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World Motor Sport Council

STRATEGIC VISION

FIA President Jean Todt hosted the final World Motor Sport Council (WMSC) meeting of 2020 in Geneva as part of the FIA Annual General Assembly week. FIA Deputy President for Sport Graham Stoker and most of the WMSC members joined via videoconference from locations across the globe.



Along with a number of decisions confirming the make-up of 2021 calendars across the FIA Motor Sport portfolio, several Commission Presidents and World Council members revealed future strategies.

With the FIA Sport Strategy discussed, it was agreed that a road map to implementation needs to be defined. The strategy aims to ensure that exciting, safe and fair motor sport is accessible and relevant to current and future generations. It would also strengthen the FIA as a global leader for regulations and integrity, while accelerating progress, innovation, and sustainability.

Further details of the FIA's #PurposeDriven initiative, which aims to show how Motor Sport and Mobility can bring improvements to a wider society, was revealed.

The initiative is built on the key pillars of improved health and safety on road and track; protecting our environment; diversity and inclusion; and community development. Against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, #PurposeDriven aims to amplify the impact of a wide range of relevant projects delivered by the FIA and other motor sport stakeholders.

During the course of the event, it was confirmed that Professor Gérard Saillant will step down from his role as President of the FIA Medical Commission. Professor Saillant coordinated the medical protocols in response to COVID-19 that enabled the FIA Formula One World Championship to be the first international sporting competition to restart this year, with other FIA Championships following.

Professor Saillant will continue as an advisor to the Commission. He will be succeeded by the current Vice-President Dr Dino Altmann of Brazil. Dr Ian Roberts will become the new Vice-President of the Commission. FIA Safety Commission President Sir Patrick Head presented the updated safety standard for entry-level competition seats. Twenty days after the accident of Romain Grosjean in Bahrain, which highlighted the improvements of the FIA safety measures, the 2020 accident statistics were presented. The FIA President reinforced the need to learn from the accident and reminded the World Council members of the FIA's Vision Zero ambition. It was also confirmed that the next FIA Race Director and Stewards Seminars have been scheduled for the first week of February 2021.

The new President of the FIA Manufacturers' Commission Professor Burkhard Göschel presented a situation analysis on the opportunities to develop added value between customers, authorities, and manufacturers for the FIA.

Chairman of the FIA Environment and Sustainability Commission Felipe Calderón presented an Environmental Strategy for the FIA that was approved by the World Council.

The WMSC congratulated the entire Formula 1 Community for the remarkable achievement of completing 17 events in the wake of the global pandemic, and FIA President Jean Todt thanked Formula 1 Chairman and CEO Chase Carey for his significant contribution to the sport since 2017 as he will move to the position of Non-Executive Chairman at the end of this year.

Following an e-vote by the World Council on 30 November, during which significant changes to the Sporting and Technical Regulations for the FIA Formula 2 and Formula 3 Championships were approved, the Sporting Regulations are now further aligned with those in the FIA Formula One World Championship.

The 2021 Regulations in general have been amended to include significant cost cutting measures, and in order to achieve this,







F2 and F3 will no longer run on the same race weekend due to time constraints.

The outgoing FIA Single-Seater Commission President Stefano Domenicali – who will succeed Chase Carey as Formula 1 CEO as of January 2021 – thanked the WMSC members for their support and applauded the efforts of everyone involved in ensuring that Formula 1 was able to complete an entertaining season in 2020 despite the challenges of COVID-19. He will himself be succeeded by Robert Fernley of the United Kingdom as President of the Commission.

As previously agreed by e-vote, 2021 FIA World Endurance Championship Sporting Regulations have been outlined, with stimulating championship growth, creating sporting fairness and cost control as key targets.

As the 2021 season will be the first one of the new Le Mans Hypercar category, there will be more pre- and in-season testing. LMP2 and LMGTE Am classes will also benefit from additional testing mileage.

