Decisions of the ISU Council

The Council held meetings on March 19-21 in Moscow/Russia. The following decisions were taken during this meeting (this Communication does not include items that have been dealt with in previous or separate Communications):

1. **Provisional Allotments of 2006 ISU Championships**

   The ISU Council provisionally allotted the following ISU Championships:

   2006 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships, January 23 – 29, 2006 to be hosted in Colorado Springs/USA by the United States Figure Skating Association.

   2006 ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships, January 6 – 8, 2006 to be hosted in Bucharest/Romania by the Romanian Skating Federation.

2. **ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2005/06**

   The Council agreed upon the following calendar for the season 2005/06 revising the schedule previously announced:

   - **Skate America**, October 20-23, 2005
   - **Skate Canada**, October 27-30, 2005
   - **Cup of China**, November 3-6, 2005
   - **Trophée E. Bompard, France**, November 17-20, 2005
   - **Cup of Russia**, November 24-27, 2005
   - **NHK Trophy, Japan**, December 1-4, 2005
   - **ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating FINAL, Tokyo/Japan**, December 16-18, 2005
3. **ISU Essent World Cup Speed Skating**

The ISU Council accepted the following basic event schedule for the season 2005/06:

- **Calgary/Canada**
  - November 12-13, 2005
  - Middle/long distances
  - Team Pursuit

- **Salt Lake City/USA**
  - November 18-20, 2005
  - All distances
  - Team Pursuit

- **Milwaukee/USA**
  - November 26-27, 2005
  - Sprint distances

- **Heerenveen/Netherlands**
  - December 3-4, 2005
  - Middle/long distances

- **Torino/Italy**
  - December 9-11, 2005
  - All distances
  - Team Pursuit

- **Inzell/Germany**
  - December 17-18, 2005
  - Sprint distances

- **Collalbo/Italy**
  - January 28-29, 2006
  - Sprint distances

- **Heerenveen/Netherlands**
  - March 3-5, 2006
  - All distances

4. **ISU Judging System Figure Skating**

The ISU Council reiterated its commitment to assist Members to smoothly implement the ISU Judging System, use of which will be mandatory for all ISU sanctioned international competitions starting with the season 2005/06.

   a) **Officials education**
   A comprehensive seminar ensuring a continued education of officials is planned to be held in Frankfurt/Germany on July 11-17, 2005. All relevant details will be published in a dedicated ISU Communication.

   b) **Support for hardware/software**
   The ISU Council, in line with the 2004 Congress Resolution passed, and as communicated to the ISU Figure Skating Members in a letter dated 20 January 2005, has made available for rent 4 sets of equipment for the ISU Judging System. For the season 2005/06, the Council decided furthermore to financially support Members who acquire and give evidence of using the necessary equipment for the ISU Judging System. Members will be informed in due course on how to apply for such assistance.
c) Appointment of Ad-Hoc Commission ISU Judging System
For the sake of properly coordinating the fine tuning of the ISU Judging System and to ensure consistency among disciplines, the Council appointed a newly formed Ad-hoc Commission composed as follows:

Junko Hiramatsu  
member, Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee

Olga Gilardini  
member, Ice Dance Technical Committee

Joanne Shaw  
member, Synchronized Skating Technical Committee

Peter Krick  
ISU Event Coordinator

Ted Barton  
ISU Video Technology Coordinator

5. Qualification for the 2006 Olympic Winter Games - Single & Pair Skating – Ice Dance

A dedicated ISU Communication is being issued indicating the entry quota earned by Members during the 2005 ISU World Figure Skating Championships according to Rule 400, paragraph 2 and Rule 570, paragraph 2.

For the remaining open entries available, in accordance with ISU Regulations, Rule 400, paragraph 4 and Rule 570, paragraph 4, the Council allotted the Olympic Qualifying Competition to be held in Vienna/Austria, on October 12-16, 2005 on the occasion of the Karl Schäfer Memorial.

The Judges draw in accordance with Rule 402 and Rule 572 will be conducted on the occasion of the ISU Council meeting on June 2-5, 2005.

Milan,  
April 5, 2005  
Ottavio Cinquanta, President

Lausanne,  
Fredi Schmid, General Secretary