

## **Bendler, Russians continue their Ice Climbing dominance**

Austria's Markus Bendler and France's Stephanie Maureau have claimed victories in the men's and women's Lead competitions of the UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup held in Saas Fee, Switzerland on January 22 and 23. Athletes Jeong Woon Wha and Hee Yong Park made a strong showing for Korea, both taking medals in Lead.

Russians remained unbeatable in the Speed events capturing the top three spots in both the men's and women's events, with Pavel Gulyaev for the men and Maryam Filippova for the women coming first. Go here for more results and pictures. [http://www.theuiaa.org/ice\\_results\\_2010.html](http://www.theuiaa.org/ice_results_2010.html)

### **Lead and Speed**

UIAA recognises Ice Climbing as a competitive sport and is responsible for organisation and promotion of the Ice Climbing World Cup and International Championships. There are two Ice Climbing disciplines, Speed and Lead. In Speed, athletes race up an ice face for the best time. In Lead competitions the climbers' ability to master a difficult route in a given time is tested.

### **Next event**

The next World Cup event will be in Busteni, Romania from February 4 to 7, which will include Speed and Lead competitions, as well as an attempt to set a world Speed record. See full list of events. [http://www.theuiaa.org/ice\\_climbing\\_world\\_cup\\_2010.html](http://www.theuiaa.org/ice_climbing_world_cup_2010.html)

### **RedFox and Zamberlan**

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### **Sochi, Russia**

In its commitment to developing the sport, the UIAA plans to expand the circuit with the intention of showcasing Ice Climbing competitions in Sochi, Russia at the same time as the 2014 Winter Olympics. Discussions with the Sochi Olympic Organising Committee have indicated that Ice Climbing competitions could be welcome as part of the "Live Events" being planned for the general public.

### **Global reach**

The UIAA, with 80 member organisations in 57 countries, represents more than 1 million people worldwide. It's the International Olympic Committee's recognised international federation for mountaineering and natural surface climbing.

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