Amendments to the FIA World Rally Championship Sporting Regulations include the awarding of additional Power Stage points to Manufacturers, to be scored by the two best-placed drivers nominated by a team and finishing in the top five of the final test, with the aim to add an additional dimension to the manufacturers' battle.

Following Pirelli's implementation as a new single supplier in 2021, nine additional test days have been allocated to each WRC manufacturer to adapt to the new tyres to be used through the 2021 season.

To ensure the value of the FIA World Rally Championship at least half of the events scheduled on the initial calendar will have to be held for titles to be awarded. In the support championships, the FIA will have the possibility to adjust the minimum number of participations and number of events taken into account, should the number of qualifying events be less than scheduled initially.

The number of counting rounds for the FIA Junior WRC Championship has been returned to five from four. This was set in this year's Regulations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Following the official Request for Proposal process, an announcement of the new promoter for the FIA World Rallycross Championship will be made shortly. The 2021 season will usher in the FIA RX2e Championship. The junior series will provide a pathway for emerging Rallycross talent. The championship places the emphasis on driver ability and ingenuity in the single-specification electric series. It forms part of the FIA's road map to World RX electrification in 2022.

Ahead of the 2020-21 ABB FIA Formula E World Championship, the WMSC confirmed an updated calendar of races in sets. The first set of confirmed races (rounds one-four) consists of two double-headers, starting with Santiago de Chile (16 and 17 January) and followed by Diriyah (26 and 27 February). Races in Mexico City and Sanya have been postponed until later in the year.

The 2021 FIA World Touring Car Cup Sporting and Technical Regulations, which includes a new event format composed of two free practice sessions, one qualifying and two races, were approved.

FIA GT Commission President Leena Gade unveiled the Technical Regulations for an exciting new Electric GT series. The World Council members were given an update regarding the Call for an Expression of Interest that was launched for the promotion of an FIA Electric GT competition, following the previous WMSC meeting in October, with the aim of holding an e-vote early in 2021.

The Russian Drift Series LLC has been approved as the promoter of the FIA Intercontinental Drifting Cup for a term of three years.

It was also announced that Paolo Cantarella will step down from his role as FIA Historic Commission President after having overseen the efficient operation of the Commission since 2014. He will be succeeded by John Naylor of Ireland.

FIA President Jean Todt thanked the exiting Commission Presidents Paolo Cantarella, Stefano Domenicali and Professor Gérard Saillant for their strong commitment and their unique contribution to their respective Commissions.

The dates of the FIA World Motor Sport Council meetings for 2021 were approved. The first WMSC meeting will take place in Geneva on 5 March. The second is scheduled for 9 July in Monaco to coincide with the FIA Sport and Mobility Conference, followed by Paris on 15 October.

The final WMSC meeting will be part of the FIA Annual General Assembly Week in Paris on 15 December.





Medical Summit

KEEPING MOTOR SPORT ON TRACK

The 2020 FIA Medical Summit brought together leading motor sport medical personnel from around the world to discuss the latest developments in the field.



The summit was opened by President of the FIA Medical Commission Professor Gérard Saillant from the FIA offices in Geneva in front of more than 220 online participants.

"As you know, 2020 is a very difficult and very challenging year, and the meeting this year is also very special because it is via videoconference," said Professor Saillant. "We have to adapt to the new situation and the format of this meeting is a good proof of this adaptation, but our hope is that next year it will be a physical attendance because the speeches are important."

Hosting the summit, Tom Clarkson introduced the five medical delegates, who began by giving an update of incidents and events from 2019 and 2020. These included overviews from FIA Formula One World Championship, ABB FIA Formula E Championship, FIA World Rally Championship, FIA World Rallycross Championship, FIA World Endurance Championship, and FIA World Touring Car Cup.

Both F1 and Formula E praised the FIA for its efforts in introducing the COVID-19 mitigation measures which were successful across 2020, along with the safety advancements including the introduction of the biometric gloves for drivers and new race suit standards.

