

MINUTES

**of the
53rd INTERNATIONAL SKI CONGRESS
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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

ITEM 1 Opening of the Congress

The President Johan Eliasch opened the 53rd International Ski Congress on 26th May and welcomed all Congress delegates, Honorary Members, Council Members and those joining online via the live stream on the FIS You Tube Channel.

Opening Speech by FIS President Johan Eliasch

Dear Ski Friends,

Welcome to the 53rd International Ski Congress. I cannot tell you how good it is to at last be able to meet with so many of you in person as our daily lives start to get back to normal. It is an especially spectacular setting for our return to in-person meetings as we are sitting on the 47th floor of the Allianz Tower in Milan.

For those of you joining us online, I would also like to offer my heartfelt welcome and I look forward to also seeing you in person at our next meetings.

It has been a busy first year serving as your FIS President, I can say, I am proud of the progress that we have made, but as you will see from today's full agenda, there is still much work to be done.

I will save the majority of my comments for Item 6 on the Agenda, the President's Report, but I wanted to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who have made the last two seasons possible. Your dedication and hard work ensured that we could keep our disciplines alive through the toughest of circumstances.

I am proud to be your president and to have the opportunity to lead our FIS Family.

Now let's open the 2022 International Ski Congress.

But before we get into the business of the Congress, lets take a minute to honor those who have left us since our last meeting.

Please join me in a moment of silence.

The President thereupon declared the 53rd International Ski Congress 2022 officially open.

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The Congress acknowledged the opening speech from Johan Eliasch.

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The President of the Milano – Cortina Winter Olympic Games 2026 Committee, Vincenzo Novari, welcomed the delagtes to Italy, and thanked FIS Council member Favio Roda for his support.

ITEM 2 Roll call of the Official Delegates present, certification of the number of Votes of each Member Association

At the roll-call by the Secretary General, the following 64 delegates representing the affiliated National Ski Associations and a total of 117 votes were present. Due to the hybrid format of the Congress, and in agreement with the National Ski Associations, only one delegate per nation was permitted to attend in person.

Nation	Last Name, First Name	Votes
ALB	Toci, Elvis	1
AND	De Visa, Carles	1
ARG	Kast, Magdalena	2
ARM	Sargsyan, Gagik	1
AUS	Kennedy, Michael	3
AUT	Scherer, Christian	3
BEL	Urkens, Stijn	1
BIH	Dojcinovic, Jelena	1
BLR	Grebenev, Aleksandr	2
BRA	Arnhold, Stefano	1
BUL	Bobev, Georgi	2
CAN	Podborski, Steve	3
CHI	Pirola, Stefano	2
CHN	Wang, Abraham	3
CRO	Pavlek, Vedran	2
CYP	Lefkaritis, Dinos	1
CZE	Mach, Petr	3
DEN	Falkenberg, Anna Harboe	2
ESP	Peus Espana, Jose Maria	2
FIN	Haapasalmi, Markku	3
FRA	Betrand, Fabian	3
GBR	Trayner, Paul	3
GEO	Kostava, Zurab	1
GER	Schwarz, Hubert	3
GRE	Nikitidis, Georgios	2
HUN	Fuerstner, József Zsolt	1
IND	Agarwal, Suresh	1
IRI	Nazarian, Madavani Abbas	2
IRL	Norwood, Robert	1
ISL	Bjarnason, Bjarni Th.	1
ITA	Rinaldi, Massimo	3
JPN	Nakamura, Michihiko	3
KAZ	Valiyev, Askar	2
KGZ	Borisov, Igor	1
KOR	Ryu, Jehoon	2
KOS	Kelmendi, Milaim	1
LAT	Dorss, Dinars	1

LBN	Khalil, Yousseff	2
LIE	Ospelt, Alexander	1
LTU	Arlauskas, Remigijus	1
LUX	Leyder, Jan	1
MAR	Ait Oarchikh, Hicham	1
MEX	Pruneda, Carlos	1
MKD	Janevski, Borche	1
MNE	Kosic, Marina	1
MON	Pastor, Jacques	1
NED	de Vegt, Wopke	3
NOR	Berg, Ingvild	3
NZL	Riegler Deneriaz, Claudia	2
PAK	Mahmood, Zahid	1
POL	Winkiel, Jan	3
POR	Farromba, Pedro	1
ROU	Constantin, Andrei	1
RSA	Pilz, Peter	1
RUS	Mnatsakanov, Georgy	3
SLO	Zupan, Uros	3
SMR	Gatti, Gian Luca	1
SRB	Bozic, Milan	1
SUI	Aregger, Bernhard	3
SWE	Stromberg, Ola	3
TUR	Kaplan, Necati	2
UKR	Syparenko, Yulia	2
USA	Goldschmidt, Sophie	3
UZB	Voronov, Andrey	1
Total		117

Total: 64 Member Associations with 117 votes (19 Associations with 3 votes, 15 Associations with 2 votes and 30 Associations with 1 vote.

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Associate Members invited:

The Associated Members had the opportunity to follow the 53rd International Ski Congress via YouTube.

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Council Members present:

President: Johan Eliasch

Vice Presidents: Roman Kumpost, Aki Murasato, Dexter Paine, Peter Schröcksnadel

Members: Mats Arjes, Dean Gosper, Martti Jylhä, Hannah Kearney, Urs Lehmann, Tzeko Minev, Flavio Roda, Erik Roeste, Enzo Smrekar, Franz Steinle, Martti Uusitalo, Elena Vyalbe, Moses Liang-Cheng Zheng

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ITEM 3 Approval of the Agenda

The agenda, that had been distributed to the Member Associations and the delegates together with the Congress Book was approved.

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The Congress approved the Agenda and the Congress Book.

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ITEM 4 Election of one Certifier of the Minutes and Appointment of three Tellers

The following individuals were proposed to the Congress:

Certifier of the Minutes: Jenny Shute

Tellers:

Eddie Marshbaum, Director of Sports Integrity, Quest

Susan Gueho, Senior Manager, Security and Integrity, Quest

Katie Harding, Lumi

Notary Public:

Edward Gardiner Cheeswrights, Notary Public, UK

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The Congress approved the Certifier of the Minutes and the three tellers together with the Notary Public.

