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VAL DI SOLE: THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE GRAND FINAL OF THE UCI WORLD CUP 2015 HAVE STARTED

Val di Sole has in innate talent for outdoor activities; it is like the landscape over the time has moulded itself in exactly the right way to offer everyone a true outdoor experience, in a unique nature. Both during the winter and the summer, for families on holiday as much as for groups of mates in search of something 'stronger', Val di Sole is able to show its special character, not easy to forget.

Val di Sole is now ready for the show!

Nobody, including the top riders from all over the world and the millions of mountain-bike enthusiasts who have seen the past stages of the World Cup organized in Val di Sole, will ever forget the 'temper' of its race track and the **impressive efficiency of the organising committee Grandi Eventi Val di Sole**.

The UCI experts have just done their 'track walk', the **preliminary inspection** of the course where the final stage of the **World Cup UCI 2015 presented by Shimano** will take place.

The **downhill** course is still the epic **Black Snake**, **Pippo Marani** masterpiece, beloved and hated at the same time by top riders from all over the world, an "old school" track that makes personal interpretation and riding imagination really critical. During 2014 the course has been modified with the addition of boardwalks and new sections, all good and already tested - even in the rain - during the stage of the European IXS Downhill Cup.

The cross country will be a mix of old school and new school sections, about **200 m of climbing per lap**, with natural single track passages in the woods and built sections full of **whoops** and **berms**, with the **Rock Garden** still there and the addition of places to overtake in a 'dual-slalom' style. With all this, the challenge will be very tasty and will satisfy the thirst of **spectacle** of the big public, as always filling up **Commezzadura on the 22nd and 23rd of August 2015**.

With other hot news: Val di Sole will host **the one-only stage of the 4X UCI World Championship**. Right! 4X is no longer part of the Pro Tour, but in one only stage the whole challenge will take place here at Commezzadura, on a track appreciated at an international level.

David Vasquez, UCI Downhill Technical Officer and **Simon Burney**, ex cross country Technical Officer and now UCI Sport Coordinator, were very excited following their track walk and announced: <<Val di Sole will be among three nominations as Best Event 2015>>. Also **Florian Heller**, Red Bull Media director, took part in the preliminary course inspection. Happy and excited, he declared <<I can't wait to start the shooting here: in Val di Sole there are incredible vision lines and the cameras can perfectly cover the course track, offering great images, very strong>>.



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The same course tracks that are already 'buzzing', full of expectation for what they will be able to offer: the Commezzadura stage, being the final one of the World Cup, could be the time of radical ranking changes.

Not only race

The nature of the Val di Sole trails that have been hosting the World Cup during these last years has really raised the community interest. Well recognised at the international level, they are respected and appreciated for the high level of technicality. Nothing to be scared of even for those riders **who just want to have fun without the stress of time-keeping**, and challenge themselves in the passages of the World Cup bike park **Val di Sole BikeLand** or on the endless routes around the valley. There is a huge network of trails in the mountains around and it gives the chance of **truly experiencing** massifs among the most appreciated in the world: **Brenta Dolomites** or **Ortles-Cevedale** and **Adamello**.

Race Update

The first stage of the **UCI Downhill World Cup 2015 presented by Shimano** crowns again **Aaron Gwin**, from the States, also winner in 2010 and 2011 on the technical course at **Lourdes**, France. **Loic Bruni** is second and gets the provisional leader's jersey, while **Michael Jones** is third. After this opening stage, where many big names were missing due to injuries or crashes, the full attention is now turned to **Fort William** in **Scotland**, where the second round will take place on the 6th and 7th of June. Among the ladies **Emmeline Ragot** is now wearing the rainbow jersey, followed by **Rachel Atherton** and **Myriam Nicole**.

In the **cross-country**, the opening stage of the **UCI XCO World Cup** took place at **Nove Mesto in the Czech Republic**. The race course, muddy for the rain, saw the triumph of **Jaroslav Kulhavy** who played his home match and overtook **Nino Schurter** during the last lap. **Julien Absalon** is third. **Andrea Tiberi's** performance has also been very good and he is seventh, while **Marco Aurelio Fontana** gets the thirty-ninth position due to a flat. Among the ladies, the battle was decided a few meters from the finish line, with **Jolanda Neff** crossing it first and **Gunn-Rita Dahle Flesjaa**, forty-two years old, taking the second position. **Pauline Ferrand Prevot** is third. **Eva Lechner** from Italy is seventeenth. Not to miss the second round in a few days at **Albstadt, Germany**.

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