

Tops in snow insurance!



MPI Brokers is the proud holder of the World Snow Award for the Best Specialist Insurance Provider of 2012.

The award was presented to Managing Director Michael Pettifer (far right) during the London Ski Show.

Michael said: "This award demonstrates the length and breadth of cover and service that we are well known for providing.

"It comes at an interesting time for MPI as we recently launched the MPI Claims Department, which further improves the products and service we provide for travellers and skiers alike."

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We're back in Flaine to support British Schoolgirls' Races in 2014

MPI Brokers and its sister company Mind The Gap Year are to continue sponsoring the annual British Schoolgirls' Races (BSR), run by the Ladies' Ski Club.

MPI Brokers Managing Director Michael Pettifer says the companies have already committed to sponsoring the 2014 event, to take place at Flaine in the French Alps next January.

This will be the companies' seventh successive involvement with BSR.

The five-day event sees more than 50 teams of three skiers - who may be classed Under 14, Under 16, Under 18 or Under 21 - competing in various slalom events on the Flaine pistes.

Michael Pettifer says BSR is a showcase of up-and-coming British skiing talent. "Many of the participants are already competent skiers and beyond the excitement of inter-school rivalry, these



races can be a stepping stone to more serious competitions - potentially even future Winter Olympics.

"Most, if not all, our top young women skiers have used BSR to gain valuable experience."

'Hosting' ban will raise comment

Expect a lot of comment in ski and travel forums over the recent French court decision that outlaws the practice of 'ski hosting' by ski companies.

The decision allegedly makes it illegal for ski companies to offer a ski hosting or guiding service.

We believe the French resistance to this activity simply reflects the French economic climate and the fear that jobs are at stake.

In our view, 'hosting' adds to the overall ski experience

by showing visitors around the slopes and pointing out the runs, lifts and restaurants.

At MPI we are in the process of investigating the insurance implications. This is a matter that affects ski companies, staff and individuals alike.

Will this have any effect on French skiing next winter? Unlikely, but it might contribute to an increase in incidents, getting lost and reducing the enjoyment factor. Time will tell.

Currency card

cuts cash worries

MPI Brokers has launched - In conjunction with foreign currency specialists Moneycorp - an easy way to overcome the risk and hassle of travelling with cash.

The MPI Moneycorp Explorer pre-paid card holds up to £10,000, which can be withdrawn in any of 14 leading currencies. It's the ideal solution for all types of travel - especially business and backpacking. Find out more and apply for your card today on the MPI website.