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ITEM 5 The Minutes

5.1 The Minutes of the previous ordinary Congress (2020)

The draft FIS Congress 2020 Minutes were sent to the National Ski Associations in August 2020 for their review.

On the recommendation by the 2020 Certifiers and by the Council, the Congress approved the Minutes of the 52nd International Ski Congress held online.

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5.2 The Minutes of the previous Extraordinary Congress (2021)

The draft FIS Congress 2021 Minutes were sent to the National Ski Associations in November 2021 for their review.

On the recommendation by the 2021 Certifiers and by the Council, the Congress approved the Minutes of the Extraordinary International Ski Congress held online.

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ITEM 6 Report of the President

The speech from President Johan Eliasch to address the General Assembly follows:

Dear Council members,
Dear Presidents and Secretary Generals,
Dear Ski friends,

Almost one year has passed since I've been elected FIS President. Almost one year ago our journey together to further develop and promote skiing and snowboarding has begun. And what a ride it has been.

We have achieved a lot together in the last few months. Through courage, through exchange, through assessment and through persistence.

Together we have laid the foundation for leading FIS and snow sports into a successful, modern and inclusive future.

Was it easy? No, it certainly was not.
Because change is never easy, it is challenging.
Is it necessary? Yes, it is.
Because the status quo is comfortable, but not sustainable.

In the end, however, the willingness to change and the constant questioning of the status quo pays off. It opens up our sport to necessary developments and innovations, allows it to grow and prosper and keeps it competitive.

You have already read my report on the past year in the Congress Book, which has been made available to you online.

I don't want to reproduce that report word for word, but it should serve as a guideline for looking back at our achievements of the past year and looking ahead to a promising future.

We have had a season in which the pandemic has continued to affect us.

Even though we gained a lot of experience in dealing with the virus throughout the previous year, it was still a situation that was challenging for everyone involved and one that we do not want to get used to.

At the same time, it has been proven that the FIS Covid Protocol is a reliable tool to implement the competitions and enabled us to run our events smoothly. This was important for the organisers, the athletes and us.

However, the pandemic did not only affect the organisation of the events, but also had financial consequences. Many of our member associations have suffered major losses due to Covid-19. To alleviate the financial pressure, FIS decided to make a special distribution of five million Swiss Francs and supported local organisers with an additional amount of 4.2 million Swiss Francs to cover part of the prize money.

Especially in difficult times, it is important to stick together.
Especially in difficult times, it is important to support each other.

Teamwork is a good catchphrase.

Because teamwork is what inspired me throughout the entire season and what makes the World Cup and Continental Cup so special.

It was also teamwork that made the Ski Flying World Championships in Vikersund/Norway, the Junior World Championships in Panorama/Canada, in Zakopane/Poland and Lygna/Norway, in Leysin and Veysonnaz/Switzerland and in Valmalenco/Italy successful.

Thank you to everyone who made the competitions and events happen - the athletes and their support teams, the organisers, all stakeholders, the FIS team and every single volunteer.

The Olympic Games were certainly a very special highlight this year.

Thanks to a very good cooperation with the IOC, the Chinese Ski Association and the Beijing Organising Committee for the Olympic Games, we looked forward to these Games with great expectations and a lot of anticipation.

And we were not disappointed.

The magic and emotion was present everywhere at the venues in Beijing, Yanqing and Zhangjiakou, which became the scene of extraordinary performances. And the good is that these Games will leave a legacy and continue to have an impact on society as many of these striking places will continue to be used for recreational purposes and as competition sites.

With the opening of the FIS China Liaison Office in Beijing, we are underlining the importance of developing snow sports locally and supporting China in its goal of attracting 300 million people to winter sports.

I ran with very clear proposals to improve the governance framework of FIS, such as a much-needed update of the statutes. The adopted statutes now address several key areas, including term limits for Council members and the FIS President, greater gender equality on the FIS Council and additional flexibility for FIS to adapt its legal structure.

Indeed, a very important change was to allow for future centralization of our World Cup media and broadcast rights, which will bring prosperity and great improvements to the entire FIS family. We have an important period of consultation ahead of us to find the right path towards this ambition.

I also ran in awareness of the need to make an immediate and significant impact on the sustainability of our sport.

The FIS Rainforest Initiative enables us to proactively contribute to reducing deforestation with a holistic deforestation prevention project that fully funds partnerships in South America and invests not only in deforestation prevention but also in healthcare, in education, in women's empowerment and in community assets.

This initiative makes us the first international sports federation to become climate positive. We can and should be extremely proud of that.

FIS also joined the Sports for Climate Action Framework with the commitment to help the sports sector achieve net zero emission by mid-century.

We will disclose our annual carbon footprint and progress in reducing emissions and set ourselves an interim reduction target of 50% by 2030 and a net zero emissions target by 2040.

Together with SRS, we have created a platform, which gives all nations the opportunity to order equipment homologated for World Cup, European Cup and FIS races at significantly reduced prices. This helps developing nations and aspiring athletes to obtain top-level equipment at affordable cost and is an important step to grow our FIS disciplines globally.

Followed by the approval of the FIS Council last summer, we set up 12 working groups to bring together experienced professionals and foster a lively and in-depth talk on key areas of the sport.

The goal was to create a platform for discussion and a platform to promote the exchange of know-know.

The working groups covered Alpine, Asia, Associates & New Members, Camps & Training Facilities, China, Diversity & Gender Balance, Educational, Nordic, Recreational & Tourism, Snowboard, Freestyle & Freeski, Sponsors & Equipment Suppliers and Youth.

Experts from different backgrounds were heard and we benefited from a broad and knowledgeable collective that brought further expertise to our decision-making process.

The proposals of the working groups include a review of formats, the improvement of our commercial product, the usage of new technologies, the alignment of talent development and athlete and coach education, and the usage of synergies between FIS, national federations and stakeholders.

Only together can we shape the future of our sport. The working groups are a testament to that.

