



# The Snow Line



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## Aspen – and Rocky Mountain Memories

Aspen . . . what a memory our 2011 ISFR Ski Week brings to mind! Many have said it will be hard to beat and I must agree. From the incredible hospitality and luxurious accommodations at the St. Regis Aspen Resort; to the unprecedented participation by our hosts, the Aspen and Snowmass Village Rotary Clubs, and several nearby clubs; and the unparalleled skiing on four mountains with more snow than most have seen in awhile served up by the Aspen Ski Corporation – what can I say? Superb!

Everyone seemed to weather the extreme cold (lowest recorded temperature ever in Aspen on Wednesday at -26F) and handle the numerous injuries, which are hopefully on the mend by now. By the end of the week all had huge smiles and memories that will last well into the next year or two. Home Hospitality was one of the biggest with 18 hosting Rotarian homes and the Joint Rotary Meeting was enormous with an exceptional speaker in Max Grange. The Gala was about as festive as such a celebration can possibly be. What fun to have all the D5470 inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students (25 from 20 countries) in our presence to lower the average age in attendance!

The Peak-to-Valley Challenge with over two dozen participants brought in \$4,700 to the Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation despite having to change the date when it was really too cold to ski on Wednesday. Many thanks to each participant. The silent, live and dessert auction (how about all those Vanna

White look-a-likes?) combined to add \$29,510 to our foundation's bottom line. In the raffle, Suzanne Manuel from Coronado won the trip to Revelstoke next year, yet another aspect of our fundraising for the week.

Fifteen of us enjoyed the Foodie Food Tour of seven specialty restaurants/bars in Aspen, and more took in the Historic Tour of Aspen including the museum and the West End homes. How about that Single Malt tasting . . . a true experience for 28 experts in the field of fine Scotch whiskey. The Annual General Membership Meeting at the historic Wheeler Opera House was a truly amazing evening. All heard of Amanda Boxtel's extreme journey from a paralysis below the waist to real hopes of walking once again.

A dinner sleigh-ride capped off a wonderful week when three sleighs headed up the mountain to the Pine Creek Cookhouse, an authentic log cabin with a great staff to serve up a mouthwatering meal to be remembered. We were joined by a group of ski-touring Aspen Rotarians who enjoyed the evening with us.

There are still many unclaimed group pictures taken at the General Membership meeting, as shown below (contact Marilyn to get yours). If you have not already checked out the picture gallery on our website ([www.isfrski.org](http://www.isfrski.org)) you can relive much of the Aspen experience through the many pictures shared by our members there.

– by Marilyn Branch  
Tour Director



Group assembled at the General Membership meeting in Aspen.

## President's Report



Our leader,  
ISFR President  
Esio Marzotto.

I am pleased to report that the Board of Directors at its meeting in Aspen approved a plan to reorganize the way ISFR will manage its future operations. It is a return to an earlier process of planning and executing our activities in house, so to speak, with the objective of reducing costs to members and improving the quality of the ski week experience.

A committee structure was approved consisting of: Ski Host Committee, Venue Survey Committee, Communications/Newsletter/Promotion, and Membership Development. Committee duties and responsibilities are briefly described in the following, along with the names of members that volunteered subsequent to the Board meeting.

### **Ski Host Committee:**

Under direction of the Tour Director the Ski Host Committee

will solicit and receive proposals, conduct resort evaluations, hotel selection, plan organization, schedule events, optional events and entertainment, coordination with local Rotary Clubs, provide on-site volunteers for registration, and management of events and hospitality. It will ensure that all proposals conform to the requirements of the ISFR Planning Hand Book.

**Membership:** Chair, Marilyn Branch; Members, Lynne Beck, Janice Newberry.

### **Venue Survey Committee:**

The Venue Survey Committee, working closely with Ski Host Committee, will research future ski venues evaluating the terrain and lift equipment in terms of selecting a location that meets the membership's expectations. Each year the Committee will present locations two years in advance for consideration of the Board.

**Membership:** John Hopkins, Marilyn Branch, Brian Andersen and other rotating members who may have experience with the proposed locations and/or live near the areas.

