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MEET THE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF FINLAND

Dear Friends,

Welcome to this latest edition of our club newsletter AUTO+.

In this issue we feature as our cover story the moving road safety film 'Save Kids Lives' made for the FIA by renowned director Luc Besson.



Two weeks after its launch, the film has already been viewed over 7,000,000 times.

It is my great wish that this hard-hitting short film will help save the lives of as many of the 500 schoolchildren who are killed every day on the world's roads as possible and as such, in this issue, we ask for your assistance in disseminating the film to the widest possible audience. Our guide to helping spread the message of road safety for children is featured from page 16.

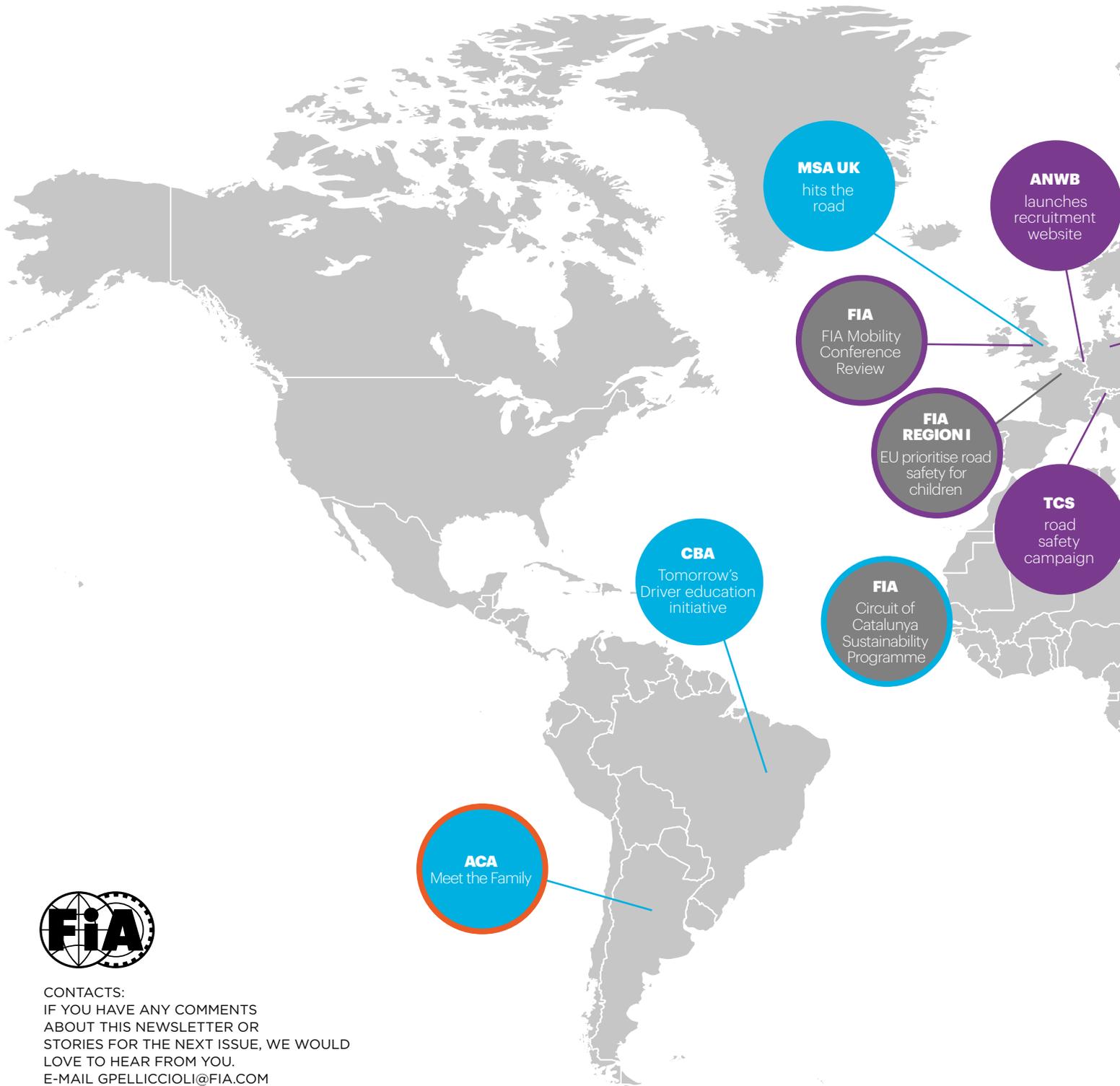
Elsewhere in this issue we look back the recent FIA Mobility Conference in London and to follow up on this hugely successful event we shine a spotlight on the club that will play host to next year's event - Finland's Autoliitto.

