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## CRANS-MONTANA AUDI FIS Ski World Cup 2017

**CRANS-MONTANA February 24-25-26, 2017**

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- The FIS 2017 World Cup Ski Races, with a Super-G on Saturday, 25 February and two Alpine Combineds (Super-G/Slalom) on Friday, 24 and Sunday, 26 February, will celebrate three important anniversaries :

\* 50 years of FIS World Cup Skiing. The idea to create an Alpine Ski World Cup came from the well-known French sports journalist, Serge LANG (1920-99), the realization was decided with the help of the team captains from FRANCE, (Honoré BONNET) and from USA (Bob BEATTIE), on the Seidlalm in Kitzbühel in the winter of 1966. The very first competition, a slalom, took place in Berchtesgaden/GERMANY and was won by Heinrich MESSMER from AUSTRIA.

\* 40 years of FIS World Cup competitions in CRANS-MONTANA. The first World Cup races took place on 25-26 January 1977. The Downhill Race was won by Brigitte TOTSCHNIG, AUSTRIA, the Slalom by Perrine PELEN, FRANCE and the combined by Marie-Thérèse NADIG, from SWITZERLAND.

\* 30 years of FIS Alpine Ski World Championships in CRANS-MONTANA. From January 27 to February 8, many prestigious Medals were won by the Swiss racers (8 gold/4 silver/2 bronze).

- In addition to the races for this year, the next important dates for the winter circus will be :

\* 2 · 3 · 4 March 2018 Alpine Combined (Downhill/Slalom), Downhill and Super-G

\* 23 · 24 February 2019 Downhill and Alpine Combined (Downhill/Slalom)

\* 22 · 23 February 2020 Downhill and Super-G

- Prize Money 2017 (Super-G & Alpine Combineds)

\* 1 = 45,000

\* 2 = 20,000

\* 3 = 10,000

\* 4 = 7,000

\* 5 = 5,000

\* 6 = 4,000

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- programme

\* Thursday, February 23 - LED Torches Public Downhill - Opening Party

\* Friday, February 24 - Alpine Combined (Super-G/Slalom)

\* Saturday February 25 - Super-G

\* Sunday February 26 - Alpine Combined (Super-G/Slalom)

- Special Flashback :

CRANS-MONTANA is a Ski Resort that was created through the fusion of the Two Centers of CRANS and MONTANA and belonged to Six Municipalities (Chermignon, Icogne, Lens, Mollens, Montana and Randogne), Four of which merged to form the municipality of CRANS-MONTANA. The Resort is located in the heart of the Swiss Alps in the French-speaking part of the Canton of VALAIS. It is located on a Plateau above SIERRE at an elevation of about 1,500 m above Sea level, allowing good view over the Valais Alps and Weisshorn in particular.

CRANS-MONTANA is famous in Alpine Ski Racing for the 1987 World Championships and is often on the World Cup schedule, usually for Women's Speed Events. It also hosts the only Winter Mountain Pop Rock Festival Caprices Festival and the Second Largest European Golf Event Omega European Masters, (an Event from the European and Asian Tour) which takes place each September (September 7-10, 2017)...

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