



## Ski competition for children and youth Poiana Braşov FIS Children Trophy

On the 23rd & 24th of February 2018, Romania hosted its first international ski alpine competition attended by more than 80 athletes, children and cadets from 10 countries.

Poiana Braşov mountain resort offered its slopes in the Postăvaru massif, perfectly prepared for this first alpine skiing competition organized in our country and accredited by the International Ski Federation (FIS).

Participants in FIS Children Trophy: Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Romania, Serbia, Turkey and Hungary.

The event was addressed to young skiers, girls and boys 12-14 years old and 14-16 years old who competed in the slalom and giant slalom. It was organized by Poiana Brasov Tourism Association, the Romanian Ski Federation - Biathlon and Braşov City Hall.

Both the participants and the audience described the competition as spectacular event perfectly organized. The slope was professionally arranged for the two technical events, giant slalom and slalom. The administrator of Poiana Brasov ski area, Mr. Dorin Dragoi, was in charge of the successful slope maintenance.

Mihai Covaliu, chairman of the Romanian Olympic and Sports Committee, also present at the event, was glad that Romania organized the competition:

"We need this event and it's very good that the competition includes the U14 and U16 categories. This is the way were we must start and the fact that FIS Children Trophy begins in Poiana Brasov is extraordinary. I am convinced that the next powerful athletes who will represent Romania worldwide will come from the winter sports ".

Peter Meliessnig, the captain of the Austrian team, said: "It was a great competition, very well organized, and the slope was perfect. We are very happy to be here and we will definitely come back in the next years. "

Positive with the organizing of Poiana Brasov FIS Children Trophy was also Agustin Torres, Argentina's team captain: "I have participated in FIS competitions in other countries, but the organization here impressed us very much and I want to congratulate you for everything, it was really nice. The slope was perfect, the conditions and the timing also. Therefore, we are happy





to have organized this extremely beneficial event for children in your country. We come from Argentina, and certainly will do everything we can to participate in the future, and I will try to bring other teams here in Romania at the next FIS Children Trophy competition. "

"The competition was great. Excellent people in the organization team. I think FIS Children Trophy was organized here similar to the original Italian Topolino. There will be more teams in Romania, from other countries in the coming years, "explains Milan Božić , FIS official delegate and General Secretary of the Serbian Ski Federation.

"Being the first year when Romania organized FIS Children Trophy, we had to show that we can do the job extremely well" admits one of the sports ambassador of the competition, Ioan Gabriel Nan, multiple national and international champion, also present at the event. "I think it was a successful competition and in the coming years we will gain experience and we will be getting better".

At the giant slalom, U16 boys, Austria won the first place thanks to Christ Mittersteiner with time of 1:29:83. With a gap of 3.27 seconds, Argentina ranked second with Paul Pedro (1:33:10) and third place was occupied by Romania, represented by Hunor Szoke, with time of 1:34:30.

In giant slalom, U16 girls, Austria ranked first through Maria Niederndorfer, with time 1:33:58, followed by Bulgaria, represented by Julia Zlatkova with gap of 3.52 seconds, while third place returned to Romania, represented by Leona Isabelle Trifu, with a time of 1:39:20

In the U14 boys age category, the giant slalom was won by Austria, Paul Wagner having a time of 47.04. With gap of 3.29 seconds, Bulgaria ranked second with Nikolay Lechev, his time was 50:33. Third place also won by Bulgaria, by Ivan Glavchev, who managed time of 50:77.

At the giant slalom, U14 girls, Austria won the first place through Amelie Strollinger with time 47:61. Second place, with a difference of 2.95 seconds, was taken by Hungary, represented by Roxana Hamos, with a time of 50:56, while Argentina ranked third, through Martina Lattanzio with a time of 52:65.

At the slalom, U16 boys, Austria won the first place through Alexander Oppeneder with a time of 1:27:41. Second place was won by Argentina, with Pedro Paul, 1:29:56, with gap of 2.15 seconds, while third place was won by Greece, represented by Christos Marmarellis, 1:30:50 .

At the slalom, U16 girls, the first place was taken by Bulgaria, by Julia Zlatkova with a time of 1:33:18. With gap of only 0.27 seconds, Austria took the second place thanks to Anna





Wechselberger with time of 1:33:45. The third place was won again by Austria, represented by Maria Niederndorfer, with time 1:35:21.

At the slalom, U14 boys, Austria won the first place by Paul Wagner who managed time of 1:28:64, followed by Bulgaria, represented by Dimitar Pirishanchin with time 1:34:34, while third place was won by Hungary, by Krisztian Pal with a time of 1:37:99.

At slalom, U14 girls, the first place was won by Austria, Amelie Stollinger, with a time of 1:35:51, and at 6.94 seconds difference, Romania ranked second, represented by Ioana Cătălina Ambrus with time of 1:42:45. The third place was won also by Romania, Andra Maroşan having a time of 1:45:67.

FIS Children Trophy will continue to be organized in Romania until 2022, being approved for another four years by the International Ski Federation (FIS).

This international championship was funded mostly by private sector sponsors such as Husqvarna, Allview, DIGI, Raiffeisen Bank, Paste Baneasa, Ceresit, Ana Hotels, Teleferic Grand Hotel, Alpin Resort Hotel, Ana Teleferic, Napolact, ETI, IndSoft, Schaeffler and Stoica & Associates.

Poiana Brasov Tourism Association is proud to inform the media about this unique event in the Romanian alpine skiing area.