We also take an in-depth look at how the Automovil Club Argentino is continuing to build on that country's great heritage in motor sport.

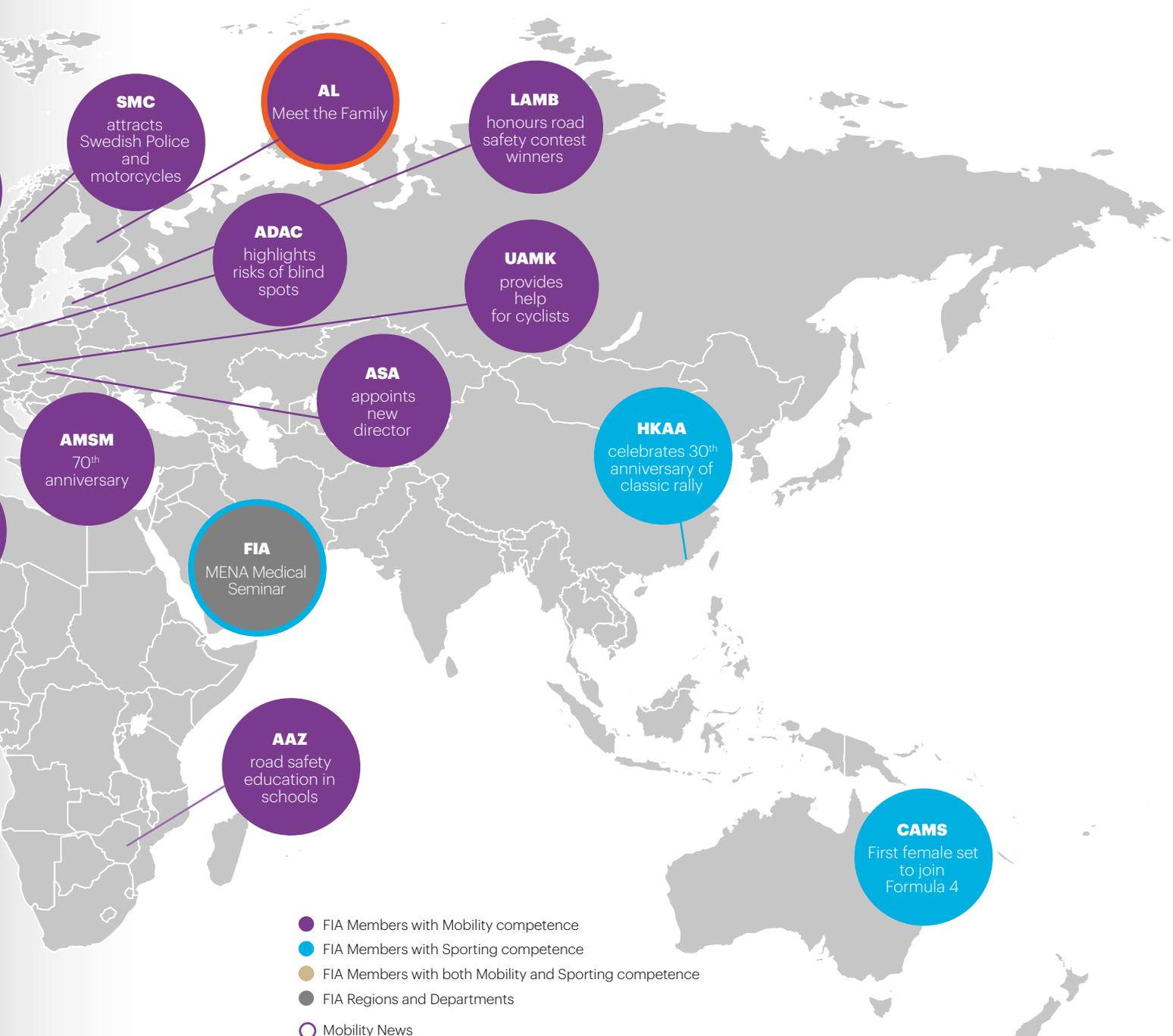
Of course, this edition also features all the very latest news from our member clubs around the world. I hope you enjoy this newsletter and as ever we welcome your feedback.

