

# FIPS News

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## Early Bird Registrations for FIPS 2016 in Italy now open



Go to [www.fips2016.it](http://www.fips2016.it) for Congress information and to register. There is a €100 reduction on the standard cost by registering early. The Early Bird Registration requires full payment to be made before 31 October 2015. Payment can be made by Credit Card or Bank Transfer.

REMEMBER: the Congress is at Adamello Ski Pontedilegno – Tonale in north-east Italy from 2-9 April 2016. We would love to meet you there. For information about the Adamello Ski Area go to [www.adamelloski.com](http://www.adamelloski.com)

If you have problems registering at the FIPS2016 web site you may need to accept cookies to have full functionality. For queries regarding FIPS2016 send an email to: [FIPS2016@fips-skipatrol.org](mailto:FIPS2016@fips-skipatrol.org)

## Which Airport in Italy



For those coming to Italy there has been some concern on which airport near Milan is best for your arrival at the 2016 Congress. *We have attached a further explanation of options for getting to Adamello Ski Pontedilegno – Tonale*

## Executive Report

The Executive continues to plan for FIPS2016, coordinating with the Italian FISPS Organising Committee. A big thankyou to our Italian friends Nadia, Marco and Luca for their efforts thus far. The Executive is already thinking forward to the hosting of the next FIPS Congress in 2018.

## Registering on the FIPS Web Site

[www.fips-skipatrol.org](http://www.fips-skipatrol.org)

**REMEMBER:** As a patroller you must now be a SUBSCRIBER to the FIPS web site to receive future FIPS updates and access to the patroller-only areas with full reports on FIPS activities, access to the SIGs, up-coming events, etc. Follow the link at the FIPS-website and answer the necessary questions. Your registration should be approved within a few days.

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:** If you are interested in a SIG you must first register on the FIPS web site. Then, after being approved you must go back to website to join the SIG(s) of your choice. SIG Coordinators will then welcome you into their group.

## Colorado Supreme Court "avalanches in resorts" determination



The Colorado Supreme Court will hear submissions on the avalanche issue in resorts on 29 September 2015. Due to the high public interest in this case the Court has elected to hold it in a nearby high school auditorium. The Court has already accepted a brief on the issue from FIPS. Once the Court makes a determination a summary of the outcome will be prepared for distribution to FIPS members.

## FIPS Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

The four SIGs have been active with updates on current topics of interest and planning for the 2016 Congress.

Medical SIG	Coordinator – John Holmes
Legal SIG	Coordinator – Ed Gassman
Avalanche SIG	Coordinator – Ed Carlson
Technology SIG	Coordinator - Duncan Isaksen-Loxton

Ed Gassman would like to hear from any patrollers interested in the Legal SIG. Email your details to the FIPS Secretary for forwarding to Ed. Better still join his SIG on the FIPS web site. Likewise, Ed Carlson would like to hear from those interested in avalanche and safety issues.

We do need national representatives for each country on each SIG. NOTE: The existing FIPS SIG Yahoo groups will be closed following the distribution of this newsletter.

## Medic52 World Ski Patroller Survey Report released



Medic52 released its 2015 world ski patroller survey. In the interest of obtaining greater understanding of ski patroller issues a number of national ski patrols and FIPS have supported this survey.

## FIPS 2016 Mark Labow Award

The Mark Labow Award is made at each Congress to a person who, in the opinion of the Award trustees, has made an outstanding contribution to ski patrolling at an international level. A proforma application form will be available shortly.

For further information and submissions for the Award send an email to [MarkLabowAward@fips-skipatrol.org](mailto:MarkLabowAward@fips-skipatrol.org).

## International Commission for Alpine Rescue (ICAR)



A number of FIPS patrollers will represent their countries at the ICAR conference in Ireland in October 2015. FIPS has been granted provisional membership of ICAR. The President and Secretary of FIPS will be in attendance in Ireland to support the FIPS application.