### **Communications / Newsletter / Promotion:**

The Committee will prepare promotional materials, brochures, a newsletter, web-site information, etc., for distribution to members and to prospective Rotarians visiting the ISFR booth in the House of Friendship at annual RI Conventions. Under direction of "The Snow Line" editor, prepare articles and take photos during ski week. Prepare a daily 'newspaper' for distribution to attendees during ski week.

**Membership:** Chair, Bill Paul; Members, Bill Schneidereith, Drew Vactor, David Malaher, Al Morris.

### **Membership Development:**

Develop a strategy for recruiting new members. Plan orientation activities for local Rotary club member skiers, volunteers, and all new ISFR members. Organize and staff the ISFR booth in the House of Friendship at RI Annual Conventions.

**Membership:** Chair, Tony Sheer; Members, Paul Plumb, Brian Andersen, Eric Lutz, John Lowe, David Hoyt.

### **Board of Director Membership Changes:**

The Executive Committee of the Board is tasked with responsibility to conduct ISFR's business between annual board meetings. Members are: Chair, Esio Marzotto, Richard Geist, Marilyn Branch, Bill Schneidereith and Don Goering.

The Executive Committee has approved the following appointments:

**Directors at Large:** Drew Vactor, Paul Plumb, Al Morris and David Hoyt.

**Assistant Treasurer:** Lynne Beck (Lynne will be candidate for Treasurer in 2012 as Richard retires from many years of service).

In conclusion, I would like to extend my appreciation to the present and former members of the Board of Directors and to the many members who have volunteered to serve on committees for their commitment to maintaining a high standard of ski week experience and fellowship.

*Your president: Esio Marzotto*

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## European Chapter Committee Report

At its meeting February 4, 2010, the International Board of Directors of the ISFR authorized the European region to guide its own ISFR ski meetings and fellowship events under the leadership of the elected ISFR Vice-President for Europe (EVP). To that end the EVP should establish an ISFR European Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "Committee." The Committee was established April, 2010, and consisted at that time of 10 members, including representatives from all five alpine countries. Three members of the Committee are also ISFR board members.

Soon after its establishment the Committee sought the approval of the ISFR for establishing an ISFR *Chapter* for Europe in accordance with Article IX of the ISFR by-laws. On July 1, 2010, the ISFR International Board of Directors officially authorized Chapter status for Europe. Rotarians who participate in an ISFR European ski event must be or become a member of ISFR home office or become a member of the European Chapter of ISFR. The RC that organizes the ski meeting will collect and transfer to ISFR home office the dues of each newly registered or re-registered home office member, or remit to the home office dues payment of € 15 if that new member has chosen to become a member of the European Chapter.

The ISFR European Committee shall initiate activities under the umbrella of the European Chapter. The main tasks of the Committee are:

- Establish requirements for the location and

organization of ISFR European ski meetings, including the ISFR Championships.

- Establish procedures for the site selection of future ISFR ski meetings.
- Decide on matters concerning the ISFR Championships.
- Establish subcommittees if and when appropriate.

Two subcommittees have been installed:

*Subcommittee on Competition Elements and Competition Rules* will propose to the Committee the competition elements: e.g. grand-slam, up-hill skiing, cross-country, and rules for the runs for each of these elements, as well as the rules for participants.

*Subcommittee on the Organization of the ISFR European Ski Meeting*, including the recent ISFR Championships in Engelberg, 2011, will have responsibilities as indicated below. This subcommittee is known as the *Organizing Committee* and for every event a separate Organizing Committee will be installed. The tasks of the Organizing Committee are:

- Prepare for the ISFR European Ski event for which it is responsible.
- Run the ISFR European Ski event for which it is responsible.
- Provide liability insurance to indemnify ISFR and RI on any event activity.

During the ski meeting in Engelberg, March 12-19, 2011, the European Committee met for the first time. Also invited and

present at the meeting were: ISFR President, Esio Marzotto; ISFR Secretary/Treasurer, Richard Geist; and two other members of the ISFR board, Michael Vervuurt and Pete Olhasso. Discussions and decisions were made on the content of the three guiding documents: the Committee, the Organizing Committee and the Committee on ISFR Championships. The Committee decided that it will strive to organize every year a European Ski meeting. Dates for the US/Canada ski meeting and the European ski meeting should not conflict in order to ensure maximum participation. ISFR President, Esio Marzotto, explained that whichever region, North America or Europe, decides on a date first was free to select and the other region had to adapt. There should be at least 2-3 weeks between the events. Also more emphasis will be placed in the future on fellowship, rather than on the competitive aspects.



