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Intel proudly presents Intel® Extreme Masters - the Elite League of eSports

On October 18th, the second season of the Intel® Extreme Masters opens with a total of \$285.000 US-Dollar prize money.

Feldkirchen, October 16th, 2007 – The eSports community around the globe is excitedly awaiting the kick off of the Intel® Extreme Masters. In the disciplines Counterstrike 1.6 and Warcraft 3 a total of \$285.000 of prize money can be won by the best eSports players worldwide. The qualification mode promises world-class matches already: only the best gamers and teams out of the national ESL Pro Series from more than 30 countries are eligible to participate. At the start of the season in Los Angeles the winners can win \$65.000 in prize money already. The finals take place in Hannover, Germany, in March 2008.

Like last year the Extreme Masters' top challenges will be held publicly as part of the Intel® Friday Night Games and broadcasted live via IPTV. During the past season, up to 2.500 fans visited the matches on-site and celebrated their heroes. On average, 120.000 fans followed the final games on the Internet through video streaming and ESL Live Newsticker. Apart from the "E for all" in Los Angeles, the Intel® Extreme Masters will tour to three European venues: Dreamhack in Jönköping, Sweden late November, Cologne in January 2008 and for the great season final in March 2008, to CeBit in Hannover.

Current results and rankings are provided at: www.esl-world.net/masters

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