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**Re: Media facilities Berlin 2009**

Dear Stefan,

I wish to congratulate you and the Berlin 2009 Organising Committee for the great job you have done for the media.

The facilities you provided were excellent! The main press centre is one of the best we have experienced in the history of the championships. The positions on the stands and the press tribune are also of high quality and have given us the possibility to work in the very best of conditions, making our job easier and more pleasant.

We have to thank you and the Organising Committee for offering to the media free access to both Wifi and cable. This is the first time both options have been provided at no cost at a top event in any sport and sets the standard for the future. This is a milestone for our profession and on behalf of my association I extend my most sincere thanks and gratitude for making working conditions for the media second to none.

Yours sincerely,

Gianni Merlo

**President, AIPS**