Jean Todt
FIA President

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Automobile Association of Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe road safety education project underway

The Automobile Association of Zimbabwe (AAZ), in partnership with the Traffic Safety Council of Zimbabwe (TSCZ), has embarked on a Road Safety Education project at schools in a number different provinces of Zimbabwe to address the need for safer roads in the country.

With financial assistance and support from the FIA, the first step to launching the programme was to obtain teaching materials such as road safety charts and road safety education textbooks. With the initiative focusing on children's road safety education, 20 volunteer road safety educators were then selected from Zimbabwe's Young People's Network.

The teachers and educators were trained by TSCZ officials in the regions of Mashonaland, Manicaland, Midlands/Masvingo and Matabeleland. Finally, teams of five were established, with each group headed by a TSCZ official.

Once underway, the programme taught participating children pedestrian safety, passenger safety, cyclist safety, the proper leading and herding of animals and the major causes of road crashes in Zimbabwe.

The project covered approximately 720 schools and at least 30,000 school children received training. Additionally, 1,000 teachers were trained to instruct children on road safety in schools and the programme also saw the production of 10,000 road safety charts and 1,000 road safety education textbooks.

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Zimbabwean schoolchildren wearing caps featuring road safety messages learn how to walk on the right of the road.

Confederação Brasileira de Automobilismo

Approving the 'Tomorrow's Driver' initiative (from left to right) were: Charles Ribeiro, President Director of DETRAN, Waldner Bernardo, President of the FPA and José Carlos Ribeiro, Secretary of Education of Sao Paulo.



Brazilian regions make plans for 'Tomorrow's Driver' initiative

Waldner Bernardo de Oliveira, President of the Pernambuco Automobile Federation (FPA), an affiliate club of the Confederação Brasileira de Automobilismo (CBA), recently met with the CEO of the State Traffic Department of Pernambuco, Charles Ribeiro, and São Paulo's Secretary of Education, Carlos Ribeiro Junior to discuss the implementation of 'Tomorrow's Driver', a road safety education project for young people.

The project was developed in partnership with the Secretariat of the City of Recife, DMV-PE, São Paulo City Hall and the FPA and aims to teach, in a practical and fun way, basic traffic rules to 9-12 year-olds enrolled in the public school network.

According to Ribeiro, the project is administered by the Public School Transit Authority and involves traffic educators giving safety lectures to schoolgoers, including simulations of everyday life in traffic. Practical lessons are also given at the FPA's race circuits.

"Given the reality nowadays, traffic education is a priority for this administration because I believe that well educated drivers are aware that they are responsible not only for their own lives but also for those of others," said Ribeiro. "Therefore, our focus is to build future driver responsibility."

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Allgemeine Deutsche Automobil-Club e. V.

ADAC highlights risks of blind spots in HGVs to vulnerable road users

Germany's Allgemeiner Deutscher Automobil-Club recently dedicated part of its '2015 – Positively Safe!' road safety campaign to the potential dangers posed to vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists by Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV) blind spots.

According to the club, the most dangerous situations arise at junctions when HGV drivers turning a corner fail to see a cyclist in the blind spot. To back up its findings, the club quoted German Federal Highway Research Institute figures that estimate that in 2012 there were 650 turning accidents between HGVs and cyclists on German roads involving personal injuries, 30 of which were fatal.

According to the club's campaign, side and rear visibility in HGVs are strongly impaired, leading to trucks being equipped with a number of mirrors. However, the club says that blind spots cannot be avoided completely and that despite the presence of several mirrors, whose number and installation is defined in the type approval regulations, there are four blind-spot areas around these vehicles.

The blind spot on a vehicle's right-hand side is particularly dangerous. The club adds that the installation of additional mirrors is not the solution, as drivers do not have enough time to look for the right mirror. Moreover, too many mirrors might even obstruct the view of other important areas around the HGV.

"Turning manoeuvres therefore require a lorry driver's maximum attention to prevent them overlooking or endangering vulnerable road users such as pedestrians or cyclists moving straight ahead," the club stated.

"For their own safety, pedestrians or cyclists should not remain in the blind spot," the ADAC statement added. "When stationary at

red traffic lights, for example, it is better to be behind than beside a lorry and to wait until the long vehicle has fully turned off.

