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## Media Release

### Downhill skiing: Didier Cuche to retire at end of season

**Didier Cuche has decided to end his fantastic career as an active ski racer after finishing the season. He made the announcement this afternoon at a press conference in Kitzbühel especially called for this purpose.**

The newly crowned Swiss of the Year, Didier Cuche, is retiring as an active ski racer at the end of the season. He thus ends a fantastic career full of numerous highlights. Didier Cuche: "Today marks a very emotional moment for me. I didn't make the decision to retire lightly. I have been considering the prospect of ending my career and starting a new phase in my life for some time now. I am convinced that this is the right moment to retire from active ski racing. I'm fit and well, I'm still up there with the leaders and I can still win races. I would like to leave the world cup stage on a high and end my career in the spring. With regard to my future, many things are already clear and have fallen into place, which makes me confident. So I will now build a professional future on the basis of what I have already achieved with much joy and motivation. My focus is now exclusively on the races on Friday and Saturday. Now that I am freed from other thoughts I can give them full throttle. Before the spring I would like to leave my mark one way or another."

Swiss-Ski deeply regrets Didier Cuche's retirement, but thoroughly understands his decision. President of Swiss-Ski Urs Lehmann: "With Didier Cuche Swiss-Ski is losing a fantastic sportsman, a wonderful person, and a superb role model. He has done great things for Switzerland as a skiing nation. For the next phase

of his life we would like to wish him much excitement and many interesting challenges – and especially the best of health. We hope that Didier will remain part of the swiss ski sport one way or the other - that would be great! For now though, we are looking forward to his remaining races, starting with the Streif run.”

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**Attachments:**

Palmarès overview for Didier Cuche

Sound bite and moving images of Didier Cuche can be found after 5pm on his website: [www.didiercuche.ch](http://www.didiercuche.ch)

## Palmarès Didier Cuche

### Weltcup

World Cup Wins	18
World Cup Podiums	62
World Cup Starts	355

World Cup Debut	Abfahrt, Bormio 1993
First World Cup Points	Abfahrt, Val Gardena 1995
First World Cup Win	Sprintabfahrt, Kitzbühel 1998

### World Cup Standings

Overall, second	2011
Overall, third	2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2002
Downhill titles	2011, 2010, 2008, 2007
Super-G title	2011
Giant Slalom title	2009

### Olympic Games

Silver	Super-G, Nagano 1998
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### World Championchips

Silver	Downhill, Garmisch-Partenkirchen 2011
Silver	Downhill, Val d'Isère 2009
Gold	Super-G, Val d'Isère 2009
Bronze	Giant Slalom, Are 2007

### Awards

Swiss Award 2011  
Swiss Athlete of the Year 2009 und 2011