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15th World University Golf Championship Crans-Montana

This year, the 15th World University Golf Championship will be organised on the renowned Crans-sur-Sierre Golf Club's Ballesteros course from 21st to 28th June.

Sergio GARCIA, a member of the Crans-sur-Sierre Golf Club, winner of the Omega European Masters on the same course in 2005, has accepted to be the patron of this event.

Today, 26 nations have already registered to take part in the world championship. (see www.wucgolf2014.com).

***Crans-Montana, world-renowned summer and winter resort
Certainly one of the most beautiful regions in the world (see www.crans-montana.ch)***

Most Swiss resorts were built at the end of deep valleys; with their beautiful chalets, their dense forests, their green pastures that often overhang impressive rock walls, they exude a romantic atmosphere that can sometimes be a little gloomy and enclosed. Radically different, open, modern and cheerful, Crans-Montana, well known throughout Europe as the sunshine resort, owes its reputation to an exceptional geographical situation, to the diversity of its sports facilities and to the characteristics of its very special town in the mountains atmosphere.

The golf course (see www.golfcrans.ch)

A brand new course will be welcoming the participants of the 15th world championship. A great deal of reshaping work has been undertaken on the Ballesteros course over these last few years.

The first part of the work, carried out in 2013 before the Open, largely concentrated on the water features and waterfalls. A "stream" running alongside the 10th hole, crossing the fairway on the 17th and flowing into the two new ponds on the 12th and 13th enhances the course with the sound of the waterfall.

The piece de resistance of this first reshaping was the creation of an amphitheatre, made of natural steps, with a capacity for welcoming 3,000 spectators around the green and the lake on the 13th.

The second part of the work will be the surprise for 2014. The transformations on the first 9 holes, which began at the end of the season, will be tested by the players during the Mémorial Olivier Barras and over the following week by those participating in the 15th World University Golf Championship.

Without doubt, the success of the 2013 transformations and those undertaken this year will give even more incentive to everyone, both professionals and amateurs, to fight it out on the most beautiful Alpine golf course in the world.

Three prestigious honorary members

The Australian Adam SCOTT and the Spaniard Sergio GARCIA, two professional players with an impressive list of achievements, and Karine ISCHER from France, are all three honorary members of Crans-sur-Sierre Golf Club.

In all the great world tournaments, the European Tour, the PGA Tour, the Asian Tour, the Let and the LPGA Tour, they wear and defend the colours of our club.

John Paramor, Chief Referee on the European Tour

(www.randa.org/eng/RandA/News/News/2013/November/Ask-the-Referee-John-Paramor)

There are many events that we look forward to on Tour but one in particular for me is the European Masters at Crans-sur-Sierre in Switzerland, purely for the venue which has so many happy memories for me. There are always interesting things going on in Crans and it's a lovely place to be with scenery to die for! I've enjoyed going there at least thirty three times in my career doing tournaments and I hope that I continue to go there.

G rard BONVIN, vice-president of the organising committee.