"Also, eye contact makes partners of road users. When crossing the road, pedestrians or cyclists should turn round and make sure that the drivers of the vehicles turning the corner are aware of them. If in doubt, it is preferable not to insist on one's right of way but rather to stop in order to prevent a collision."

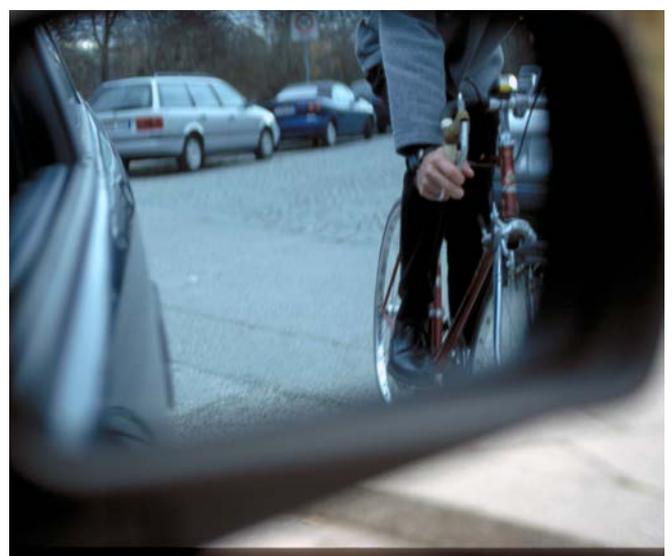
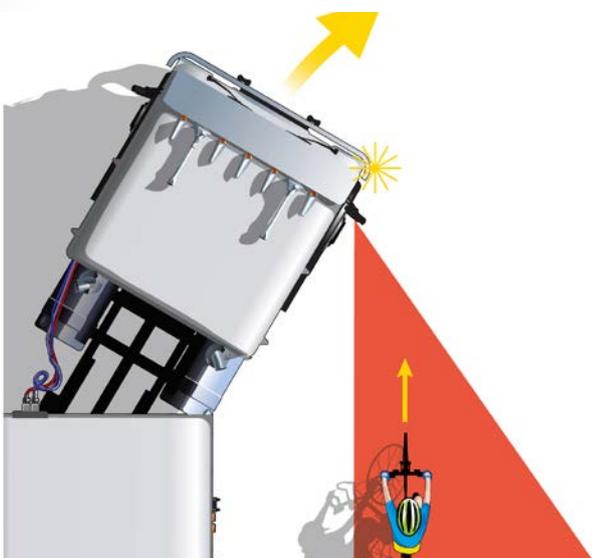
In the long term ADAC believes that camera/monitoring systems may offer the best solution to the problem.

"The German government is now committed to introducing mandatory turning assistance systems in HGVs that will not only alert the lorry driver but also initiate automatic braking in emergencies," said the club in separate statement.

"ADAC believes that in the long term, camera/monitor systems will be particularly suitable to provide a better overview of the traffic scenario, thus helping to improve road safety. For the driver, this would have the advantage of having to look at only one monitor to get an overview of the images from several cameras. Also, cameras are much smaller than mirrors and do not obstruct the view. An additional benefit is that on a monitor, it is possible to draw the driver's attention to pedestrians and cyclists by highlighting them."

Until then, vulnerable road users' full attention will be required. When a lorry driver wants to turn a corner while abreast of cyclists or pedestrians, the latter group has to be aware that many areas close to the vehicle cannot be seen by the driver.

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Avto-Moto Sojuz na Makedonija

Macedonia's AMSM celebrates its 70th anniversary with gala night



Pictured at the 70th anniversary celebrations of the AMSM were (from right to left) Mr Sabotic, AMSCG, Mr Mihailov, UAB, Mr Brezник, AMZS, Mrs Petric, AMZS, Mr Kostevc, HAK, Mr Tusek, HAK, Mr Smuk, HAK, Mrs Panchev, Mr Oldrich, UAMK, Mr Panchev, UAB, Mr Jovkovski, AMSM, Mrs Kraus, Mrs Minovska, Mr Kraus, ÖAMTC, Mr Minovski, AMSM, Mrs Willemarck, Mr Bakrac, AMSCG, Mr Willemarck, FIA Region I.

