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Recap Events 2026 Season

Korea

Interski International President Eric Sheckleton recently visited Korea, strengthening ties with the Korea Ski Instructors Association (KSIA), the Ski Association of Japan (SAJ) and representatives from the China Ski Association. The main purpose of the visit was to observe the International Technical Ski and Junior Ski Championships, but it resulted in valuable exchanges on instructor education, innovation, and future collaboration to grow snowsports through inspirational instruction.

The visit highlighted Korea's dynamic approach to ski instruction and its commitment to continuous development within the global Interski network. Discussions also underlined shared ambitions leading into Vail 2027, reinforcing the importance of international cooperation and knowledge exchange across all member nations.



SPE Balkan Conference

The recent SPE Balkan Conference in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia once again demonstrated the strength and cohesion of the Interski network at a regional level.

This year's event, which included participants from 15 nations, was further enriched by hosting the IAESS Members' Conference, with the full board of the International Association of Education in Science and Snowsports, as well as Interski President Sheckleton and Vice-Presidents Cattin and Iankov in attendance—highlighting the close alignment between educational research and on-snow practice.

Daily workshops and nightly demo shows provided the on-snow application and inspiration. A series of high-level keynote lectures, including a wide range of speakers and topics, added depth and insight to the program. Their research sparked meaningful dialogue and reinforced the importance of continued innovation in instruction.

The conference stood out not only for its content but also for its excellent organization. A sincere thank you goes to Rado Pišot and his team for delivering such a well-structured and impactful event. With its diverse workshops, exchanges, and strong international participation, the conference once again delivered a great experience—offering a compelling preview of what lies ahead for Vail 2027.

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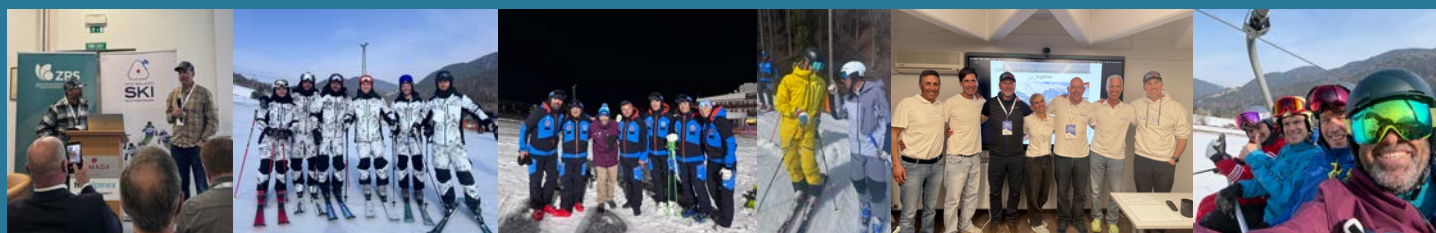
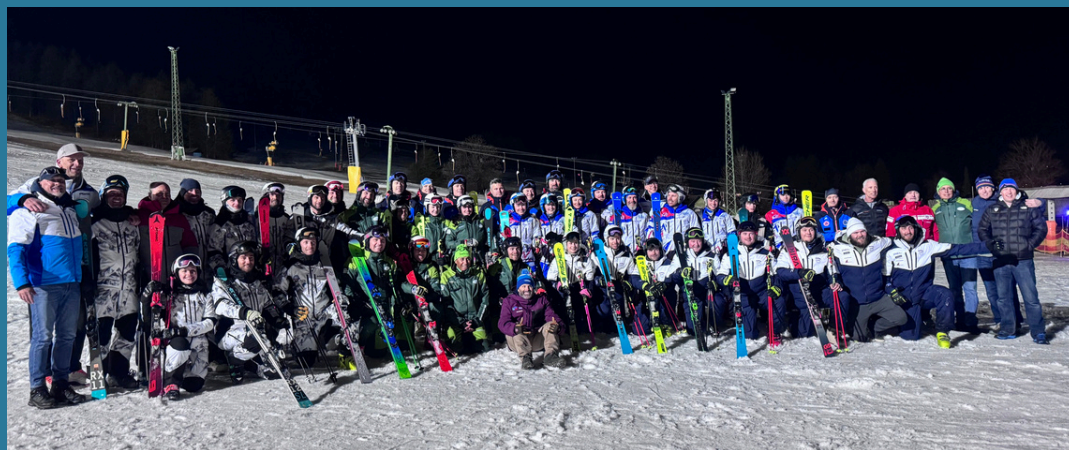
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SPE Balkan Conference Highlights



