



## 2016 World Snowshoe Federation - World Snowshoe Championships

Vezza d'Oglio, Italy - Friday-Saturday February 5th-6th, 2016

### *Press Release*



Friday February 19th, 2016

Raleigh, N.C.—USA: The 2016 WSSF World Snowshoe Championships were recently held in Vezza d'Oglio Italy as part of their 2016 Caspolada al Chiaro di Luna event. Over 100 of the finest snowshoe athletes gathered to race over a man-made course ranging in length from 6.6km for Juniors to 8.8km for Senior athletes. The winter season has been so mild throughout much of Europe, that snow had to be trucked in from higher elevations and spread with heavy equipment to create a suitable race course. Athletes from Catalonia, Italy, USA, Canada, Germany, France, Estonia, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Spain, India and Peru competed.

#### Team Results:

<u>Women</u>		<u>Men</u>	
Gold: Catalonia	2:01.36	Gold: Italy	1:40.53
Silver: Italy	2:04.28	Silver; Catalonia	1:44.11
Bronze: USA	2:38.24	Bronze: France	1:44.51
(USA Team of; Spivey-Matillio-Saouma)		4th USA	1:57.22
4th Germany	2:46.13	5th Spain	2:01.49
		6th Germany	2:05.07

Teams are scored by cumulative time of top 3 finishers/country.

## Individual World Championship Results:

### Overall Women

World Champions- Isabella Morlini Italy 39:07.45  
Silver Medals - Ragna Debats Cat. 39:19.10  
Bronze Medals - Rosa Valls Cat. 39:56.22

**Top Americans - 7th Whitney Spivey NM 45:21.44**

### Overall Men

Stephane Ricard France 32:49.35  
Filippo Barizza Italy 33:01.41  
Roberto Ruiz-Revuelta Spain 33:16.71

**& 19th Joseph St. Cyr NY 38:17.48**

### Overall Masters Women

World Champions - Morlini Italy 39:07.45  
Silver Medals - Simonet Menestrina It. 41:34.75  
Bronze Medals - Silvia Leal Auge Cat. 42:21.86

**Top Americans -**

### Overall Masters Men

Claudio Cassi Italy 34:27.51  
Alfredo Corsini Italy 35:42.45  
Daniele Fornoni Italy 38:00.70

**6th Jason Bond WI 39:29.34**

### Overall Junior Women

World Champions - Ester Molinari Italy 36:34.23  
Silver Medals - Melissa Corsini Italy 42:35.88  
Bronze Medals -

**Top Americans -**

### Overall Junior Men

Sole Margarit Cat. 24:47.66  
Pujol Traserra Cat. 25:51.39  
Andrea Occhi Italy 28:09.92

**6th Matthew Leichty NY 29:34.67**

**Notes: For Italy's Morlini, it is her third World Snowshoe Championship title (2013, 2014 & 2016). For Ricard of France, it is his second World Championship title (2014 & 2016) and his fifth consecutive top 4 men's championship finish.**

**The WSSF announced the location of the 2017 World Snowshoe Championships. Saranac Lake, New York will host the 2017 WSSF World Snowshoe Championships on Saturday February 25th, 2017. Preparations are already well underway to welcome the World's snowshoe athletes to the Adirondacks next season. This will mark the first time that the World Snowshoe Championships will be held in the United States.**