “Masters Championships”, proposed to the ISU Council by the IMSSG. The IMSSG and the IMSSC do not understand why the ISU Council cannot accept what is regarded as a matter of course in other International Sports Associations as for example at FINA (Swimming, Water Polo, Diving), IAAF (Athletics), ITF (Tennis) and UCI (Cycling).

I wish you a successful speed skating season 2009/2010 with much fun and hope to see you at one or several of our International Masters’ Competitions.

With best regards,

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