

## **Razzoli enhances the Winter Military World Games in Aosta Valley**

### **China dominates the Podium for Short Track, Roberto Serra ranks third. Russia and France win in Ski Orienteering**

**(Aosta, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010).** Today in Pila the Olympic Gold Medal Giuliano Razzoli, of the Sport Army Club, performed a great Special Slalom Male. “After winning the Gold Medal at the Olympics the other competitions seem to be lighter but they require the same energy as well. This was a very significant competition and I am glad to share the victory with my teammates of the Sport Army Club and the many Alpines who have supported me today. I want to thank the Organising Committee of these first Winter Military World Games and the General Gola of CISM for the success of the World Games - stated Razzoli at the end of the race – my target for the next season? The Discipline World Cup!”

So many children from every school of Aosta came to welcome and cheer Razzoli, together with trainers of the Military Alpine School of Aosta.

In the race the Emilian champion imposed his score in two rounds of 1.39.36 as a whole. In the podium he is followed by the Austrian athlete Matthias Trippelreither with time 1.41.21 and the German athlete Kogler with time 1.41.68, after having won the first round with time 48.01, with more than 2 seconds and 20 hundredths of advantage against Trippelreither. What a pity for Massimiliano Blardone, who ranked third in the first round, but did not reach the podium just for eight hundredths (1.41.86). Another Italian athlete Alexander Ploner gained the fifth place (1.42.8) while the winner of Giant last Sunday, the French Andrien Theaux ranked sixth with time 1.43.01.

All foreign athletes on the podium for the Ski Orienteering competition of the Winter Military World Games. Russian Eduard Khrennikov and the French Christelle Gros are the new Ski Orienteering world champions, titles awarded this morning at Cogne.

In Courmayeur, for the Short Track competition, great success for China in the 500 meters, gold and silver medal respectively **Xie Nie** and **Liang Cui**, bronze for the Italian athlete **Roberto Serra**. In the female competition another Chinese success with **Shuai Ma** and **Huizhu Sun** respectively gold and silver medals; third place for the Austrian **Veronica Windisch**.



Next competitions

**Female and male Cross-Country** in Cogne at 9 a.m.

**Female and male Short Track (1500 mts)** in Courmayeur at 10 a.m.

**Special Alpine Slalom Female 1<sup>st</sup> round** in Gressoney St.Jean

**Special Alpine Slalom Female 2<sup>nd</sup> round** in Gressoney at 9 p.m.

Meanwhile you can follow the successful program on Raisport plus channel about the Winter Military World Games in Aosta Valley tonight at 10.50 p.m. and in the next days from 10.15 to 11 p.m.