



The members' activity: the IV Russian National Snowsports Instructors' Championships

ISIA is an international and lively organisation, especially thanks to its active members.

The winter season 2008-09 has seen many ISIA events: the Speed Tests, one in Davos to validate the formula and three official ones, the Ski Instructors' World Championship in Maribor and the National Russian Championship in Moscow.

The championship in Moscow was the last happening of the season or, better to say, the first international event after the season, since it took place in an indoor centre on the 13th and 14th of May 2009.

Rather than just a National Championship, the event was an international one: in fact the competitions were open to all ISIA members, who were kindly invited by the National Russian League of Instructors to join them for their IV championship.

124 athletes from 7 countries - Russia, Austria, France, Germany, Slovenia, Switzerland, Ukraine - attended the race. Some of them were the same skiers who attended – and also succeeded – at the former ISIA World Championships, while Russia was represented by the National Demo Team plus other four teams from the regions of Moscow, St. Petersburg, Urals and the Volga Federal District.

The demo teams performed a spectacular show, presenting to the public of Moscow what synchro skiing is.

The actual competitions were parallel slalom, (skiing and snowboard) and the team relay.

Below there is a ranking list of all the races.

	1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place
Team Relay			
	Austria	Switzerland	Sun Valley team (Russia)
Parallel slalom – Skiing			
Men – Elit*	Pavel Shestakov (Rus)	Andrej Ivanov (Rus)	Nicolas Sauvage (Fra)
Men – Senior**	Gregory Guignier (Fra)	Stanislav Urakov (Rus)	Maximilian Holzmann (Ger)
Women – Elit	Cristiane Bauer (Ger)	Lyubov Markova (Rus)	Olesya Alieva (Rus)
Parallel slalom – Snowboard			
Men – Elit	Evgeniy Vaitkus (Rus)	Denis Borodin (Rus)	Tomas Lehmann (Sui)
Women – Elite	Isabel Jud (Sui)	Elena Presnakova (Rus)	Alena Korotkova (Rus)

* Younger than 35 years

** 35 years and older

The races were not the only aspect of the event, in fact the participants delivered demonstration and workshops on the most up to date and best practices for teaching skiing at any level, to everyone from beginners to experts.

At the same time the Russian Ski Industry Congress was hosted at the same location, giving a chance to the professionals of the ski industry to share their experiences and exchange ideas on business development and promotion in such a specific market.

The Moscow Championship has been a successful event, promoting our sport and the profession of our members, as well as allowing exchanging ideas between ski instructors of the highest level, coming from all over the world.

It was the pleasure of the ISIA Board – represented in Moscow by the President R. Campell, the General Secretary H. Reider and Adviser V. Caffi – to support such a great happening.

Additionally Riet Campell had a chance to present ISIA and its activities during an interview for one of the main national TV channels – the press conference can be viewed at

http://rian.ru/press_video/20090514/171051581.html - which by all means is very important for ISIA and



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all the professional ski instructors – Russia is beyond all doubt one of the countries where the ski industry is constantly growing, and the biggest Russian ski areas will in the nearest future definitely become international resorts hosting customers and employees coming from all over the world.

Events like the one organised by the Russian association are very significant for the ski instructor world, and they are of support for the whole professional ski instructors' community of ISIA: the vitality of ISIA depends greatly on its members.

While the ISIA board would like to express again its thankfulness to the National Russian League of Instructors for their commitment to the Professional Ski Instructors World, they also want to say that they will encourage and support again in future any similar initiative organised by any of its members willing to promote professional ski instructors and ISIA.

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