European Chapter Committee hard at work. (clockwise from left front) Jon Skauan, Norway; Rainer Reichert, Germany; Erhard Veiter, Austria; Erik Lammerts van Bueren, Netherlands; Elisabeth Haglund, Sweden; Jan Wold, Norway; Pete Olhasso, USA; Richard Geist, USA; Charles Christen, Switzerland; and Esio Marzotto, Canada. (Olhasso, Geist and Marzotto were guests of the Committee)

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Erik Lammerts van Bueren, Chairman of European Chapter, and his lovely wife, Joan.

At the Committee meeting two presentations were received for future sites. Both bids complied with the requirements for site location and, therefore, the Committee decided to organise these future European ski meetings:

- 2012: February 25 - March 3; Sestriere, Italy;  
RC Torino Nord Ovest and RC Susa e Val Susa.
- 2013: January 19 - 26; St. Anton, Austria;  
RC Imst/Landeck

Charles Christen, President of the Organizing Committee for Engelberg, informed the Committee on the problems they had encountered following the tragic accident of Peter Luescher. Peter had taken the initiative and was, until his accident in September, 2010, the driving force for the ski event in Engelberg. Apart from Peter the club had no experience with ISFR European ski meetings. In spite of the lack of experience and the various problems encountered the Committee noted that the Organizing Committee and the Rotary Clubs of Stans and Obwalden did a fabulous job.

On behalf of the ISFR President, Erik granted Charles Christen, President of the Organizing Committee, honorary membership in ISFR in recognition of his leadership and coordinating this fabulous ski week.

– by Erik Lammerts van Bueren  
ISFR Vice President for Europe and  
Chairman of the European Chapter Committee

## Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation

The Foundation was once again active at Aspen. We had about two dozen participate in the *extremely cold* conditions. In fact Aspen hit a new record cold on Wednesday at -26F, and yes, that is a *minus* sign! But it relented just a tad for the Peak-to-Valley and was a milder -15F that day!

The Peak-to-Valley challenge raised \$4,700. We are especially grateful not only to the ISFR members who braved the cold to participate, but also to the Aspen Adaptive Program instructors who took their day to ski with us. The auctions brought in another \$23,345 and last year's raffle at Park City for Aspen lodging netted \$1,465. If my math is correct and the DBMF board agrees, I expect a distribution to the Aspen and Snowmass Rotary clubs for further delivery to the Adaptive Ski Program of about \$14,755, which is one-half of the total proceeds for the week which were \$29,510.

In addition, friends of Tom Berglund, mostly from Kalamazoo, MI, donated \$3,605 over the last six weeks, which will be added to our endowment fund for future appropriate grants. Brian Andersen and I plan to travel to Kalamazoo to make a presentation when schedules can be arranged.

Your foundation – the DBMF – is alive, well and continues to support all phases of adaptive skiing both financially and physically by our presence in their varied locations.

– by James Tomlin  
President, Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation



Jim Tomlin,  
President  
of the  
Davis Boyd  
Memorial  
Foundation.

## E-MAIL CHANGES

Has your e-mail address changed?  
Keep ISFR updated on any changes in your  
e-mail address since all of our correspondence  
is done electronically.  
Be sure to advise our Executive Secretary at  
**isfrsec@isfrski.org** of any changes.

The International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians is a group of Rotarians dedicated to promoting skiing as an opportunity for fellowship and service. This fellowship operates in accordance with Rotary International policy, but is not an agency of, or controlled by, Rotary International.