Last month Macedonia's Avto-Moto Sojuz Na Makedonija (AMSM) celebrated its 70th anniversary, with a gala evening at Macedonian National Theatre. As well as club members, a number of prominent domestic and foreign guests were in attendance, including FIA Region I President Thierry Willemarck and delegates from FIA member clubs such as Austria's ÖAMTC, French club the ACA, Bosnia's BIHAMK, Bulgaria's UAB, Slovenia's AMZS, Serbia's AMSS, Hungary's HAK, Montenegro's AMSCG, The Czech Republic's UAMK, members of COFO, as well as representatives from the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

During the event, AMSM President Spase Jovkovski and the club's Secretary General, Dimitar Minovski, addressed and thanked the guests for being part of so important a moment for the AMSM.

Trajko Veljanoski, Vice President of the Republic of Macedonia and Speaker of the Macedonian Parliament, then delivered a speech emphasizing the AMSM's role in increasing road safety in the country. A video message from FIA President Jean Todt was also played during the evening. FIA Region I President Willemarck also addressed the gathering saying that AMSM's longevity provided an apt demonstration of Darwin's theory, proving that the strongest organism is not simply the one that survives, but the one that proves itself most adaptable.

In recognition of the 70th anniversary the club paid tribute to many members and staff who had helped to build the organisation into the success it is today. Finally, a documentary film '70 years of the AMSM: The story of our success' was shown and an accompanying monograph, '70 years of the AMSM' was published.

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Koninklijke Nederlandse Toeristenbond ANWB



ANWB launches state-of-the-art recruitment website

The Royal Dutch Touring Club (ANWB) recently launched its new multimedia recruitment website. The primary goal of the site is to help the club become better known as an interesting employer, but the website will also streamline the recruitment process for candidates.

The site gives a multidimensional impression of the ANWB as a service provider for members, a policymaker in the field of tourism and mobility, as a partner in insurance and travel, as well as an employer of approximately 4,800 people. Short movies made by employees support the different vacancies: future colleagues explain about their work and outline what skills they are looking for.

Job candidates will have access to an account where they can follow the recruitment process and keep up to date with the progress of their application. Special attention is given to ensuring that even if the application is not successful, the candidate feels validated and might recommend the club to others. All this is summarised in the motto 'You Count', which establishes the ANWB as a brand that invites and inspires, attracting competent and innovative people who value societal relevance.

The site can be viewed: www.werkenbijanwb.nl

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Auto-Moto Society of Latvia

LAMB honours road safety video contest winners

Earlier this month the Latvian Auto-Moto Society (LAMB) reached the final stages of its road safety video clip contest.

The contest, organised with the support of the FIA, invited the nation's young road users to create and submit video clips reflecting one or more of the FIA's 10 Golden Rules for Safer Motoring.

The contest was a great success among the youth of Latvia, with the informational video explaining the conditions of entry being viewed more than 210,000 times on social media and in total, 53 filmmakers from all across the country submitted 38 videos.

After being viewed by a jury comprised of traffic safety and advertising experts the winning entries were eventually chosen with the top awards going to videos dealing with bicycle safety, the need to use a helmet, the dangers of texting while driving and the risks associated with aggressive driving. A number of clips relied on animation to get across the road safety message.

No one left the award ceremony empty-handed, however, with every entrant receiving a consolation prize. The LAMB team was overwhelmed by the tremendous response to the competition and by the high standard of entries which showcased Latvian youngsters' creative ingenuity and willingness to support traffic safety.

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LAMB President Juris Zvirbulis (left) with the road safety video contest winners.

Touring Club Switzerland

TCS calls on drivers to take extra care during back-to-school season



Switzerland's Federal Councillor and Minister of Transportation, Doris Leuthard, poses with schoolgoers in support of the TCS 'Kids Ahead, Stop Like it's Red' campaign, which is based around the Playmobil children's toy environment (below).

The Touring Club of Switzerland (TCS) and its partners, the Swiss Council for Accident Prevention and the Swiss police, recently launched a new road safety awareness campaign entitled 'Kids Ahead, Stop Like it's Red'.

The initiative, based on the colourful world of children's toy Playmobil, has been targeted at making drivers aware of the risks faced by children at the start of a new school year and is backed up by new TV advertisements, radio spots, posters and print ads. The message is simple: motorists must come to a complete stop at pedestrian crossings to allow children to cross.

Each year, 530 children are involved in accidents on Swiss roads as pedestrians. Six of these accidents have fatal consequences. In traffic education children learn that they may only cross the street when the wheels of approaching vehicles have come to a complete stop. This is due to the fact that children are often unable to estimate the speed of cars and the distance they may be at.