FIA World Touring Car Cup also confirmed that from 2021 their cars will be fitted with a new 'Medical Light' which will be similar to those used in the FIA World Endurance Championship. The light will be blue in colour and will indicate to the Marshals if a driver requires assistance from the medical team on site. The same rules that are in FIA WEC will apply, whereby if the light is triggered and examination of the driver is satisfactory, they will be placed under observation for an hour.

These updates were followed by a presentation on FIA Women in Motorsport which was opened by FIA Social Responsibility Programmes Manager Barbara Silva who gave an update on the various projects and how some had to be adapted to be virtual in 2020 due to the COVID-19 situation.

The discussion then moved on to adapting cars to suit different body physiques, with both Alfa Romeo Racing ORLEN's test driver Tatiana Calderón and FIA GT Commission President Leena Gade offering their driver and engineering points of view respectively. Gade made the point that, at the moment, there is no guidance or recommendation from Technical Regulations to specifically design a car for individual physiques, which could have an impact on overall driver performance.

"We lack guidance from the way the Technical Regulations are written to accommodate different size drivers," said Gade. "To some extent, the requirement of that has been given over to the manufacturers of various different monocoques, so whether it be a single seater or sportscar, a lot of the requirements are set by the teams. In my mind, it shouldn't matter if you have a small male or female driver, you really should be able to design the cockpit area and interface points to allow any driver to get into the car and drive it efficiently."







The panel discussion moved on to an update on the RESCUE-RACER concussion study by Dr Naomi Deakin and Professor Peter Hutchinson, who provided results from the latest survey and the latest forms of concussion assessment.

This included using current assessment tools such as SCAT-5, computerised neurocognitive test IMPACT, and IPAS along with a new overt assessment using DX100, which utilises software specifically designed for motor sport, and an ultra-field MRI scan.

Professor Huchinson outlined the future steps for the RESCUE-RACER study, which states that it plans to conclude on 31 December 2020, undergo salivary biomarker analysis in January 2021, and then produce an end of project report in March 2021.

"The critical document, which is in its draft phase, will be finalised and sent to the FIA for approval. It will contain the management of concussion and medical guidance document," said Huchinson. "We hope that this will become the gold standard to help everybody make their decisions, both in terms of the diagnosis of concussion and return to competition."

A roundtable discussion about the COVID-19 response from the FIA was presented by Professor Eric Caumes, who was joined by Professor Saillant and Dr Pau Mota, with a focus on the human factors and key traits involved in incident response.

Dr Mota outlined the main outcomes of the COVID-19 protocols being implemented, which included F1 being the first international sporting event to recommence after lockdown and pandemic declaration.

In addition, F1 was also the only sporting competition to complete almost a full calendar season, travelling to 12 countries with 2,500 staff from all over the world, and resulting in no major outbreaks happening in the paddock. Dr Mota noted that next year the protocols in F1 will feature much of the same measures. "For 2021, we were planning as if there wasn't a vaccine at all, so regardless of whether the vaccine is working or not, we are working on the same type of protocols, so having a screening testing on site is essential for the success of the event," says Dr Mota. "It's the same plan. The calendar for next season comprises 23 races but we are going to be flexible as we know it might be impossible to run the whole calendar to plan. But if the vaccine works and COVID-19 disappears in two months we will all be happy, so we are ready for the worst-case scenario."

It was noted that the Public Health National Authorities acceptance has been very good and a key point in the overall success of the COVID-19 protocol, which was deemed as having a positive impact in the hosting countries.

There was also a discussion on the overall outlook for 2021, which Professor Caumes explained might be similar to 2020 due to the vaccination rates in countries and the amount of herd immunity that has been built up.

"Of course we are going to start getting vaccinated but unfortunately, the rate of vaccination will vary a lot according to the countries. In some countries, including France, the vaccination rate will not be very good and in that case your natural immunity rate is not very good. Consequently, your herd immunity is not very good and the virus continues to circulate. So we should be optimistic about 2021 going into 2022," said Professor Caumes.