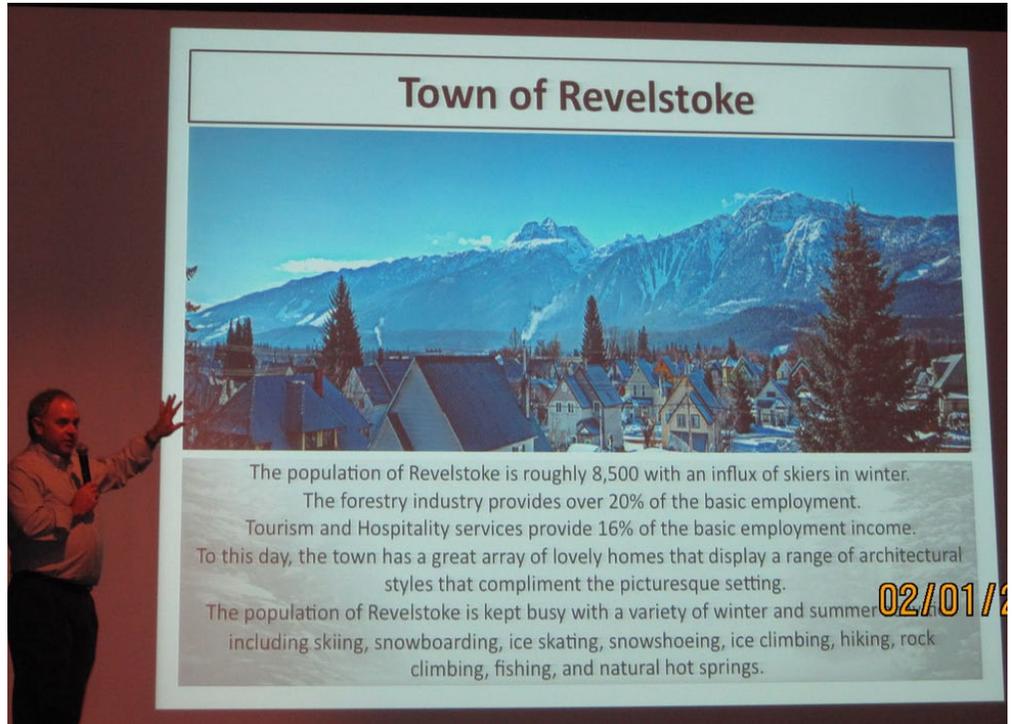
## Who's Ready for Revelstoke?

Even though Aspen is now just a memory – but what an incredible one – it's time to turn our thoughts to next year's ISFR Ski Week. Back again to Canada and to a hidden gem, the beautiful Revelstoke in British Columbia, January 28 to February 4 or 5, 2012.

We have a great opportunity to be a part of the rejuvenation and re-exposure of the “new” Revelstoke Resort when ISFR arrives in 2012 for an incredible week of skiing right at the front door of our hotel. The intermediate skiing is amazing and includes over 5,000 vertical feet, top to bottom. Although magazine articles and promotional literature feature the more difficult terrain, there is an absolute abundance of excellent intermediate and beginner slopes available. An added attraction is your choice of cat-skiing or heli-skiing – again, right at the front door of our hotel. We will be staying in the brand new Nelsen Lodge with a variety of lodging opportunities among three buildings and free transportation to the historic town of Revelstoke, just ten minutes away.

Our hosting Revelstoke Rotary Club is ready to go all out to make our experience memorable. We're offering an evening of curling (*you* get to slide the stone, do the sweeping, and glide along the ice) and our annual meeting is planned for the Railroad Museum (ever want to be an engineer?) Also planned is a chance to tour the hydroelectric dam just outside of town (only open to us), and a tour and tasting experience at the Mt. Beckbie Brewery. There is also a multiple museum tour among the five in Revelstoke for non-skiers . . . and much more coming up.

Because of the distance to Kelowna, Canada, our gateway city, our Gala will be on Thursday evening; we will transfer to Kelowna on Friday afternoon to be welcomed by local Rotarians on the lake at our hotel with no-host cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Another day/night extension is offered for those who desire to ski at Big White, just a short bus ride from Kelowna. Saturday evening will be an optional wine tasting and dinner at the Summerhill Pyramid Winery on Lake Okanagan – great food and beautiful views and an amazing way



Revelstoke presenting their case at the Aspen General Membership Meeting.

to complete our Canadian experience in British Columbia.

