



AUTRANS, THE LEADING FRENCH NORDIC SKI RESORT PREPARES TO HOST THE 2009 WORLD NORDIC MASTERS...

The World Nordic Masters Championships are open to skiers aged 30 and over and will take place for the first time in France from **Friday 30th January to Friday 6th February 2009**. Approximately **1200** competitors from 20 different countries are expected to participate in a total of 30 events taking place during the 6 days of competition!

Autrans, will bring together all its assets to launch this festival of international competitions, which include:

- Considerable experience in organizing the biggest people's ski marathon race in Europe: la Foulée Blanche.
- A major network of Nordic ski tracks inherited from the 1968 Winter Olympic Games and widely developed over the years.
- Ultra modern, artificial snow making equipment.
- Proximity of the accommodation, competition venues and the village centre.
- Easy access to Autrans from the international airports of Grenoble, Lyon and Geneva.
- An exceptional mountain venue : the French Alps and the Natural Regional Park of Vercors.
- A protected site where eco-citizenship and sustainable development both make sense.

Autrans, the Nordic ski Champions' meeting place. The Nordic ski World Champion, Vincent Vittoz and the Biathlon World Champion, Raphaël Poirée have adopted the trails around Autrans as their training grounds.

One year from the competitions, the resort is engaged in the preparation to succeed.

- The Nordic trails planned in the specification chart, are already operational as well as the start and finish stadium areas. The resort of Autrans has hosted in January 2008, the French Master Nordic Ski Championships and took advantage of this opportunity to test the infrastructures for 2009.
- A website is already available online : www.mwc2009.com as well as an information leaflet.

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