

technology of that day it took several months to exchange telexes and letters. Due to shorter FIS cross-country World Cup season, there were several World Champions competing in Worldloppet races, which helped to draw attention to the league.

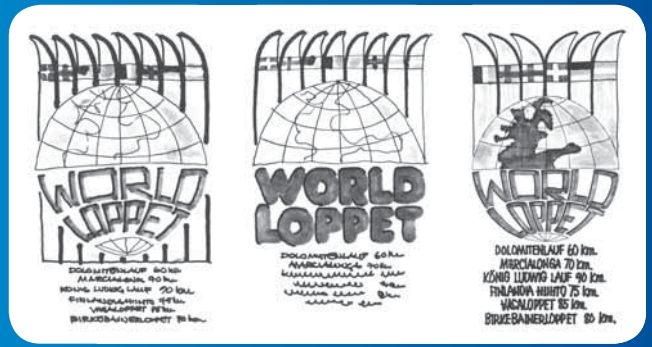
The "ski year" was concluded in Helsinki, Finland, where the new Worldloppet Secretary General Eugen Peter of Pontresina, Switzerland, was unanimously elected to lead the organisation during 1981-1984.

1981-1985 Eugen Peter, Engadin Skimarathon (SUI)

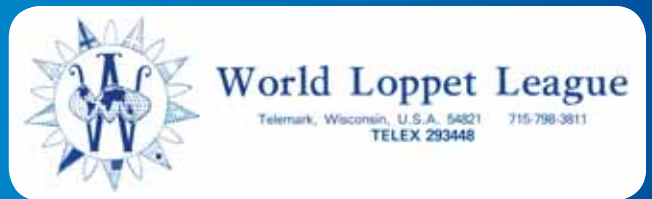
Eugen Peter's main challenge was to keep alive the young formation and develop further the ideas of the first years. In addition to everyday work (taking care of the ranking lists of Worldloppet Championship and handling the passports and Master nominations) Eugen Peter started discussion about raising the organisational level of the races. His negotiations with FIS officials started the series of Technical Delegate (TD) seminars to educate popular cross-country ski events specialists and give them a possibility to exchange experience. Eugen Peter remained the Worldloppet TD coordinator even after he had handed over his position as Secretary General to Risto Rytökoski. He also was the Chairman of FIS Sub-committee for Popular Cross-country for a long time.

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As a representative of the Engadin Skimarathon I have visited all the Annual General meetings of Worldloppet since 1979 in Munich until 2003 in Liberec. At the foundation of Worldloppet in Uppsala 1978 my friend Dumeng Giovanoli was the representative as the President of Organising Committee of Engadin Skimarathon.



The first versions of Worldloppet logo



The first official letterheads of Worldloppet office



Worldloppet General Secretaries: Arne Andresson, Eugen Peter and Hans Reicherl at the 1998 AGM in Pontresina, SUI