## Expression of Interest to host the FIPS 2018 Congress

National members interested in hosting the 2018 or 2020 FIPS congresses are invited to contact the FIPS President or Secretary at [president@fips-skipatrol.org](mailto:president@fips-skipatrol.org) or [secretary@fips-skipatrol.org](mailto:secretary@fips-skipatrol.org).



## Kees B Foundation

The Kees Brenninkmeyer Foundation mission is to financially assist alpine guides, patrollers or instructors who require surgery in order to continue their careers. Since its inception in 2011, it has financially supported just under 100 candidates with career-threatening injuries worldwide ([www.keesbfoundation.org](http://www.keesbfoundation.org)). Patrollers with relevant injuries are encouraged to contact Kees B Foundation to see if they can be of financial assistance.

## FIPS2016 - Additional Travel Information

A number of patrollers have asked for additional information on how to get to Italy and Adamello Ski Pontedilegno – Tonale, and the timing.

Given the location of Adamello Ski Pontedilegno - Tonale and the limited public transport services available you may need to consider arriving in Italy on the Friday prior to the Congress.

The Congress organisers are arranging additional buses from Orio al Serio airport (BGY) to Tonali on the Saturday only. However, you must make your own way to Orio al Serio. Remember the Congress commences on the Saturday evening.

Prior to the Saturday you must make your own arrangements to get to Adamello Ski Pontedilegno - Tonale.

On the Saturday following the conclusion of the Congress buses have also be arranged by the Congress organisers for departure from Tonale.

Some of the options for getting to the Congress are:

- For patrollers flying directly to the Congress from outside Europe you could fly into the main international airport for Milan (for most international airlines) at Mapensa (MXP) in time to take the bus to Orio al Serio airport (BGY) at Bergamo on the Saturday morning and from there catch the bus to Tonale.
- Or, you could fly into Milan on the Friday, stay overnight and take a bus to Orio al Serio on the Saturday morning and then on to Tonali.
- Some international airlines such as British Airways also fly into Linate (LIN), another international airport near Milan. From there you can travel to Orio al Serio (BGY) and bus to Tonale.
- Patrollers could fly into Rome (FCO) airport and take another flight to Orio al Serio (BGY) and then take a bus.
- For those patrollers already in Europe RyanAir and some other budget airlines fly directly into Orio al Serio (BGY).
- Taking a train to Bergamo and then catching a bus to Tonale is also an option. Even though the Bergamo train station and Bergamo bus station are very close, it is suggested that if you are first arriving at Milan train station that you take a bus directly from there to Orio al Serio (BGY) and do not take a train to Bergamo.

It is suggested that you should **consult your travel agent**. They are good at making these arrangements.

## **Buses to/from Pontedilegno/Tonali**

There are two public bus companies operating services from Bergamo Orio al Serio to Tonale: FLY SKI SHUTTLE (direct from the airport - generally only from the 1st of December to Easter) and SAB AUTOTRASPORTI - BS1 Line (Milano - Pontedilegno via Orio al Serio).

The bus timetable for the 2015-16 winter season will be available next autumn, both for FLY SKI SHUTTLE and for SAB.

On the SAB timetable currently in force from June to September 2015 there are two buses services from Orio al Serio, starting at 0940hrs and 1440hrs. It takes about three hours to get Pontedilegno with SAB. On the return journey from Pontedilegno to Orio al Serio, buses leave at 0700hrs, 1300hrs and 1700hrs and take three hours

## **FIPS2016 Organised Buses**

As indicated in the FIPS2016 information sheet the FISPS Organising Committee will organise specific Congress shuttles on the Saturday before the Congress based on the travel information you provide. Remember the Congress starts at 1900hrs on the Saturday and Orio al Serio airport is several hours away.

When departing from the Congress you must allow time to travel from Tonali to catch your plane or train. Again buses will be arranged from Tonali to Orio al Serio airport with the times based on the majority of attendees travel arrangements.

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