We wrote history with Zermatt/Cervinia as the first cross-border FIS Alpine World Cup host and the course layout with the start in Switzerland and the finish in Italy. The two downhill races for men and women will allow an earlier start to the World Cup for all Speed athletes and lead to a season without interruptions. Plus, this addition in the calendar already in the upcoming season will offer training possibilities for all athletes in Zermatt/Cervinia ahead of the races. This will serve to reduce travel and our carbon footprint.

Since the Olympics in Beijing, we were in constant exchange with the International Paralympic Committee about the transfer of the governance and management of the three para-sports Para Alpine Skiing, Para Cross-Country Skiing and Para Snowboarding. And the good news is that we now reached an agreement

FIS stands for inclusion, for diversity and for sustainability. Therefore, it is a great pleasure for us to include the Para disciplines and their athletes in the FIS family. The FIS Council approved the request yesterday, which is why it will be submitted to the FIS Congress for a vote today. We will come back to this later.

We have delivered on a long list of initiatives, which pave the way for building a stronger FIS.

And we need to continue to work tirelessly to fully modernize snow sports and lead it into a bright and successful future.

We want to increase our participation numbers.

FIS is uniquely positioned to deliver value and knowledge to its members. We need to explore opportunities to further develop our educational programmes and share best practices. When we talk about our sport having enormous potential, we are talking about the so-called big nations but at the same time about the less developed ones. To grow participation in recreational and competitive skiing

and snowboarding, it is essential to specifically promote snow sports in the countries where its progression is only just beginning.

Let us use that potential.

We want to increase our reach.

Consumers and fans are spoiled for choice, and we must create formats that captivate the audience and thrill fans back home in their living rooms as well as via tablets and phones while on the road. For example, we see benefits flowing to our athletes and our stakeholders by delivering a quadrennial FIS Games, which could be held between the Olympic Cycles. Having in mind that our competitions represent 52% of the Olympic medals, this would be a fantastic opportunity to unite FIS athletes across all disciplines, showcase the diversity and strengths of our sport and increase our income and engagement.

Further, our athletes will benefit from content creation and sharing with fans, creating a path for sponsors to reward athletes to a greater extent.

Let us spread our wings.

We want to stay attractive to the youth.

Digitalization plays an important role here but also our ongoing efforts to make our sport sustainable. Our goal is to become a leader in sustainability and carbon reductions. And we want to place great emphasis on the health and well-being of our athletes and create a framework in which the talents of tomorrow can grow and develop in a healthy environment.

Let us keep that in mind.

And we want to increase our income.

The main pillar to achieve that is the centralization of our World Cup media and broadcast rights. Only then we can put ourselves in charge of our own destiny and make our vision for our sport reality. It will increase our financial resources significantly and will benefit all - member associations, athletes and stakeholders.

Let us take that chance.

There is so much we can achieve together if we have the courage to do it.

I am fully convinced that we can aim higher and I am motivated to continue to develop and adapt snow sports to the rapidly changing realities in the years to come.

It has been a great privilege to work alongside my colleague and friend, Michel Vion, the FIS team, and you, the entire FIS family.

Let's keep up the momentum and continue down the path to improve our sport and make it as modern, inclusive and attractive as possible.

Thank you very much.

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The Congress acknowledged the report of the President.

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ITEM 7 FIS Statutes

The delegates were reminded that any change to the Statues requires a 2/3 majority vote. All voting on statutory matters was carried out using the LUMI electronic voting system. The changes that require a formal voting are marked with a star (*).

External legal counsel Stephan Netzle explained there were also some “housekeeping” changes that were made with the approval of the FIS Council. These were items such as clarifications or typographical errors (Art. 18.4.2 of the Statutes):

The “housekeeping” changes included:

9.4 Two committees listed are not Standing Committees. Therefore, the Legal and Safety Committee and Medical Committee are committees, but not standing committees.

10.4.1.2: The Council shall call an Extraordinary Congress upon: (...) a proposal supported by 20% (1/5) of votes of the Member Associations, in accordance with Swiss law.

*10.6.2 Proposals from Member Associations must reach FIS within three months currently, and it was changed to five months.

11.1.3 The last paragraph was deleted as the same was said in 11.3.4

*12.3.1 The Statutes say the Executive Committee meetings take place at least 8 times per year, this was reduced to 4 times per year.

15.2.4, 16.4 and 19 The Ethics Commission is now titled the Ethics Committee throughout the Statutes.

*15.3 The Anti-Doping Advisory Board had a specific mission from WADA included which will need a vote.

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The Congress acknowledged the “housekeeping” changes that did not require a vote.

The Congress approved the three changes that required a vote, denoted with a * above.

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7.1.1 Council Powers

Proposal 7.1.1 was brought forward to the Congress by Brazil and can be found in its entirety in the Congress book.

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Brazil withdrew the proposal before it was put to a vote.

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7.1.2 Name Change of International Ski Federation

Proposal 7.1.2 was brought forward to the Congress by United States and can be found in its entirety in the Congress book. The Council recommendation is to approve the proposal.

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The Congress approved the proposal. The new official name of FIS is the International Ski and Snowboard Federation.

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7.1.3 Candidates for the Office of the President or Council

Proposal 7.1.3 was brought forward to the Congress by United States and can be found in its entirety in the Congress book.

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The proposal was withdrawn by the United States before it was put to a vote.

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7.1.4 Athletes' Commission Term Length

Proposal 7.1.4 was brought forward to the Congress by Athletes' Commission and can be found in its entirety in the Congress book. The Council supported approving this proposal.

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The Congress approved the proposal. The Athletes' Commission now has a term length of four years instead of two.

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ITEM 8 Proposals by the Member Associations and the Council not directly related to the Statutes or the Rules

8.1 Organize Online Seminars and Workshops for TDs, etc.

Proposal 8.1 was brought forward to the Congress by the Iran and can be found in its entirety in the Congress book.

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The Congress approved the proposal by show of hands.

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8.2 Proposals from the FIS Council

The FIS Council proposed that FIS take over the governance of the para snowsports from the International Paralympic Committee, namely Alpine Skiing, Cross-Country Skiing and Snowboard.