Getting there will be a challenge for most. Of note is the non-stop West Jet service from Las Vegas to Kelowna on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday which is the most direct route and already in the computer to book if you wish to do so. It was suggested, and I am working on this possibility now, to fly into Calgary on Friday, January 27, staying overnight at The Sandman Hotel (related to the Nelsen Lodge). Then travel by motor coach through four National Parks to Revelstoke on Saturday, arriving in time for the Welcome Party. Other flights are available through Seattle and soon there will be a combined effort between American and West Jet from Boston and Chicago.

The bottom line is that Revelstoke is a destination not to be missed with numerous activities and unbelievable skiing for all levels and, of course, the hospitality of the Revelstoke Rotarians who are awaiting our invasion with open arms. Brochures and registration opportunities will be available in New Orleans at the ISFR convention booth in the House of Friendship and also on-line at [www.isfrski.org](http://www.isfrski.org).



Our talented Tour Director, Marilyn Branch. Thanks for Aspen, Marilyn!

– by Marilyn Branch  
Tour Director

## ISFR's Booth at Montreal R.I. Convention in 2010

Eric and Dob Lutz led the ISFR team in managing our booth in the House of Friendship last June at the Montreal Convention. More than a dozen ISFR members shared booth duties during the four days of the convention. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of Rotarians toured the House of Friendship displays and fellowship booths. There was considerable interest expressed by our visitors in both the Aspen and Engelberg ski weeks.

ISFR hand-outs were running low by Tuesday and were depleted on Wednesday. A strategy was employed of asking all inquiring non-skiing Rotarians to take a membership application to their next club meeting for presentation to interested members. Five Rotarians completed applications for membership and more than 20 asked to be contacted by email for more information, which was done by our president, the undersigned.

New members were invited to join the ISFR team at a reception at the Westin Hotel lounge on Tuesday afternoon. They were treated to an unplanned visit by R.I. Past-President Clifford Dochterman who addressed the group. In conversation Dochterman later learned of the work of the Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation.

Rotarians from Mont Tremblant, Canada were invited to the ISFR booth and arrangements were made for Esio and Margaret to tour the resort following the convention. Mont Tremblant Rotarians, President Mark Pedicelli, President-Elect Luigi Seminelli and Resort Marketing Manager Richard Howard provided a whirlwind tour of the "*#1 Ski Resort in Eastern North America for 13 years running by Ski Magazine.*" All expressed interest in ISFR membership and asked to make a presentation as a possible future venue to our general meeting.

– by Esio Marzotto  
President



Eric and Dob Lutz will be hosting the ISFR booth at the R.I. convention in New Orleans. They invite you to stop by for a visit.



ISFR's booth at the R.I. convention in Montreal.

## Turkish Snow Flakes Chapter

The first ISFR Chapter in the world started with a very small membership. However, with time and the yearly skiing activities at Mt. Uludag (2,500m) new members from different parts of District 2440 (west coast of Turkey) joined the Chapter and the membership quickly reached 40.

The yearly General Assembly of the Chapter meets during February each year for budgeting and also new elections. In 2011 the meeting took place at the top of Mt. Uludag and the new Board was elected. The new president is Denizhan Sezgin from Demirtas (Bursa) Club and his personal information is as follows:

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Selcuk Somer along with his wife, Ulku, led a delegation of 21 from Turkey to Engelberg

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## The Engelberg Experience

Since 1995 bi-annually without fail, the ISFR International Ski Championships are organized in a European Skiing resort. The first eight meetings were held in the Italian Alps and Dolomites. The 9th International Rotary Ski Meeting was held this year in Engelberg, Switzerland from March 12 to 19 and there were some 35 participants registered from the host country as well as 60 others from Norway, Sweden, Germany, Poland, Netherlands, Austria, Slovakia, Liechtenstein, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Italy, Romania, and Turkey as well as such faraway places as the U.S., Canada, Suriname, Chile and Australia. With partners the total participation came to around 180 and the visiting country with largest number of participants was Turkey with a total of 21. Main events were scheduled at the magnificently restored Congress Hall and all events ran with legendary Swiss precision.

