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Eventually warmed up by sunshine and spring air, the world Champs continue their path in Alpage and Piancavallo, Italy with one of the most popular race format: the Team.

The gentlemen challenge crowned a bunch of “azzurri” with Matteo Eydallin and Damiano Lenzi as the fastest couple over Italian team mates Robert Antonioli and Michele Boscacci who left some space on the podium for the bronze medalists, “Les bleus” William Bon Mardion and Xavier Gachet. Gold medals go to France in the ladies race with the duet Bonnel - Mollaret followed by spanish Mireia Miro Varela and Claudia Galicia Cotrina. Third place speaks again Italian with Alba De Silvestro and Martina Valmassoi. In the meantime the ISMF mission to China has come to an end with some positive news and results. President Armando Mariotta and Vp Marketing and Communications Marco Mosso, are flying home, and will soon catch up with the teams for the next Champs races.

The main goals of the journey to China was working on the creation of a stronger relationship, both technical and political, especially tailored on the next world Cup stage which will be hosted in the country, during the 2017/2018 world Cup season.

“The stage is confirmed – said Mariotta and Mosso – : the idea would be to organize the season

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opening there, in the middle of December 2017, in order to concentrate the long trip at the beginning of the winter". The delegation also assessed how the CMA - Chinese mountaineering Association worked during the "ISMF series" which were taking place in the WanLong ski resort, some three hours motorway driving from Beijing.

This historical ski resort, one of the first to develop in China, is also the most probable candidate to host the next world Cup. The alternative is Songhua lake resort Jilin city which might offer better snow coverage in December and is connected with Beijing through a 2 hours domestic flight and one hour driving. This is also the place where a referee course was organized in 2015, and a youth camp took place in 2014.

"We are confident – add Mariotta and Mosso - that both venues will be suitable for a world Cup stage: they have the same standards, plenty of facilities, a good variety of accommodation and they also can offer programmed snow. Transportations is well organized and the Loc – organizing Committee would be the same and would go under the direction of Mister Li Guowei, director of exchange department of China mountaineering Association, member of ISMF.

Being in China, which will host the winter olympic Games in 2022, allowed some olympic talks in the agenda, too. Mister Han Kyu Yoo, who has always worked hard to support the skimo movement, Olympic goal included, stated that he is willing to maintain his position as president of the ISMF Asian Council. One of the meeting was especially dedicated to the promotion of skimo in China, covering the issue both from the sport and the tourism point of view.

Back to the Champs, tomorrow the skimo circus will say goodbye to Alpage and move east to Piancavallo where Sprint, Vertical and Relay race are scheduled from next Tuesday.

Full results online on the ISMF website

<http://ismf-ski.org/www/content/races-result?id=169>

All the championships rankings

<http://ismf-ski.org/www/content/tambrepiancavallo-2017-italy-ismf-world-championships-24-february-2-march-2017>

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