FIS Development Manager Dimitrije Lazarovski presented to the Congress saying:

As some of you know, the FIS and Para Snowsports have a rich history. It started much before 2011, but here on this slide, I would like to point out the key dates which probably bring us to today's topic.

In 2011 FIS and IPC signed the first Agreement, which was escalated to the next one signed in 2018. With those Agreements, Para Snowsports were getting all required technical support required for improving the para events deliverables.

During the same period, there was always open dialog about para snowsports' inclusion under the FIS Structure.

In September 2021, FIS has expressed interest in the inclusion of para snowsports. It was the first time that FIS engaged with this topic and presented it to IPC. In order for this idea to succeed at the IPC General Assembly in late December 2021, the IPC members voted for para-sports governed by IPC to be independent by 2026.

Today, the FIS Congress should as well vote for the inclusion of the para snowsports under the structure of the FIS.

Once included IPC and FIS will enter into the transition phase, which should be finished by 30 June, and para snowsports should be run under the structure of FIS from 1 July.

As of the nature of the para Nordic skiing management, FIS and IBU entered into the Agreement that defined governance of the para biathlon with IBU and management of para biathlon conjointly with para cross-country under the FIS.

Para Snowsports will be structured as unit under the FIS, which will allow more visibility and bigger reach to the new countries. FIS will communicate frequently and share the best practices of how the para snowsports could be delivered under the national structure.

Day by day management will be done with the dedicated team in support of all FIS departments. The full competition program, World Ski Championships, and the Paralympic Winter Games will be just one of the focuses besides the classification, education, and sports development.

Additionally, the IPC President Andrew Parsons provided a video message to the delegates outlining the grounds for FIS taking over the governance of Para Snow Sports.

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The Congress approved FIS to take over the governance of Para Snow Sports.

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ITEM 9 The Olympic Winter Games

9.1 Decisions of the International Olympic Committee

The Congress was informed that since the last Congress the IOC had not made any decisions that directly impact FIS. The next meeting will be held in June 2022 and the delegates will be updated of any decisions made at that session.

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9.2 Proposals submitted by Member Associations

The below proposals were submitted by the National Ski Associations. The approved proposals will be forwarded onto the IOC for their consideration.

9.2.1 Team Dual Moguls

A proposal was submitted by 10 National Ski Associations for the addition of Freestyle Skiing Team Dual Moguls in the Olympic Winter Games programme in 2026. The FIS Council recommendation to the FIS Congress is to approve the proposal.

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The Congress approved Proposal 9.2.1

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9.2.2 Snowboard Mixed Team Parallel Event

A proposal was submitted by 7 National Ski Associations for the addition of a Snowboard Mixed Team Parallel Slalom in the Olympic Winter Games programme starting in 2026. The FIS Council recommendation to the FIS Congress is to approve the proposal.

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The Congress approved Proposal 9.2.2

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9.2.3 Ski Cross Mixed Team Event

A proposal has been submitted by 3 National Ski Associations for the addition of a Ski Cross Mixed Team Event in the Olympic Winter Games programme starting in 2026. The FIS Council recommendation to the FIS Congress is to approve the proposal.

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The Congress approved Proposal 9.2.3

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9.2.4 Women's Nordic Combined

A proposal was submitted by 2 National Ski Associations for the addition of a Women's Nordic Combined in the Olympic Winter Games programme starting in 2026. The FIS Council recommendation to the FIS Congress is to approve the proposal.

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The Congress approved Proposal 9.2.4

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9.2.5 Alpine Combined Team Event

For information, the Council is discussing an Alpine Team event that would include a downhill athlete and a slalom athlete, and also a second option of a Giant Slalom / SuperG combined event. It will be submitted to the IOC for inclusion on the 2026 programme.

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The Congress acknowledged the Council proposal.

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9.5 Report 2022 Olympic Winter Games Beijing (CHN)

9.6 Report 2024 Youth Olympic Winter Games Gangwon (KOR)

9.7 Report 2026 Olympic Winter Games Milano-Cortina (ITA)

The above reports from the Organisers of the concluded and upcoming Olympic Winter Games were provided to all delegates online prior to the General Assembly.

President Johan Eliasch personally commended the 2022 Olympic Winter Games Organizers in Beijing for staging an excellent Olympics in perhaps the most difficult of global circumstances. FIS was very fortunate to have such a capable team in charge of the latest edition of the Games.

He also thanked the Organizing Committee of the 2026 Olympic Winter Games here in Milano-Cortina for the excellent hospitality they have shown FIS during this Congress in the beautiful city of Milano.

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The Congress acknowledged the Olympic Winter Games Reports.

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ITEM 10 The FIS World Championships

10.1 Proposals by the Member Associations for the FIS World Championship

The below proposals were received from the Member Associations related to the FIS World Championships.

10.1.1 Team Dual Moguls

A proposal has been submitted by 3 National Ski Associations for the addition of a Team Dual Moguls event in the FIS World Championship programme. The FIS Council recommendation to the FIS Congress is to approve the proposal.

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The Congress approved Proposal 10.1.1

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10.1.2 World Championship Contracts

A proposal has been submitted by the Austrian Ski Federation regarding the FIS World Championship Contracts, which can be found in its entirety in the Congress Book.

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The Congress approved Proposal 10.1.2

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10.1.3 Limit the number of participants in the second run

A proposal to limit the number of participants in the second run of technical events at the FIS Alpine World Ski Championships has been submitted by Brazil, which can be found in its entirety in the Congress Book.

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The Brazilian Ski Federation withdrew this proposal.

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The Progress reports from all of the future Organizers of the FIS World Championships were received and provided to the delegates online prior to the General Assembly.

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The Congress acknowledged the FIS World Championship Reports.

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10.10 Organizers of the 2026 and 2027 FIS World Championships

The evening before the General Assembly the Organizers of the 2026 and 2027 FIS World Championship were elected by the FIS Council. The announcement was made at a gala dinner in the Allianz Tower. The winning candidates are as follows:

Oberstdorf (GER)	FIS Ski Flying World Championships 2026
Montafon (AUT)	FIS SB/FS/FK World Championships 2027
Falun (SWE)	FIS Nordic World Ski Championships 2027
Crans Montana (SUI)	FIS Alpine World Ski Championships 2027

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The Congress acknowledged the 2026 and 2027 FIS World Championship Organizers.