What had begun as a gathering in Italy every two years has undergone subtle changes. Now, greater emphasis is placed on fellowship rather than on the competitive aspects of these meetings. This modification met with approval as two runs in the giant slalom were scheduled for Thursday but heavy snow and bad visibility made the race course dangerous, so the Organizing Committee decided to cancel the race. Also only eight participated in the up-hill and cross-country events.

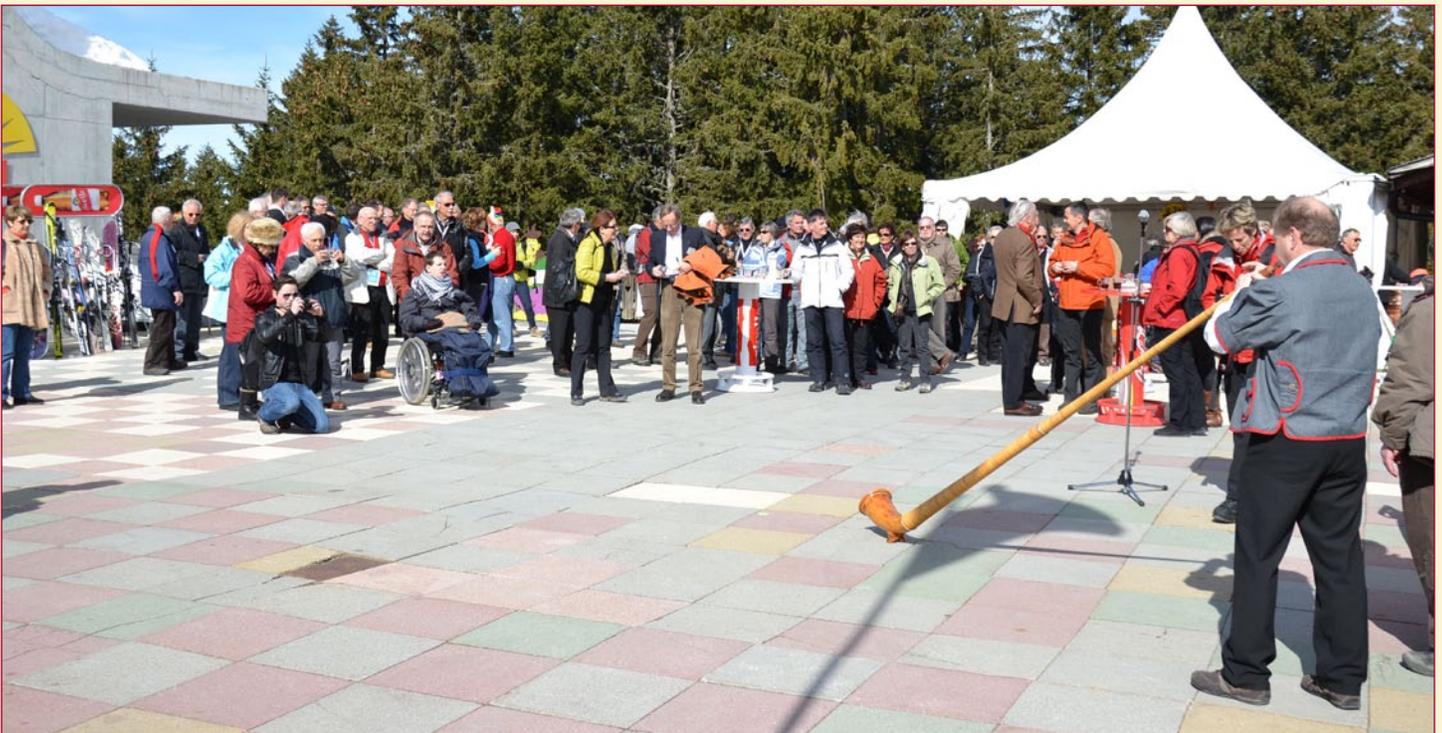
The Swiss organizers introduced an element which had previously in Europe not been part of the program and something very much in line with Rotary ideals, which is helping the needy. To implement this the “protrek” wheelchair was presented to some adaptive skiers to ensure that they would not be hindered from moving around in the snow on

the mountain because of their handicap. This change connects beautifully with the ideals and programs of the Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation which has become such an important part of the North American events of ISFR.

