

FIS MASTERS CUP SOUTH AMERICAN EVENTS 2015

SHORT REPORT by Stefano Arnhold

The FIS Masters Cup 2015/16 opening events were held in South America in the Chilean resorts of Valle Nevado and La Parva.

The weather was just fantastic for the two events in Valle Nevado and reasonable for the events in La Parva (the Slalom was held under high winds and ultra cold temperature sensation).

17-09 Valle Nevado	GS	FMC	(BRA)	L&M
18-09 Valle Nevado	SG	FMC	(BRA)	L&M
19-09 La Parva	GS	FMC	(CHI)	L&M
20-09 La Parva	SL	FMC	(CHI)	L&M

On September 16th, the Team Captains Meeting in Valle Nevado for the opening race was interrupted by a very strong earthquake during the bib toss.

The earthquake epicenter was approximately 350km north of Valle Nevado and reached 8,3 in the Richter Scale.

Team Captains and Organizers had to leave the room in a hurry, but nobody was hurt.

This was probably the first time that a Team Captains Meeting for a FIS sanctioned event has to be early terminated due to an earthquake.

This year we had a little over 100 competitors from 16 different NSAs from all 5 continents, a record:

ARG	AUS	BRA	CAN	CHI	CRO
CZE	FRA	GBR	GER	ITA	JPN
SUI	RSA	USA	TOG		

A total of Euros 522,00 will be paid to the International Masters Fund.

All events counted for the South American Masters Cup and overall medals were awarded to the three best in each age class. With the new rules approved in Varna (BUL), for the first time we had:

SG Points awarded to the SG race MA 8)

FMC Points awarded to the first 30 in each category using the 100 Scale MA 82)

A trophy awarded to the best time of the day of Category D (Ladies 55 and over) MA 27), MA 59) & MA 76)

Calculated Penalties MA 8)

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