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ITEM 11 The FIS Publications

It was proposed to proceed as in previous years with the FIS Publications as follows:

To publish the International Ski Calendar 2022/2023 on the FIS Website and to keep it continually updated.

To publish one edition of the FIS Bulletin per year and on a regular basis the FIS Newsflash via email and on the FIS website.

The FIS Book of Reports for the last two-year period was published last week on the FIS website.

To leave it up to the FIS Administration to decide whether to reprint the ICRs.

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The Congress approved the FIS Publications proposals.

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ITEM 12 Affiliation and exclusion of Member Associations

Exclusion of Member Associations:

The Council proposed to exclude the membership of the Slovak Ski Association.

According to the FIS Statutes, there is only one organisation per country recognised by the FIS as Member Association and national governing body for FIS Disciplines (Art. 8.1.1.). For the Slovak Republic, that was the Slovak Ski Association (SSA). However, in 2020, FIS received an application for membership from another organisation called the Ski Association of Slovakia (SAS).

The Ministry for Sports and the Slovak Olympic Committee informed the FIS that they would recognise only the new SAS as the competent national body governing the FIS Disciplines in the Republic of Slovakia.

It is therefore the proposal of the FIS Council to the Congress to terminate the membership of the SSA and to accept the SAS as a new Member Association.

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The Congress approved excluding the membership of the Slovak Ski Association.

Subsequently, the Congress approved Full Membership for the Ski Association of Slovakia by a show of hands.

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Associate Membership

The Council proposed the following National Ski Associations as associate members:

Saudi Winter Sport Federation
Uruguayan Ski and Snowboard Federation

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The Congress approved the two candidates as new Associate Members.

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The President welcomed the new members and informed the FIS Congress that the total number of full and associate member National Ski Associations of FIS is now 137.

Full Membership

The Council proposed the following National Ski Associations as full members. As noted earlier, the Ski Association of Slovakia will take over the membership from the excluded Slovakian Ski Association.

Ski and Snowboard Association of Thailand
United Arab Emirates Snow and Ice Sports Federation

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The Congress approved Full Membership for the two candidates.

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ITEM 13 Report on the accounts

Mats Arjes in his capacity as Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Commission reported.

The Accounting period 2020 – 2021 was successfully concluded and during this difficult time with the Covid-19 pandemic, FIS achieved a gain of more than CHF 21 million. FIS distributed additional CHF 2.5 million as Covid-19 support in 2021, the result could have been even higher. The conservative investment strategy showed helped a lot to improve our result.

FIS also supported the LOCs with 20% of the prize money. This procedure led to a decrease of the Prize Money Fund and the current balance is minus CHF 4.9 million. It is essential, that FIS rebuild this fund for future obligations, then already in 2023, FIS will have the obligation to pay 50% of the Prize Money to the World Championships organisers and accordingly FIS has prepared the proposal for the Calculation of the Special Distribution and Allocations.

For the FIS Accounts 2020 – 2021 compared to the budget we have two major deviations, income and finances.

When the budget was established and approved at the beginning of the pandemic, FIS had to expect deductions in the income from sponsors, so a general deduction of 20% has been calculated. Due to the great work of the LOCs and the NSAs in collaboration with FIS, the World Cup Events were held, almost according to the calendar. As a result, the deductions were only approx. 6% and led to a much higher income than planned.

Similar for the Finances: When the budget was established, FIS had a loss of CHF 6 million in the finances and it has been calculated this loss for the whole period. Fortunately, the stock-exchange markets recovered quickly. Already by the end of the year 2020, we were break-even which led to a gain of CHF 6.5 million in 2021.

In the Human Resources, FIS is also CHF 1.6 better than budgeted. One main reason was the savings due to less travel in the Committees, Congress as well Council. It has to be mentioned that due to the OWG we had higher spending for Anti-Doping.

FIS is overbudget in the Business Expenditures. This mainly comes from the payment to World Academy of Sport for the income from Get into Snow Sports China (GISS). But we also have a higher income and it off-sets these spendings.

Last but not least, we have CHF 2.5 million more spendings in NSA. This is the Covid-19 support to the NSAs and the second tranche of CHF 2.5 million has now been credited beginning of May 2022.

Special Distribution:

The gain of the financial period 2020 – 2021 was CHF 21'051'705 and as mentioned in my opening remarks, we propose to rebuild the Prize Money Fund and allocate CHF 8 million. This will help us to fulfil our future obligations. Furthermore, we propose to distribute CHF 13 million to the NSAs in the upcoming two years, which means CHF 6.5 million in 2022 and then the same amount in 2023. There is no need to allocate an amount to the FIS Development Program (FDP)Fund. There is currently a balance of more than CHF 5 million and this will be sufficient for the upcoming years to support the development programme. In addition, there is no need to allocate an amount to the Marc Hodler Foundation (MHF).

Based on the above report, the FIS Council made two proposals:

The Council proposed to the Congress to approve the Accounts for the period 2020 – 2021.

The Congress approved the Accounts for the period 2020-2021.

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The Council proposed to the Congress to approve the Special Distribution for the 2020-2021 accounts.

The Congress approved the Special Distribution for the 2020-21 Accounts.

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ITEM 14 Annual subscriptions, calendar fees and other financial obligations

The Council and Finance Commission propose to keep the amount of CHF 450.00 per vote for the Annual Fee per National Ski Association. Furthermore, it was proposed to keep the calendar fees as well as the athletes' registration fee unchanged for the period 2022 – 2024.

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The Congress acknowledged the Annual Subscriptions, Calendar Fees and other financial obligations for the period 2022-24.

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ITEM 15 Budget for the next financial period

15.1 Budget 01.01.2023 – 31.12.2023

According to the new statutes, the FIS Council has approved the Budget 2022-2023. The FIS Congress is only reviewing the Budget.

