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Trento ad Monte Bondone leaders of Rollerski
In September Rollerski World Cup

Trento and Monte Bondone are up to be again the meeting point for the most important skiroll athletes in the world, in fact the town of Council and its mountain will host two competitions during the weekends. The last World Cup stage will take place from Friday 9th to Sunday 11th September, for the second year in a row. This year one day more is added to the competition and it has to be mentioned that this is the only stage in the Italian world circuit. Campionati Italiani Sprint and one of the stages of Coppa Italiana – Up Hill Classic will take place on the following weekend, Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th September. These events have been presented during the Press Conference on Thursday 1st September in the pressroom of Palazzo Geremia, in Trento by **Elda Verones**, head of the Organizing Committee, together with **Marco Zoller**, Trentino FISI representative, and the third-time rollerski world champion **Alessio Berlanda**.

International Ski Federation (FIS) and International Winter Sports Federation (FISI), which has recently committed to manage rollerski sport, instead of FIHP, have underlined the skills of APT Trento, Monte Bondone, Valle dei Laghi and ASD Charly Gaul Internazionale by giving them even the final stage of the world circuit.

Above all, the three days of World Cup are long-awaited. The World Cup will begin on Friday afternoon with the sprint race in Via Santa Croce, in Trento on the same trail of the last year 165 m long. An amazing and challenging competition will include individual and team qualifications, semifinals and knock-out finals "one-on-one".

This sport sees among the best athletes the Italian ones, in particular Alessio Berlanda from Trentino, who already won two world titles and the young Emanuele Becchis from Cuneo, who is the reigning champion.

The latter will compete also for the first place in the World Cup since he is placed third with 446 point after the first three trials, against Robin Norun from Sweden who has gained 780 points and Erik Silfver from Sweden who has 476 points.

During the races the medals of every World Cup category will be given. In the female ranking Sandra Olsson, from Sweden (732 points) is placed first , Ksenia Konohova, from Russia (566 points) second and Lisa Bolzan, from Italy (514 points) third. Francesco Becchis is placed third in the junior ranking, after the two Swedish athletes Marcus Fredriksson and Alfred Buskqvist. Emma Larsson is the number one in the female junior ranking, followed by the two Russian athletes Olga Plotnikova and Elizaveta Burtseva.

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After the sprint race, the Rollerski World Cup will move on Saturday morning to the mountain, with UP HILL CLASSIC - individual time trial from Candrai (senior), and from Vaneze (senior female and junior) to Vason.

Senior will start first, competing for 8,5 km starting at 10.00 a.m.; junior and senior female will start later at 10.20 a.m. competing for 4,6 km.

This year on Sunday an additional competition will take place in the area of Lagolo, next to the alpine lake. The junior and senior female will start first (10.00 a.m.) competing for 6,9 km, while senior will start at 10.30 a.m. next to the lake competing for 10,8 km direction Vason. This will be a pursuit free race, it means that athletes will start according to advantages gained in the competitions of the day before (the first one who starts is the leader, and the others will start gradually after). Athletes can train on the same circuits also on Saturday afternoon after UP HILL CLASSIC race. Both Saturday and Sunday the roads involved in the competition will remain closed from 9.30 a.m. until the end of the race.

Athletes coming from Italy, Andorra, France, Greece, Latvia, Norway, Romania, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Germany and Sweden confirmed their participation to the race.

Among the famous competitors there is the Russian athlete Eugeniy Dementiev, winner of two Olympic medals in cross-country skiing. Some athletes of the Italian National Cross-Country team, who are training in Valle di Ledro, in Trentino, may join the race as well.

The following weekend Trento will host Campionati Italiani Sprint in the same track starting in Via Santa Croce. Trainings will start on Saturday at 15.15 p.m., the qualifications at 16.00 p.m. and finals at 17.15 p.m. On Sunday the Italian athletes will move again to Monte Bondone for the Coppa Italiana salita tecnica classica with arrival in Vason. Athletes will start according to their categories: under 10 and 12 from Vason (1 and 2 km), under 14 from Norge (3,7 km), under 16 and senior female from Vaneze (4,7km), Assoluta and Master male from Candriai (8,5km). Athletes from all over Italy, from under 10 to master, will participate in Coppa Italiana Skiroll. The road will remain closed from Candriai to Vason from 9.30 a.m. until the end of the race.