Technical Ski and Junior Ski Championships



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Snowsports & Plastic Waste: A UNEP Partnership in Action

The UNEP Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Secretariat has established a strategic partnership and an MoU with Interski, ISIA, and IAESS to assess awareness of plastic waste in mountain environments across the snowsport community.

The snowsport community was represented by Dáire O’Connell as our independent consultant, commissioned by the UNEP-BRS to lead the project, at the 7th Global Meeting of the Mountain Partnership in Andorra la Vella in March 2026, where delegates endorsed the Andorra Declaration — “Elevating Mountain Action Beyond 2030” — reaffirming global commitment to sustainable mountain development. This milestone underlines the importance and timeliness of the work now underway.

Current work focuses on mapping educational materials already in circulation across national bodies, international associations, and industry stakeholders — compiling templates, checklists, case studies, and guidance into a practical toolbox that associations can adopt and tailor materials for their own communities. National association consultations will soon be underway through April and May, directly informing the design of a Snowsports Education Plastic Waste Action Plan scheduled for finalisation by mid-2026.

We welcome input from across the Interski community — please reach out if you would like to be involved in shaping this work (daire.oconnell@gmail.com).



Online Seminar Series

The Interski Online Seminar Series continues to bridge global expertise and practical application, providing accessible, high-level education to the international snowsports community.

February 2026 – Dr. Josh Pighetti

In his session “Bringing the Five Elements of Inspirational Snowsports Instruction into Action,” Josh Pighetti explored how instructors can translate core teaching principles into impactful, real-world practice. The seminar offered actionable frameworks to enhance engagement, effectiveness, and learner experience.

March 2026 – Dr. Nico Kurpiers

With “The One-Ski-Method – New Paths for Beginners,” Nico Kurpiers introduced innovative approaches to beginner instruction, challenging conventional progression models and encouraging adaptive, learner-centered methodologies.

NEXT UP: May 27, @5pm CET: Chris Rogers



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Looking Ahead

Save the Date - General Assembly

Interski Extraordinary General Assembly

- [October 19, 2026, 2 PM CET.](#)
- The Assembly will focus on the schedule and content regarding the Interski Congress 2027. We will also vote on our newest member, Interski Serbia.
- Platform: Teams

Interski Education Community

We are hoping to see more teams engaging in our Educational Community. Our Basecamp Platform provides National Team Coaches, Managers, and leaders a space to discuss their plans for Interski 2027, including workshops, lectures and more. It also provides access to templates and files to submit abstracts and prepare the team for the various social media projects - such as as *“Meet the Team Monday”* and *“Interski TV”*.

Please ensure you reach out to Dave Schuling or Vanessa Mann to be added to the group and not miss out on any information!



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Hosting Interski 2031

The journey to Interski 2031 is already beginning.

Interski International invites interested nations and organizations to consider hosting the Interski Congress 2031. Hosting the congress is a unique opportunity to showcase your country's snowsports culture, innovation, and hospitality on a global stage. It is also a way to support Interski and the goal of growing snowsports through our shared passion.

We encourage potential hosts to begin internal discussions and reach out for guidance on requirements and the application process.



Official Theme Explained

Interski looks ahead to adapt and continually strive to be better, do better. From pushing technology to enhancing learning methodology, we are focused on a sustainable professional and personal lifestyle.

The Interski community welcomes everyone to snowsports. In the spirit of snowsports for all, the future is inclusion and creating pathways for all. Interski 2027 invites the world to explore, learn and belong to a community passionate for adventures on snow.

The relationships built through sharing and learning are transformational and life changing. We look forward to sharing the joy of snowsports as we welcome the world to Vail, Colorado for Interski 2027.