



## IFSC HIGHLIGHTS - June 09 - Issue 40

### IFSC News

#### Athletes' Commission Elections

The new Athletes' commission has officially taken function under the presidency of Muriel Sarkany, a fully recognized athlete with many world scale results. With some new members and a new structure, the 2009 Athletes' commission will also be closer to the other IFSC bodies, as it has been designed to ensure a more efficient and better presence of the Athletes in the Federation's life. The next elections will take place during the 2011 IFSC World Championship in Arco (Italy) and will partly replace some members of the commission.

### IFSC Competitions

#### Bouldering World Cup - Vail (USA)

This 2nd IFSC Vail Bouldering World Cup grew on what was learned from last year.

Spectators were treated to a strong field of international climbers, great weather and a well organized event; finals were standing room only and the media coverage was extensive. The crowds were definitely a positive factor for the athletes; cheering on climbers regardless of their nationality. Climbing was exciting and the excellent route-setting team was able to bring fun and mix up the field.



Germany's **Jonas Bauman** was the Men's winner, **Daniel Woods** (USA) 2nd and **Kilian Fischhuber** (Austria) was 3rd. For the Women, **Alex Puccio** (USA) placed 1st, **Alex Johnson** (USA) was 2nd and **Akiyo Noguchi** (Japan) placed 3rd.

#### Bouldering World Cup - Eindhoven (NED)



Exciting finals in Eindhoven, in front of several hundred spectators and at the presence of the President of the Dutch National Olympic Committee Erica Terpstra, who at the end declared her enthusiasm for bouldering. In the women's **Akiyo Noguchi** (JPN) had no rivals and celebrated her first World Cup, preceding **Natalija Gros** (SLO) and **Olga Shalagina** (UKR). In the men **Kilian Fischhuber** (AUT) was the only competitor to send all the four problems. **Gabriele Moroni** (ITA) took the silver and **Stephane Julien** (FRA) the bronze.

The results of the first ever World Cup in Holland assigned the World Cup titles to **Akiyo Noguchi**, **Anna Stohr** (AUT) and **Natalija Gros** in the women's field; the men's category saw **Fischhuber's** second victory, ahead of **Rustam Gelmanov** (RUS) and **Moroni** (ITA).

### IFSC X World Championship - Qinghai, China

#### Lead



The technical and demanding final route set by Aljosa Grom for the **women** final event was topped by the extraordinary **Johanna Ernst** (AUT) and **Kim Ja In** (Kor), in front of the Slovenian **Maja Vidmar**. Ernst, whose strength we already know, won the gold medal thanks to the ranking in the semi-finals; the promising Korean got silver, but we might expect to see her back on the podium during the season. Vidmar, who had done well in the semi, was awarded the bronze medal.

The Spanish **Patxi Usobiaga** left no doubt as to whom deserved to be crowned World Champion 2009, as he was the only one to top the final route. **Adam Ondra**, the young Czech who has been surprising all for his wondrous results, fell a few holds below, after a top in the semifinals, and seized the silver in his first World Championship. Third on the podium **David Lama**, the Austrian athlete who probably still has not shown us all his potential.

#### Boulder

In the **Men's category**, the Russians confirmed the leadership of the past two editions (Rakhmetov - 2005m, Sharafutdinov - 2007) with the gold medal by **Alexey Rubstov** and the silver by **Rustam Gelmanov**, while Bronze was awarded to the British **David Barrans**. Similarly **Julia Abramchouk** (RUS) seized the golden medal (and the title of World Champion!) in the Women's category; the Ukrainian **Olga Shalagina** and the Austrian **Anna Stohr** were awarded respectively the silver and gold medals.



#### Speed

As foreseen, China once more confirmed being unbeatable in Speed. In both the 10 and the 15 m events, the Women's podium was all Chinese, while at least in the Men's category the Russians managed to steal the silver medal. Not only did the Chinese **He Cuilian** and **Qixing Zhong** win the title, but they also set the new world records, respectively by 9.04 (He -Women, 15m) and by 6.64 (Zhong - Men, 15m).

#### Overall & National Team Ranking

Winners of the overall ranking were the Japanese **Akiyo Noguchi** and the Canadian **Sean McColl**, who both entered the bouldering and lead finals, playing well also on the 10 metres speed wall. Russia ranked first in the National Team Ranking, followed by China, strong of its monopoly in Speed and Austria.

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