Mats Arjes reported on the budget 2022-23 to the General Assembly:

In the past, FIS calculated the budget according to signed contracts. Due to the current situation with FIS Marketing AG, no contracts for the World Cup have been signed yet. To give a full picture, FIS added an additional line, with the draft contracts that are currently on hold. Otherwise, FIS would show a rather negative budget, but FIS is convinced, that the renewal of the contracts can be finalised this summer.

Therefore, it was quite difficult to establish the budget, since there are currently many open questions. FIS hasn't received information from the IOC regarding the money from the OWG 2022 in China. We calculated with an amount of USD 40 million, which is approximately what we received in the past. The USD 40 million will be distributed over the next Olympic cycle, which means USD 10 million per year.

The income from the World Championships is according to the contract with Infront for 2023 and as mentioned, no contracts for the World Cup have been signed yet and FIS used the approximative figures from the contracts that are to be discussed.

We also have higher Human Resources Expenditures as FIS needs to increase the staffing to fulfil the services. In addition, FIS had to calculate with higher cost in the business expenditure, due the increase of cost in various areas and we base on the effective costs from the previous period.

In research and safety, it is planned to include the Athletes Health Unit, where FIS can make a big step forward in the professionalisation of this field.

The NSA Financial Support is calculated with the additional CHF 2.5 million Covid-19 support in 2022, which has been credited to the NSA accounts beginning of May.

And as in the past, FIS calculated with a zero for the finances. Looking at the current situation this is definitely the right approach. Furthermore, it has always been the FIS credo to have a rather conservative budget and at the end being able to show a much better result to the NSAs.

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The Congress acknowledged the Budget Report 2022-2023.

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15.2 Financial Proposals from the Member National Ski Associations

Four proposals were received all from the Austrian Ski Federation. They were published in their entirety in the Congress Book.

15.2.1 Series sponsors at FIS Series events

15.2.2 Effects of Rules and Regulations

15.2.3 Advertising

15.2.4 Support of National Associations

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The Austrian Ski Federation tabled all four of the above proposals.

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ITEM 16 Elections

16.1 Election of the President

Before the election of the FIS President Dr. Stephan Netzle clarified the voting procedure for a president running unopposed.

It may be proposed to re-elect the President by acclamation or by show of hands (Art. 10.10.2.3). If the majority of the delegates request electronic voting, the LUMI system will be used.

The ballot must contain as many names as there are positions to fill. Empty ballots are invalid (Art. 10.10.1.7). The president shall be elected by a majority of more than 50% of all valid votes cast (10.10.2.1).

Today, there is only one name, namely Johan Eliasch. Hence, the valid votes cast are those which bear the President's name. There are no other candidates. Hence, Mr. Eliasch will be elected if at least one ballot cast bears his name. All other ballots are invalid because of lack of further candidates.

At yesterday's FIS Council meeting it was unanimously decided that the FIS Council would recommend to the Congress to re-elect President Johan Eliasch by acclamation. Accordingly, on behalf of the FIS Council, Vice President Dexter Paine proposed to re-elect President Johan Eliasch by acclamation in accordance with the unanimous recommendation by the FIS Council.

Following the proposal, the Austrian delegate Christian Scherer addressed the General Assembly saying that he had a signed letter from 15 National Ski Associations saying that they would not wish to proceed with the election by acclamation. The National Ski Associations that signed that letter are Germany, Spain, Norway, Switzerland, Denmark, Croatia, Austria, Andorra, Chile, Sweden, Finland, Poland, Belarus, Liechtenstein and France. A copy of that letter was handed over to the FIS Secretary General.

According to the Statutes, a vote was then held to decide if the Presidential election should be held via the LUMI system which was approved by a majority of the delegates. Mr Scherer also requested that the delegates should be able to use the electronic voting in complete secrecy without the risk that another delegate could see the voting screen of a voting delegate. The FIS Director then arranged that every delegate could vote at one of two separate tables away from the other delegates.

The delegates from Austria (Christian Scherer) and Croatia (Vedran Pavlek) continued to question the voting procedure and if it was in line with the FIS Statutes, citing the letter from the 15 NSAs. In particular, they requested that the ballot should provide for the possibility to vote "no" to the only proposed candidate.

Stephan Netzle explained the statutory voting process for the election of the president again and referred to the Statutes, which is the governing document for FIS. He emphasized that those who did not wish to vote for the proposed candidate could simply abstain from voting. The number of abstentions would be shown in the final result.

The Austrian delegate Mr. Scherer said that he and the delegates of the other NSAs that signed the letter would leave the room if their third request was not granted.

The Croatian delegate Mr. Pavlek continued to disagree with the voting procedure although it was explained again by Dr Netzle that any delegate, according to the FIS Statutes, could abstain from

voting if they did not want to vote for the only candidate. The Croatian delegate then encouraged delegates who disagreed with the voting procedure to leave the room. The voting proceeded. Scherer (Austria), Pavlek (Croatia), Aregger (Switzerland), Schwarz (Germany), Stromberg (Sweden), Happasalmi (Finland), Ospelt (Liechtenstein), Peus (Spain), Pirola (Chile) and Falkenberg (Denmark), representing a total of 27 votes, left the room before the voting began. The necessary quorum for the Congress to take valid decisions (Art. 10.9.1 of the Statutes) was still met by those delegates/votes remaining in the room (i.e. 90 of a total of all 127 votes).

The Presidential secret vote using the LUMI system was then implemented.

Of the remaining possible 90 votes present, 70 votes were validly cast in favour of electing Johan Eliasch for the term 2022-2026. 20 abstained.

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The Congress re-elected President Johan Eliasch for the 2022-2026 term.

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President Johan Eliasch gave an acceptance speech:

Thank you.

Thank you for your support. Thank you for your trust. And thank you for this clear mandate to continue our path to lead snow sports into a bright and successful future.

It is an utmost privilege and honour to serve as your President.

The past year has shown what is possible when we work together on our goals.

But the past year has also shown that this can, and must, only be the beginning.

We need change. We need transformation. FIS represents 137 nations and our task is to take control of our own destiny again so that we are able to create the best conditions for all them.