All participants of the ski week were most enthusiastic about the organization so competently presided over by Rotarian Charles Christen and his team of 17 members who were responsible for the various events during the week. Some outstanding events included:

- ◆ Opening Ceremonies with fireworks.
- ◆ Home hospitality where foreign guests were entertained by local hosts – mine turned out to be a spectacular five-hour event with a gourmet meal of regional delicacies and a stunning amount of white and red wines all consumed in a panorama overlooking Mt. Titlis and all this with great fellowship.
- ◆ Presentation and demonstration of the “protrek” wheelchairs adapted for travel on snow.
- ◆ Daily “aperitif” in the Kursaal which made regular discussions with the various participants possible in a lovely environment.
- ◆ Candlelight dinner with entertainment by the famous group, IVO.
- ◆ Closing ceremony with awarding of medals to the winners.
- ◆ Gala Dinner with stunning floorshows of many different performers crowned the ski week in Engelberg.

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Alpen horn in Engelberg.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Download the application form on the ISFR web site [www.isfrski.org](http://www.isfrski.org)

or call/fax our Executive Secretary, Ms Gayla Self, who can be reached at 817-462-1015, or e-mail: [isfrsec@isfrski.org](mailto:isfrsec@isfrski.org)

Send membership form with your check payable to: ISFR, and mail to: PO Box 151711, Arlington, TX 76015.

Dues for new memberships are \$50 USD and any prior members with a *break in consecutive membership* are \$50 and are categorized as "new." Thereafter, annual dues will revert to \$35 USD annually.

## Highlights of International Board Appointments and Decisions 2011 Annual Meeting, Aspen, Colorado, USA

- Future ski week arrangements for North America will no longer involve a travel agent, but will be handled by appointed members.
- Four Board sub-committees formed: Ski Host Committee, Venue Survey Committee, Communications & Promotion; and Membership Development.
- Decision made that Revelstoke, BC, Canada will be site of the 2012 ski week, January 28 – February 4 or 5.
- Approval given for Constitution and By-laws of the European Chapter.
- Ad hoc committee to study dues structure, to be organized by John Hopkins and Tony Sheer.
- Decision made to set the number of international directors at 18.
- ISFR will host booth at R.I. convention in New Orleans, to be chaired by Eric Lutz.
- Renewal of the contract with 5-Star Design to host the ISFR web site for 2011 to 2012.
- Appointment of Lynne Beck of Telluride, CO, to position of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

## ISFR Officers for 2011–12 Year

*President* ..... Esio Marzotto  
*Past President* ..... Donald H. Goering  
*Secretary / Treasurer* ..... Richard O. Geist  
*Assistant Secretary / Treasurer* ..... Lynne Beck  
*Int'l V.P. Tour Director* ..... Marilyn Branch  
*Int'l V.P. Editor* ..... Bill Schneidereith

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*Australasia* ..... Tony Sheer  
*Canada* ..... *Position open*  
*Europe* ..... Erik Lammerts van Bueren  
*Middle East* ..... Selcuk Somer  
*Orient, Japan* ..... Yohichi Karasawa  
*Scandinavia* ..... Jan Wold  
*South America* ..... Dr. Leon Koifman  
*Southeast Asia* ..... *Position open*  
*United Kingdom* ..... Margaret Hutchinson  
*Legal Counsel (non Board member)* . . .R. Stanley Lowe

## ISFR Board of Directors for 2011–12 Year

Lynne Beck	Erik Lammerts van Bueren
Bill Bergler	Eric Lutz
Marilyn Branch	Esio Marzotto
Richard O. Geist	Al Morris
Donald H. Goering	Paul Plumb
John Hopkins	Bill Schneidereith
David Hoyt	Tony Sheer
Margaret Hutchinson	Selcuk Somer
Yohichi Karasawa	Drew Vactor
Dr. Leon Koifman	Jan Wold

## BOARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE

### *Interested in being part of ISFR's leadership?*

There are positions available on the Board of Directors. If you, or someone you know, are interested please forward the name to our President, Secretary or any current member of the Board. Fresh perspectives are always welcome and a valuable resource to any board.

***Don't be shy; step up!***



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### Turkish Snow Flakes Chapter . . .