The new medical code was presented by Dr Pau Mota, Dr Jean-Jacques Issermann, and Prisca Mauriello, including a look at the draft for Appendix H. This was followed by a presentation from Professor Nayla Chidiac, who looked at the psychological effects of COVID-19 and the differences between stress and trauma.

The day was rounded off with session on 'High Fidelity Simulation' by David Halliwell, paramedic by profession, who delivered a description of the latest technology for training in this area, which utilises detailed mannequins also used in major motion pictures as a way to train extrication teams.





FIA Region II Plenary Meeting

STARRING ROLE FOR SAFETY

Yesterday's FIA Region II Plenary meeting had a road safety focus with Clubs reporting on success with assessment of school zones as well as receiving updates on Tourism Services and FIA Mobility Worldwide.



The meeting began with FIA Region II President Mike Noon inviting participants to relate how their Clubs dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic. Cynthia Reyes of the AAP reported that while infection rates are dropping in the Philippines, a number of regions are still under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) and require the use of face masks on all public transport, including trains, buses, boats, and taxis. She added that during the crisis, the Club has been active in donating goods and services to frontline workers and those directly affected by the pandemic. AAP has also been conducting online road safety training programmes since May.

Jeffrey JP of Ikatan Motor Indonesia (IMI) meanwhile told the meeting that during the pandemic, the Club had launched a campaign called 'Protect Yourself' to provide local communities with assistance, while in some of the provinces, the IMI carried out social activities, distributing protective devices to frontline workers. It also provided food and drinks for motorcyclist taxi riders whose daily income comes from working on streets.

The meeting was then updated on plans to recommence physical meetings in 2021 with the Region's Roundtable being planned for Hanoi, Vietnam in September. However, it was pointed out that the meeting might also be partially conducted online.

Next, two Clubs reported on projects utilising the FIA School Assessment Toolkit to improve infrastructure around schools.

Mirjam Sidik of AIP/AA Vietnam explained how the organisation has been working to improve conditions at a primary school in a rural area in the centre of the country. Assessment through the iRap Star Rating for Schools methodology revealed that the school, which sits next to a busy highway, measured at only two stars. Work since has seen the organisation engage with local government to reduce the speed limit to 30kph and with road engineers to create footpaths and parking for the motorcycles which make up a significant portion of vehicles stopping at the school during drop off and pick-up. Work on the site is expected to begin in January.

Devapriya Hettiarachchi of Sri Lanka's AA Ceylon told a similar story, with four one-star schools in the country's Western Province identified for improvement. Work is now underway to rectify a lack of safe infrastructure and to reduce the speed limit around the school to 30kph. The project is expected to be completed by the end of February.

The meeting was then concluded with two presentations. The first, delivered by FIA Director of Tourism Services Habib Turki, centred on the FIA plans for *Carnets de Passages en Douane* (CPDs). Turki explained that part of the FIA strategy is to extend markets for CPDs and he told the meeting that based on research into expansion of trade corridors, Region II has the potential for significant growth. He also updated the meeting on plans for the digitalisation of CPDs and of International Driving Permits (IDPs).

The second briefing came from FIA Secretary General for Automobile Mobility and Tourism Andrew McKellar who informed the meeting about the imminent launch of Part II of the FIA Mobility Worldwide programme and invited Region II Delegates to attend two workshops on the initiative due to take place on Thursday 17 December. Part II of the programme would, he said, help Clubs identify business diversification opportunities, provide funding to operationalise support projects, and begin a second wave of consultation with Clubs. He also took time to congratulate Region II's Australian Automobile Association on winning this year's FIA Road Safety Award for its 'Drive in the Moment' toolkit to tackle distracted driving.

During the meeting, Region II Plenary participants also thanked Elizabeth Perry, Australian Automobile Association's outgoing President, for her contribution as treasurer for the Region.







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