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Chrissy Spence Wins Women's 29th International Tree-Climbing Championship with Yale Cordage's XTC Climbing Rope

Saco, Maine — Christina (Chrissy) Spence of Gisborne, New Zealand, won the title of Women's International Tree Climbing Champion at the International Society of Arboriculture's (ISA) 29th International Tree Climbing Championship (ITCC) at Ellington Agriculture Center in Nashville on August 6 and 7, 2005. Spence climbed on Yale Cordage's XTC line for the competition.

"I have had the chance to climb on various ropes and products that have been introduced throughout the northern and southern hemispheres," says Spence. "This year at the championships, I climbed on XTC rope from Yale Cordage for the first time. I had a great run in the work climb and rescue event with the rope's smooth surface. XTC's knot- and rope-working characteristics were perfect for me."

The two-day event showcased the talents of some of the best tree climbers in the world as they competed for the title of world champion. Fifty-two men and women from 14 countries—including Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland, Germany, and the United States—performed five different climbs on Saturday. These climbs demonstrated their ability to quickly, professionally, and safely maneuver in a tree while performing work-related tasks.

The two top scorers in the women's division—Spence and Kiah Martin (South Yarra, Victoria, Australia)—moved on to Sunday's Masters' Challenge championship round, performing for crowds of spectators as they vied for the title of International Champion. This was Spence's second year at the international competition; in 2004, she came in second place.

Yale XTC climbing ropes are designed specifically for the demanding needs of the professional arborist. XTC is made with a tight braid of 16 individual strands of polyester. A high-twist core of torque-balanced polyester keeps the construction firm and round, providing an extra measure of safety. XTC is ideal for use as a climbing line or bull rope due to its non-snagging, abrasion-resistant construction and excellent energy absorption characteristics.

"I chose to climb on Yale XTC rope because I like its style and its ability to stand up to heat. I think Yale ropes have a great future in the arboriculture industry and I look forward to using them in my daily work," Spence added.

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