Snow Flakes Chapter members visiting Slovenia with their celebratory drink



Turkish delegation of 21 at the Engelberg ski event.

As far as skiing activities were concerned, unfortunately the snow conditions on Mt. Uludag were poor and the participants could only show their skiing talents in friendly leisurely skiing.

During the year a group of Snow Flakes skiers visited Slovenia and discussed the possibilities of forming a new chapter there which may possibly become a Balkan Chapter. A group from Slovenia will pay a visit to Istanbul and we shall discuss this possibility once more.

While in Slovenia we took the opportunity to visit one of the mountains to evaluate the possibility of a skiing event in the future. The mountain was most impressive and very attractive. A future Snow Flakes visit to Slovenia is being studied. This decision was celebrated with a special drink (see picture above).

In 2012 Snow Flakes will visit the Bulgarian ski resort, Bansko, and the General Assembly will meet there. This will be another opportunity to discuss the extension of Snow Flakes to Bulgaria, and/or a separate organization, thus another step towards a Balkan joint venture.

*– submitted by Selcuk Somer*  
ISFR Regional Vice President,  
Founding member of Snow Flakes Chapter

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### The Engelberg Experience . . .

During the Gala Dinner Erik Lammerts van Bueren, President of the European Chapter of ISFR, expressed eloquently on behalf of all participants his thanks to the Organizing Committee and the Rotary Clubs of Stans and Obwalden for their fantastic hospitality and an excellent program.

In closing, it is imperative when reporting on the success of the first ISFR meeting in Switzerland to reflect on the enthusiasm of Peter Luescher who took the initiative to have this event in his favorite ski resort, Engelberg. However, he was forced to leave to others the task to bring about what he had started with great enthusiasm and perseverance. We all of ISFR and its chapters world-wide wish him a speedy and full recovery and salute his wife Vreni, and children Nina and Reto for their never-ending efforts for his rehabilitation.

We are all looking forward to seeing you in Sestriere, Italy, next year. Note the dates: February 25 to March 3, 2012. *See you there !*

*– by Michael Vervuurt*  
ISFR Board Member



Opening ceremonies in Engelberg, Switzerland, with Charles Christen, President of Engelberg Organizing Committee speaking.



Awards presentation ceremony in Engelberg: On podium (L to R) Jan Wold, Norway; Alois Amstutz, member of Organizing Committee, Switzerland; and Stefano Bovone, Italy; presenting medals is Marianne Sicher Bucher, member of Organizing Committee, Switzerland.



**1.** Annual General Membership meeting, held in historic Wheeler Opera House in Aspen. **2.** What is that, Pete? **3.** Bunch of tough mountain men. (L to R) John Lowe, Bill Bergler, Pete Pinske, Peter McCrohan and Bill Nicolet. **4.** What a pair! That is Brian Andersen on left, a co-founder of ISFR, with our current International President, Esio Marzotto. **5.** The Empire is represented: (L to R) David Malaher, Canada; Margaret Hutchinson, U.K.; Rosemary Malaher.





**6.** Auspicious group in Engelberg, Switzerland. (L to R) International President, Esio Marzotto; Leon Koifman from Chile; Charles Christen, President of Engelberg Organizing Committee; and Richard Geist, International Secretary/Treasurer. **7.** Surging toward a silver medal is Jan Wold, ISFR Regional Vice President and European Chapter Committee member. **8.** Paul Harris even made the Gala along with Ruth Witter.



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9. Must be lunch time at Snowmass. 10. They're off at Engelberg !

## Keep Your Dues Current

If you have not paid your ISFR dues for 2011, please remit to stay current. Download an application from the "join/renew" section of our web site and send payment to our Executive Secretary, PO Box 151711, Arlington, TX 76015.

New memberships are \$50 USD annually and any prior members with a *break in consecutive membership* will be \$50 and be categorized as "new." Thereafter, annual dues will revert to \$35 USD annually.

ISFR needs to have a stable base of members and that means remitting dues even if you are not planning to attend that year's ski event. Also, by consistently staying current on your dues you will remain listed in the ISFR directory of members.



**Thank you for being a part of ISFR!**

**Visit ISFR's Web Site**  
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