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Interski Congress Ushuaia 2015

The Interski Congress in Ushuaia already belongs to history. In acknowledgement, many thanks should be extended to our member ADIDES and its President Martin Bacer, for the organisation. As far as the atmosphere was concerned, the Parallel Team Event was no top event. The nature of the competitions which will be held at the Interski Congress in Pamporovo, Bulgaria, shall be discussed during the Interski Delegates' Meeting that is scheduled for the spring and will be announced afterwards.



You will find impressions of the Interski Congress on the following facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Interski2015/>

ISIA Delegates' Meeting Lenzerheide 2016

In April 2016, the ISIA Delegates' Meeting was held in Lenzerheide Switzerland. The representatives of 27 countries were present. Below is a summary of the main decisions:

- The elections of the members of the ISIA Steering Committee were postponed and will take place during the ISIA World Championship in April 2017 in Samnaun.
- The Membership Fees were increased from Sfr. 750 to Sfr. 1000.
- Henceforth, as far as the minutes are concerned, the official languages of the ISIA will be English and German.
- To conclude the Delegates' Meeting, a day of skiing took place, in addition to a review of the Swiss Snow Happening in which more than 1500 Ski Instructors took part.



Representatives of the ISIA Member Countries during the final party of the Swiss Snow Happening in Lenzerheide



ISIA skiing day on the Lenzerheide

Visit of the Chinese Ski Historian Shan Zhaojian in Belp

On September 13th, 2016, Mr. Shan Zhaojian, a Ski Historian from China, who was travelling through Europe to present his book about the history of skiing in China, visited the ISIA offices.

Vittorio Caffi, Vice-President, Europe, welcomed the delegation from China in Belp.



From the left: Ayiken Jiashan, Vittorio Caffi, Mr Shan Zhaojian, Wu Xiaohua

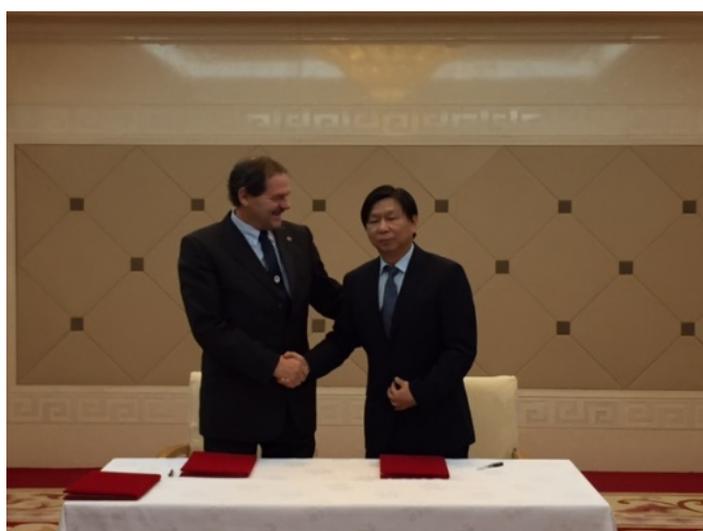
Visit of President Riet R. Campell to China

In November 2016, President Riet R. Campell visited Mr. Ren Hongguo, the state Representative for winter sports in China and Vice-President of the Chinese Ski Association, at his official residence in Beijing. The purpose of the visit was the negotiation of a cooperation agreement which aims to introduce the ISIA Minimum Standard for Chinese Ski Instructors in addition to preparations for the entry of a Chinese umbrella organisation into the international Professional Ski Instructors family.

The forthcoming 2022 winter Olympic Games in China is creating a proper snow sports boom within the host country. Some 300 million snow sports aficionados are expected to emerge between now and the Olympic Games. Derived from this, there will be a need for approximately 300,000 Ski and Snowboard Instructors.

It will be the task of the ISIA to be the warrant of the Minimum Standard in training and to offer full support to its Chinese colleagues.

Currently, many ISIA Members are at work on Ski Instructor Training in China. Everyone's objective must be to help the Chinese reach the ISIA Minimum Standard as soon as possible so that they can be accepted in the ISIA family.



Riet R. Campell and Ren Hongguo shake hands after signing the Cooperation Agreement.

Her Imperial Highness, Princess Akiko of Mikasa, becomes ISIA Honorary Ski Instructor

Her Imperial Highness Princess Akiko of Mikasa has become an Honorary Ski Instructor and Honorary Member of the ISIA. On November 5th, a small ISIA delegation, comprised of President Riet R. Campell, Vice-President Yuichi Mabuchi, General Secretary Hugo Reider and Kiminobu Sugiyama, presented to Princess Akiko, the diploma, insignia and Certificate for the title of Honorary Ski Instructor, along with the Honorary Membership, awarded to her by the ISIA Steering Committee. This was done in recognition of her continuous efforts for the advancement of snow sports worldwide. Princess Akiko has herself completed the Ski Instructor Training of the Japanese Professional Ski Instructor Association SIA.



Presentation of the Certificate of Honour to Princess Akiko of Mikasa

ISIA World Championship 2017 Samnaun

The Silvretta Ski Arena Samnaun-Ischgl, the largest Ski Arena of the Eastern Alps and one which extends across several borders, is expecting Professional Ski Instructors from all over the world for an unforgettable conclusion to the season.

Samnaun and the Organisation Committee of the ISIA World Championship 2017 are already looking forward to welcoming a large contingent of participants and visitors.

In addition to the competitions, there will be, in the afternoons, workshops concerned with the conduct of training in other countries.

Training objectives are to be discussed and compared in detail. The Ski Instructor training in China will also be examined.

During the ISIA World Championship, the ISIA Delegates' Meeting will also be held, spread over two days.

The ISIA Steering Committee will be elected. After 17 years in office, President Riet R. Campell shall not seek re-election.

Registration for the World Championship can be completed [online](#), on the ISIA Website.