This is my vision. This is your vote to move forward.

Because only this will create the framework to generate higher revenues for the benefit of ALL of us and to develop and promote our disciplines equally.

I look forward to shape this new era of FIS together with all of you.

An era of independence. An era of unlimited possibilities. And an era of growth and strength.

A hell of a journey awaits us. Let us make it a successful and rewarding one.

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16.2 Election of eighteen (18) Members of the Council

The delegates who had previously left the room returned to their seats.

Before the election of the Council, President Johan Eliasch said that the current FIS Council agreed that only new candidates would present to the General Assembly.

The delegates who had left the room before, returned to their seats and participated in the election of the Council members without any further question or objection.

The following Council Candidates gave a three-minute speech (listed in alphabetical order):

Diedra Dionne (CAN)
Pedro Farromba (POR)
Magdalena Kast (ARG)
Fredy Keirouz (LBN)
Ihor Mitiukov (UKR)
Patrick Ortlieb (AUT)
Anne-Chantal Pigelet (FRA)
Patrick Toussaint (AND)

Thereafter, Dr. Netzle explained that the delegates had to select 18 of the Candidates on their electronic voting ballot. It was recommended to respect the minimum voting requirements of Article 11.2 already in the voting ballots, but ballots, which did not reflect these minimum requirements, would not be considered invalid. Once the LUMI voting system had produced the numbers of votes, the Statutory requirements of Article 11.2 regarding the representation of gender and one- or two-votes Member Associations would be applied. This procedure would be fully transparent and shown on the big screen.

The voting procedure took place as described before and the Council Members were elected for the term 2022-2024 with the following results (in alphabetical order):

ARJES Mats (SWE) *	96
DIONNE Deidra (CAN)	107
GOSPER Dean (AUS)*	102
KAST Magdalena (ARG)	96
KUMPOST Roman (CZE)*	98
LEHMANN Urs (SUI)*	107
MINEV Tzeko (BUL)*	81
MURASATO Aki (JPN)*	103
ORTLIEB Patrick (AUT)	105
PIGELET Anne-Chantal (FRA)	84
RODA Flavio (ITA)*	114
ROESTE Erik (NOR)*	108
SMREKAR Enzo (SLO)*	113
STEINLE Franz (GER)*	93
STEVENS Fiona (NZL)	78
TOUSSAINT Patrick (AND)	83
UUSITALO Martti (FIN)*	99
ZHENG Liangcheng (CHN)*	85

Not elected:

FARROMBA Pedro (POR)	74
KEIROUZ Fredy (LBN)	74
PAINE Dexter (USA)*	74
MITIUKOV Ihor (UKR)	50
VYALBE Elena (RUS) *	48

*denotes an incumbent Council Member

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16.3 Confirmation of two (2) Athletes' Representatives as Members of the FIS Council

The Congress was informed that for the appointment of the Athletes' Commission members of the Council, in accordance with the Statutes, Martti Jylhä, FIN (Cross-Country) and Hannah Kearney, USA (Freestyle) will serve as the representatives in the Council.

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FIS Council for the period 2022-2024

President:

ELIASCH, Johan (GBR)

Members:

ARJES, Mats (SWE)

DIONNE, Deidra (CAN)

GOSPER, Dean (AUS)

JYLHA, MARTTI (Athletes' Rep.)

KAST, Magdalena (ARG)

KEARNEY, Hannah (Athletes' Rep.)

KUMPOST, Roman (CZE)

LEHMANN, Urs (SUI)

MINEV, Tzeko (BUL)

MURASATO, Aki (JPN)

ORTLIEB, Patrick (AUT)

PIGELET, Anne-Chantal (FRA)

RODA, Flavio (ITA)

ROESTE, Erik (NOR)

SMREKAR, Enzo (SLO)

STEINLE, Franz (GER)

STEVENS, Fiona (NZL)

TOUSSAINT, Patrick (AND)

UUSITALO, Martti (FIN)

ZHENG, Liangcheng (CHN)

Secretary General

VION, Michel (FRA)

16.4 Election of two auditors of the accounts for the next financial period

WISTAG were proposed by the FIS Council as the auditors for the accounts for the next financial period.

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The Congress approved WISTAG as the auditors for the accounts 2022-2023.

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ITEM 17 Any Other Business

There was no other business brought forward by any delegates.

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17.1 Appointment of FIS Honorary Members

Two people were proposed by the FIS Council for Honorary Membership. Peter Schroecksnadel (AUT) and Dexter Paine (USA).

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The Congress approved Peter Schroecksnadel and Dexter Paine as Honorary Members.

ITEM 18 Closing of the Congress

54th International Ski Congress 2023 - Online

18.1 Place and date of the 55th International Ski Congress 2024

President Johan Eliasch informed the Congress that the Council allocated the 55th International Ski Congress to Reykjavik, Iceland.

18.2. Place and date of the 57th International Ski Congress 2026

The location of the 57th International Ski Congress will be allocated at a later date.

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President Johan Eliasch closed the Congress thanking all of the delegates.

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Oberhofen, in July 2022

Michel Vion
Secretary General

ABBREVIATIONS

AE	Aerials
AIOWF	Association of International Olympic Winter Sports Federations
AL	Alpine Skiing
ANC	Australia/New Zealand Cup
BA	Big Air
C	Classic technique (Cross-Country)
CC	Cross-Country Skiing
CIT	Alpine Citizen Racers
COC	Continental Cup
DH	Downhill
DM	Dual Moguls
EC	European Cup
F	Free technique (Cross-Country)
FIS	International Ski Federation
FK	Freeski
FS	Freestyle Skiing
GAISF	Global Association of International Sports Federations
GP	FIS Grand Prix Ski Jumping or Nordic Combined
GS	Grass Skiing
GU	Gundersen
HP	Halfpipe
ICR	International Ski Competition Rules
IF	International Federation
IOC	International Olympic Committee
SJ	Ski Jumping
LH	Large hill
M	Mixed
MA	Masters
MO	Moguls
MS	Mass start
NC	Nordic Combined
NH	Normal hill
OWG	Olympic Winter Games
PAR	Parallel (Alpine Skiing, Snowboard)
RD	FIS (Chief) Race Director
ROL	Roller Skiing
SB	Snowboard
SBX	Snowboard Cross
SportAccord	Union for Olympic and non-Olympic International Sports Federations
SS	Speed Skiing
SX	Ski Cross
TD	FIS Technical Delegate
TM	Telemark Skiing
WADA	World Anti-Doping Agency
WC	World Cup
WJC	Junior World Ski Championships
WSC	World Ski Championships
YOG	Youth Olympic Games

