



## **IFSC Preview Press Release**

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**ARCO (ITALY) KEEPS CLIMBING HIGH.**

**ROCK MASTER FESTIVAL TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER**

**ARCO, August 30th, 2012 – Climbing superstars approach Rock Master Festival in Northern Italy**

**International Open events today and tomorrow to access the final competition**

**Arco Rock Legends Award Ceremony scheduled tomorrow night**

**Paraclimbing World Cup successfully hosted last Tuesday**

The city of Arco and its Climbing Stadium prepare themselves to the final weekend of the 10-day sport climbing event named Rock Master Festival. Next Saturday and Sunday, some of world's best climbers will show up on the Italian walls and battle it up in Lead and Boulder competitions. Reigning world champions Ramon Puigblanque, Angela Eiter, Anna Stöhr and Dmitry Sharafutnidov will certainly be among the... rock masters, but they won't be alone, as flipping through the starting list there are also Adam Ondra, Jakob Schubert, Sasha Digiulian, Maja Vidmar, Nina Markovic and Italy's Lucas Preti and Jenny Lavarda, among the many.

Today Arco has hosted an International Open Lead competition and climbers from Russia, France, Greece, Italy, Israel, Ecuador, Mexico, Slovenia, Venezuela and Chile gathered at the bottom of the main wall, with the firm intention to conquer one of the five free spots to the





Rock Master Lead competition.

Slovenia's Urban Primožič and Klemen Becan easily topped both ways and got the bib to Sunday's event. So did Italy's Silvio Reffo, Chile's Tomas Ravanal and Venezuela's Reinaldo Camacho. On women's side, Russians Evgenia Malamid and Dinara Fakhritdinova, and Alizée Dufraisse of France topped both ways and earned a ticket to the main competition scheduled on Sunday. Carolina Rosero (ECU) and Valery Kremer (ISR) also went through.

The 2012 Rock Master Festival continues tomorrow with an International Open Boulder event (start at 9am) and the best 4 men and women will get to compete on Sunday's Rock Master Boulder competition.

The official program of the 2012 Rock Master Festival also reads the IFSC Speed World Cup on Saturday (qualifications at 9am, followed by quarter finals, semis and finals at 7.30pm).

The 2012 Rock Master Festival will last until Sunday 2 September, and tomorrow at 9pm the Arco Rock Legends Award Ceremony - the sport climbing Oscars - will take place in the Italian city beside Lake Garda. Two prestigious awards will be assigned to those who distinguished themselves the most during the past season. The nominations for the 'Salewa Rock Award' are Sasha Digiulian, Daniel Woods and Dave Graham of the US, Adam Ondra of Czech Republic and Iker Pou of Spain. The nominations for 'La Sportiva Competition Award' are Kilian Fishhuber, Anna Stöhr and Jakob Schubert of Austria.

Last Tuesday the Paraclimbing World Cup took also place in Arco and gold medals to paraclimbers in Lead competition were assigned. Athletes from 5 nations and with different grade of disability took part in the event and the eventual winners were Karmona (ESP), Parente, Stefani, Pellandra, Salvagnin and Giacobbo Dal Pra of Italy, Szijarto (HUN) and Richter (GER).





Info: [www.rockmasterfestival.com](http://www.rockmasterfestival.com)

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