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Total commitment for the Masters World Cup 2015

The highlight for the Masters cross-country skiers, the Masters World Cup will be held in the Russian Syktyvkar from 11th to 21st of March 2015. With enormous commitment, the organizers ensure the welfare of the athletes and perfect competition conditions.

For ambitious crosscountry skiers, the Masters World Cup is the highlight of the season. Besides a good condition on cross country skis, it does not need any special qualification to participate in this major event. There are also no limitations regarding the birth date, except the minimum age has to be 30 years. Starts are in age groups and also with over 80 years, people will still meet enough competitors. In the 6 days of competition each athlete can choose 3 races in which he wants to start - both classic and skating style. In addition, participation in the relay race is possible. Every year more than 1,000 athletes from over 25 countries take part in this 10-day event.

Syktyvkar - more Lapland than Russia

Participants from Australia to Canada join the Masters World Cup 2015 which will be held in Russian Syktyvkar. Even the name of the provincial capital northeast of Moscow reveals it's cultural roots. The region Komi appears more Finno-ugrian than Russian and "Komi" is also considered as an official language. The cultural diversity, the special hospitality and natural beauty of the region form an unique setting for the participants of the Masters World Cup. "I am always reminded of Lapland and always fascinated by the region and its people." Thomas Heckmann, the President of the World Masters Association of crosscountry skiers (WMA) describes his impressions of the venue. During the competition-free days, the organizing committee offers trips to the sports and cultural attractions.

Optimum organisation

In Syktyvkar ideal conditions for the athletes can be expected. The Nordic Center has got a large cross-country tradition and is a popular training and competition center for athletes from all around the world. Additionally, it is the home of 10 times Olympic medalist and most successful cross-country skier of all times Raisa Smetanina. The stadium with all major infrastructure facilities and the network of trails will meet all demands. "This ski area in Syktyvkar with the Raissa-Smetanina - Stadium is the most beautiful of all venues in Russia," says Erwin Mengel from the German Masters association (Seniorenlanglauf).

Besides the sports facilities, the organizing committee is working with full commitment to guarantee the best possible service for all participants. For the journey a charter flight from Moscow is provided in cooperation with the WMA. Within the region, a shuttle service to and from the accommodation and sports facilities will be given. Accommodation can also be booked via the organising team.

Distinguish sports and politics

Only the political climate currently dampens the expectations of the organizers. "Obviously, the athletes are now a bit confused whether to travel to Russia or not. But we should not be disconcerted by politics. We have got an unique opportunity to celebrate a great cross-country skiing feast in one of the most beautiful regions of Russia and no crosscountry skiing fan should miss this!

We have to distinguish sports and politics." Heckmann expresses clearly and his US-American colleague John Downing (USA) supports this:" Through the Masters World Cup we have so many friends in the Russian team, so we are looking forward to participate in the Syktyvkar Masters World Cup."

The registration for the Masters World Cup 2015 is possible until February 5th. Due to the visa requirement for most nations, however, a rapid registration is recommended.

For further information on the Masters World Cup, please visit: <http://mwc2015.ru/en>

Further Mediainformation and background material:

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Bild 1: Finno-Ugrian roots

Bild 2: Stadion in Syktyvkar

Bild 3: official Event-Logo

Bild 4: official Logo WMA



Event-program MWC 2015:

Wednesday – Thursday, March 11 – 12

Arrival, registration, accreditation, track testing

Friday, March 13

Official training, opening ceremony, Team Captains' Meeting

Saturday, March 14

Free technique:

30 km (2 x 15 km) M 01 – 06

15 km M 07 – 09

15 km F 01 – 08

10 km M 10 – 12

10 km F 09 – 12

Sunday, March 15

Classic technique:

30 km (2 x 15 km) M 01 – 06

15 km M 07 – 09

15 km F 01 – 08

10 km M 10 – 12

10 km F 09 – 12

Monday, March 16

Morning classic technique:

5 km F 09 – 12

10 km F 01 – 08

5 km M 10 – 12

10 km M 01 – 09

Afternoon free technique:

5 km F 09 – 12

10 km F 01 – 08

5 km M 10 – 12

10 km M 01 – 09

Tuesday, March 17

Rest Day, culture program and trips.

Wednesday, March 18

Relays 4 x 5 km (leg 1,2– classic, leg 3,4 – free tec.) M 01 – 10 & F 01 – 04

Thursday, March 19

Free technique

15 km M 10 – 12

15 km F 09 – 12

45 km (3 x 15 km) M 01 – 06

30 km (2 x 15 km) M 07 – 09

30 km (2 x 15 km) F 01 – 08

Friday, March 20

Classic technique:

15 km M 10 – 12

15 km F 09 – 12

45 km (3 x 15 km) M 01 – 06

30 km (2 x 15 km) M 07 – 09

30 km (2 x 15 km) F 01 – 08

Saturday, March 21 – Departure