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Cortina Meeting Memories: March 4-11, 2017



The European Chapter of the ISFR had its annual meeting in Cortina d'Ampezzo March 4th to the 11th 2017. There were over 300 members and spouses from 20 different countries and 5 continents attending. They fulfilled their goal of bringing together Rotarians who share an interest in skiing in order to promote inter-cultural exchanges, international understanding, and peace.

As is customary for the European Chapter, sport competition was a prominent part of the gathering. This year, curling was added for the first time, and it was won by the Swiss/Swedish team followed by the Austrians and Italians. The sports competition highlight was the Giant Slalom race held on the "Olimpia delle Tofane" course that is used yearly for a women's World Ski Cup race. Divided by gender and age – from 40 to 80 – Italy, at home, took most of the medals, but Switzerland, Austria, Sweden, Slovakia, and Russia were well represented.



In addition to skiing, participants had the opportunity to attend several excellent tourist sites, including a guided tour of Venice, the home of Tiziano (Titian) in Pieve di Cadore, and trips to Faloria mountain and Misurina and the world famous Tre Cime di Lavaredo.

Other highlights were meeting the famous downhill skier from Cortina, Kristian Ghedina, and paralympic gold medalist Oscar de Pellegrin. Youth were featured with the Jazz Orchestra performing "La Sorgente" by Pieve de Cadore at the opening ceremonies, and the Cortina Youth

Band on Wednesday. This was followed by an exhibition by the figure skating school in Cortina where youths 6-18 gave a fantastic performance.

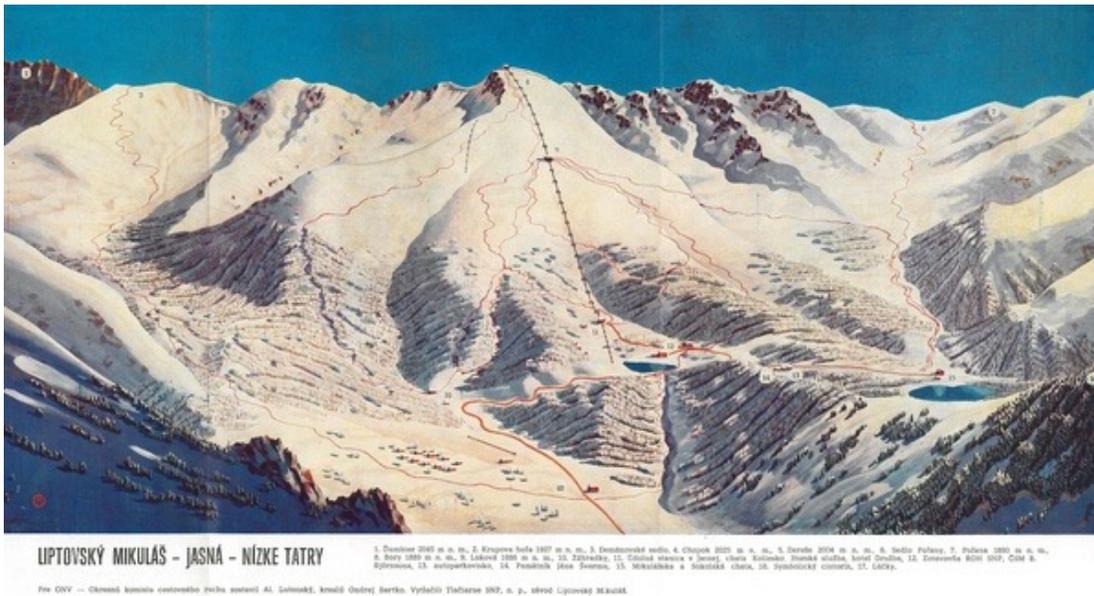
The service project focused on the world of disabilities, and around 15,000 Euros were collected. This will be used to buy a special bicycle that can carry tetraplegic individuals, as well as funding a holiday week at Villa Gregoriana in Auronzo di Cadore for about 50 people with disabilities.



The meeting ended with a banquet at the beautiful Hotel Savoy and the passing of the ISFR banner from the president of the RC Cortina to the Slovak representative who will host the 17th meeting at Jasna February 10-17, 2018.



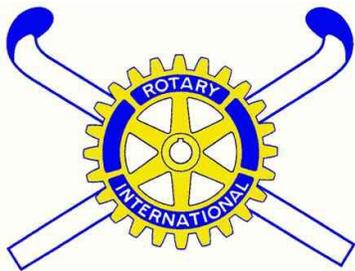
EUROPEAN MEEETING: February 10-17, 2018 Jasna, Slovakia



The 2017 European ISFR Meeting in Cortina d'Ampezzo was a great success, and the 2018 meeting in Jasna, Slovakia plans to be even better. Whether you are with friends, family, expert or beginner skier, the resort Jasna Nízke Tatry offers the activities and a beautiful environment that you will love.

The resort is located in the mountains of the Low Tatras which is part of the national park NAPANT. Jasná Nízke Tatry is the largest ski arena in Slovakia with great conditions for winter sports and it offers endless opportunities for entertainment and active relaxation on the northern and southern side of Chopok. The resort has 49 km of perfectly groomed slopes of differing difficulty, suitable for beginners, families with children, advanced skiers and also organized world class competition. With 28 total lifts, including 8 chair lifts and 5 cable cars there will be skiing enough for everyone.

Come join the European Chapter of the ISFR next February. More information will be available in upcoming newsletters, but you can keep up to date with the latest plans at www.isfr.eu/next-events/ or on the ISFR website www.isfrski.org.



ISFR ASPEN SNOWMASS
January 27 – February 3, 2018

JOIN YOUR ISFR FRIENDS AT ASPEN SNOWMASS IN 2018 FOR ANOTHER GREAT NORTH AMERICAN SKI MEETING!



Big Burn from Sam's Knob

The 2018 ISFR North American meeting will be at Aspen Snowmass, January 27 - February 3, 2018. Come and join the fun as we will have access to all four Aspen resorts: the home base at Snowmass, Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk, and Aspen. In addition to the usual Home Hospitality and the Gala Dinner and dessert auction, many other fun and interesting activities are planned by the host Snowmass RC. These will be detailed in the next newsletter, but get planning!

Accommodations will be at the Stonebridge Inn or in the two bedroom Terracehouse Condominiums next door. Both are managed by Destination Residences Snowmass and are slope side. They are #1 and #10 on the map:<https://www.destinationhotels.com/stonebridge-inn/resort-map>



Stonebridge Inn

Updated information on the meeting will be in the September newsletter and on the ISFR website, www.isfrski.org. Look on the website as well for instructions on registration for the meeting and for booking rooms - available in June.



Terrace House Condos

Thanks to Carl Hossfeld for the Snowmass photos

President Al's Comments:

Going to Atlanta? The ISFR will have a booth as usual in the House of Friendship. (#2734). Anyone wishing to help manning the booth should contact President Al (bighat@ix.netcom.com) or stop by the booth when the House of Friendship first opens Saturday morning. As those of us who have done this in past conventions know well, manning the booth is a wonderful experience. You get the opportunity to meet the greatest people from all over the world and to share your interest in Rotary and the sport of snow skiing. It is also a great way to help the ISFR gain membership and for you to reconnect with other ISFR members who we may not have seen in some time. Pins can be purchased there if you have lost yours or want one for your spouse.

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