MEMBER NATIONS / ABBREVIATION CODE

AFG	Afghanistan
ALB	Albania
ALG	Algeria
AND	Andorra
ARG	Argentina
ARM	Armenia
ASA	American Samoa
AUS	Australia
AUT	Austria
AZE	Azerbaijan
BAH	Bahamas
BAR	Barbados
BEL	Belgium
BER	Bermuda
BIH	Bosnia-Herzegovina
BLR	Belarus
BOL	Bolivia
BRA	Brazil
BUL	Bulgaria
CAN	Canada
CAY	Cayman Islands
CHI	Chile
CHN	China
CMR	Cameroon
COL	Colombia
CPV	Cape Verde
CRC	Costa Rica
CRO	Croatia
CYP	Cyprus
CZE	Czech Republic
DEN	Denmark
ESP	Spain
DMA	Dominica
DOM	Dominican Republic
ECU	Ecuador
EGY	Egypt
ERI	Eritrea
ESA	El Salvador
EST	Estonia
ETH	Ethiopia
FJI	Fiji
FIN	Finland
FRA	France
GBR	Great Britain
GEO	Georgia
GER	Germany
GHA	Ghana
GRE	Greece
GRN	Grenada
GUA	Guatemala

GUY	Guyana
HAI	Haiti
HKG	Hong-Kong, China Ltd.
HON	Honduras
HUN	Hungary
IND	India
IRI	Iran
IRL	Ireland
ISL	Iceland
ISR	Israel
ISV	U.S. Virgin Islands
ITA	Italy
IVB	British Virgin Islands
JAM	Jamaica
JOR	Jordan
JPN	Japan
KAZ	Kazakhstan
KEN	Kenya
KSA	Saudia Arabia
KGZ	Kyrgyzstan
KOR	Korea
KOS	Kosovo
KUW	Kuwait
LAT	Latvia
LBN	Lebanon
LES	Lesotho
LIE	Liechtenstein
LTU	Lithuania
LUX	Luxemburg
MAD	Madagascar
MAR	Morocco
MAS	Malaysia
MDA	Republic of Moldova
MEX	Mexico
MGL	Mongolia
MKD	North Macedonia
MLT	Malta
MNE	Montenegro
MON	Monaco
NED	Netherlands
NEP	Nepal
NIG	Nigeria
NOR	Norway
NZL	New Zealand
PAK	Pakistan
PAN	Panama
PAR	Paraguay
PER	Peru
PHI	Philippines
PLE	Palestine
POL	Poland

POR	Portugal
PRK	D.P.R. Korea
PUR	Puerto Rico
ROU	Rumania
RSA	South Africa
RUS	Russia
SEN	Senegal
SGP	Singapore
SLO	Slovenia
SMR	Republic of San Marino
SRB	Serbia
SRI	Sri Lanka
SUD	Sudan
SUI	Switzerland
SVK	Slovakia
SWE	Sweden
SWZ	Swaziland
TAN	Tanzania
TGA	Kingdom of Tonga
THA	Thailand
TJK	Tajikistan
TLS	Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste
TPE	Chinese Taipei
TOG	Togo
TTO	Trinidad and Tobago
TUR	Turkey
UAE	United Arab Emirates
UGA	Uganda
UKR	Ukraine
URU	Uruguay
USA	United States of America
UZB	Uzbekistan
VAN	Vanuatu
VEN	Venezuela
ZIM	Zimbabwe

SITES OF THE INTERNATIONAL SKI CONGRESSES

1.	1910	Kristiania (Oslo)	NOR
2.	1911	Stockholm	SWE
3.	1912	München	GER
4.	1913	Bern / Interlaken	SUI
5.	1914	Kristiania (Oslo)	NOR
6.	1922	Stockholm	SWE
7.	1923	Prag	TCH
8.	1924	Chamonix	FRA
9.	1926	Lahti	FIN
10.	1928	St. Moritz	SUI
11.	1930	Oslo	NOR
12.	1932	Paris	FRA
13.	1934	Solleftea	SWE
14.	1936	Garmisch-Partenkirchen	GER
15.	1938	Helsinki	FIN
16.	1946	Pau	FRA
17.	1949	Oslo	NOR
18.	1951	Venedig	ITA
19.	1953	Igls	AUT
20.	1955	Montreux	SUI
21.	1957	Dubrovnik	JUG
22.	1959	Stockholm	SWE
23.	1961	Madrid	ESP
24.	1963	Athens	GRE
25.	1965	Mamaia	RUM
26.	1967	Beirut	LBN
27.	1969	Barcelona	ESP
28.	1971	Opatija	JUG
29.	1973	Nicosia	CYP
30.	1975	San Francisco	USA
31.	1977	Bariloche	ARG
32.	1979	Nice	FRA
33.	1981	Puerto de la Cruz	ESP
34.	1983	Sydney	AUS
35.	1985	Vancouver	CAN
36.	1988	Istanbul	TU
37.	1990	Montreux	SUI
38.	1992	Budapest	HUN
39.	1994	Rio de Janeiro	BRA
40.	1996	Christchurch	NZL
41.	1998	Prague	CZE
42.	2000	Melbourne	AUS
43.	2002	Portoroz	SLO
44.	2004	Miami	USA
45.	2006	Vilamoura/Algarve	POR
46.	2008	Capetown	RSA
47.	2010	Antalya	TUR
48.	2012	Kangwonland	KOR
49.	2014	Barcelona	ESP
50.	2016	Cancun	MEX

51.	2018	Costa Navarino	GRE
52.	2020	Online	SUI
53.	2022	Milan	ITA