Editorial

Dear Speed Skating Friends,

As in the last years most of the announcements of our International Master Competitions 2010/2011 are already published from 01 October on our website **www.imssc.org** and you can



make your entries there on Electronic Entry Forms very comfortably. Additionally the whole content of "ICEOVAL 2010", our Masters' International Speed Skating News, will also be issued there still in October. The announcements and all documents of "ICEOVAL" will be issued as pdf-documents and can easily be printed from this website.

If you want to get "ICEOVAL" as hardcopy, you can subscribe it. How to do this is described in the Imprint of "ICEOVAL".

Like last year we have reports and results of the largest Master competitions issued in "ICEOVAL", of the Masters' SPRINT GAMES in Milwaukee/USA 2010 and of the Masters' ALLROUND GAMES 2010 in Baselga di Pinè/ITA, our unofficial World Championships. As additional report of special

interest we have added a report about the Masters' International CRITERION in Erfurt/GER in November 2009, which is the first great International Masters' Competition every year.

For all the nice International Masters' Competitions in different countries, especially also for the wonderful 19th Masters' ALLROUND GAMES in Baselga di Pinè/Italy 2010 with 192 competitors and the well organized 2nd SPRINT GAMES in Milwaukee/USA 2010 with 81 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.

Not all competitions of the last season will take place again in the coming season 2010/2011. As last season we will have SPRINT GAMES and ALLROUND GAMES, now in Berlin/GER and in Calgary/CAN. But the Masters' SINGLE DISTANCE RACES in Hamar/NOR will not be held this year and it is still open if the MASTER CUP, planned for Munich/GER, and the CANADIAN OPEN, planned for Halifax/CAN, can be organized in this season. If no unforeseen problems appear at the completing of the new ice hall in Inzell/GER, we will again have the SPRINT CLASSICS already in this new ice hall in 2011. A new competition on our Calendar is the Masters' 10K WEDNESDAY in Kearns/USA in the week between the Masters' ALLROUND GAMES in Calgary/CAN and the Masters' CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE also in Kearns. With totally 12 International Masters' Competitions we have an interesting large competition program also in 2010/2011.

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 Baselga/ITA. The IMSSC decided that the Ordinary IMSSC Sessions in future should be held in the summer, the first already in summer 2010. The first Ordinary IMSSC Summer Session was the 33rd IMSSC Session in Krefeld/GER in May 2010. Further important decisions of the 32nd IMSSC Session in Baselga and the 33rd IMSSC Session in Krefeld can be read on our website <u>www.imssc.org</u> under Latest News and in the original complete minutes of the sessions under IMSSC Sessions.

I wish you a successful speed skating season 2010/2011 with much fun and hope to see you at one or several of our International Masters' Competitions.

With best regards,

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