**Judenburg/ Austria/ ATSX Ice Cross Downhill World Championship**

**Dallago and Trunzo Win in Austrian Snowstorm**

**Riders battle through difficult weather conditions at dramatic first ATSX 250 race of the 2018/19 Ice Cross Downhill season in Judenburg**

**JUDENBURG, Austria** – Luca Dallago of Austria surged to victory on home soil at the first ATSX 250 race of the season in Judenburg, battling through near-blizzard conditions to claim victory ahead of Canada’s Kyle Croxall in second place and the impressive German Titov of Russia in third. In the women’s race, Amanda Trunzo of the USA once again proved too powerful for her rivals, surging out of the gates to take a commanding victory ahead of Canadian Myriam Trepanier and Austria’s Veronika Windisch.

Following the ATSX 1000 season-opener in a somewhat more temperate Japan in early December, 126 athletes from 22 different nations gathered in the Austrian mountains to brave what Mother Nature had to throw at them as they went in search of a maximum 250 championship points down the 420m natural ice track, constructed partially on the natural luge track in Winterleiten.

Despite the conditions, it was a successful and action-packed afternoon of racing, with plenty of passes, crashes and finish-line drama.

“It’s not often I have the chance to win, so it feels good,” said Dallago. “I was kind of down after Japan, but this feels good now and it gives me real confidence again. I want to thank everybody who worked and helped on this amazing event for the home-town victory.”

Despite Dallago claiming a crucial win after his poor start in Yokohama, it is Croxall who moves into the overall World Championship lead courtesy of his second-place finish.

Trunzo, the reigning women’s world champion, extends her lead in the overall standings after backing up her victory in Japan with another unstoppable performance in Austria.

“It feels great,” said Trunzo. “It was really close at the start with Anais, but I kind of edged her out a little bit on the inside and then just had it the rest of the way down. I’m fired up and ready to go for the next event now.

Red Bull Crashed Ice races are the centerpiece of the ATSX Ice Cross Downhill World Championship, with the winner collecting 1,000 championship points (ATSX 1000). Additionally, the season calendar consists of ATSX 500 and ATSX 250 races, worth 500 and 250 championship points respectively, throughout North America and Europe. Next up is another ATSX 250 in Rautalampi, Finland on January 19.

**Results, men:** 1. Luca Dallago (AUT), 2. Kyle Croxall (CAN), 3. German Titov (RUS), 4. Masahito Suzuki (JAP), 5. Mirko Lahti (FIN), 6. Derek Wedge (SUI), 7. Patrick Merz (SUI), 8. Gabriel Renaud (CAN), 9. Marco Dallago (AUT), 10. Jim De Paoli (SUI);

**Women:** 1. Amada Trunzo (USA), 2. Myriam Trepanier (CAN), 3. Veronika Windisch (AUT), 4. Anais Morand (SUI), 5. Malgorzata Synowiez (POL), 6. Tatyana Leushina (RUS), 7. Victoria Senotrusova (RUS), 8. Alice Zenz (AUT), 9. Amandine Condroyer (FRA), 10. Elena Eibegger (AUT);

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