

## COMPETITION REPORT - FRENCH OPEN



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To reach this classic mid-Alps French Ski-resort, our travel went via Geneva airport, where we were greeted by some very friendly helpers of the organizing team, guiding us to the coach that would drive us together with all the other international competitors for approx 1.5 hours to our destination in France. Once there, further helpers would await participants to switch to smaller means of transport and drive them to their accommodations. The sun was out, scenery amazing, and with the Dance Sport French Open said to have been one of the best competitions in 2009, we were looking forward to the next day.



The venue indeed turned out to be fantastic, with two BIG floors in two different halls, one of which was split in half, so that during the day national and international competitions were taking place on three floors at a time. Music was long for every event with plenty of room on a floor that was lovely to dance on and a tightly organized time schedule to accommodate all the different events. The standard as usual was rather high and a number of the top Italian couples had turned up, as apparently the French Open counts towards their National Ranking Points. So, no surprise that 8 of the 12 semi-finalist in the Senior were Italian, of whom 5 made it to the final. We very much enjoyed this competition, the venue, with ample space for changing and dancing, the atmosphere was nice and various restaurants and bars within the leisure centre provided for the dancers well-being. Also a good number of renowned dance wear providers were present, with plenty to look at. For the evening events the hall was packed and colorfully lit for the parade of the couples of the European Cup. The big crowd happily supported all the finalists of the Latin and Ballroom events, who had to dance Solo-Dances (Paso/Rumba and Waltz/Quickstep) in addition to their group performance. The next day, local papers provided for coverage of the

national and international events, including a variety of photographs. Surely a competition to remember and to be put on the calendar for next year, maybe as a Group trip ?