When the new school terms began in Switzerland in mid-August, TCS asked the Swiss population to show their solidarity by writing the campaign motto on their car tyres with chalk provided to them. Countless people participated and posted pictures on social media, including Federal Councillor and Minister of Transportation Doris Leuthard.

"With this campaign we did not simply initiate a new way to communicate, it also became a real grassroots movement" says Helmut Gierer, Communication & Campaign Manager TCS.

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Ústřední automotoklub České republiky

UAMK launches innovative CykloAssist service to help bicycle users

Over the summer, Czech club UAMK launched an innovative new service specifically targeted at cyclists.

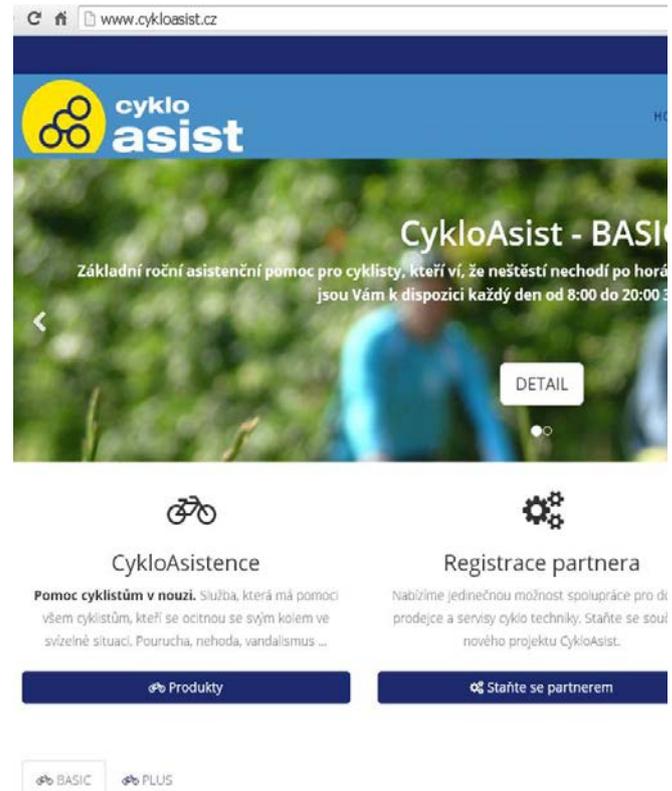
The new membership package, the development of which was financially supported by the FIA Development Fund, is called 'CykloAssist' and consists of services similar to those provided to motorists.

Explaining the new service, UAMK's Strategic Development Director Roman Turza said: "We wanted to show the public that we are capable of providing quality assistance services not only to car users, but that we also seriously think about alternatives and modern trends in mobility and tourism."

Within the programme, Czech cyclists have a choice of two tariffs (Basic and Plus), each providing different services and benefits. Besides classic assistance services, CykloAssist offers non-stop dispatching centre support, travel information targeted at cyclists, UAMK's national and international discount programmes, and a user-friendly mobile app with all services to hand.

In addition, the service features a new internet portal *CykloAssist.cz* with a dedicated member section. Aside from its service functions the new site also aims to start building a member cycling community under the UAMK brand. It is hoped the website will become a useful tool for members in planning cycle trips, for sharing photos and experiences, as well as for searching for cycling advice.

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IN REMEMBRANCE



Miroslav Firt

It is with great sadness that we report the sudden death on 5 July of Miroslav Firt, International Affairs Director with the Czech Republic's UAMK. Mr Firt died in a tragic traffic accident.

Mr Firt had held the post of International Affairs Director at the UAMK for the past 15 years. He was a well known and well-liked figure both within the organisation and on the international stage, where he regularly represented the club at FIA meetings and annual conferences.

As part of his role, Mr Firt led the practical implementation of EuroRAP in the Czech Republic in 2005 and served as a board member of the organisation for eight years. He was also a frequent collaborator with FIA Region I and was UAMK's team leader for the annual European Traffic Education Contest.

His positive contributions to mobility at home and internationally will be greatly missed and the FIA would like to offer its deepest condolences to his family at this difficult time.

Sveriges MotorCyklister



Swedish bikers celebrate 30 years of Mälaren Runt

Swedish bikers came together in force last month to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the biggest annual ride of the nation's motorcycling calendar – the Mälaren Runt.

The ride, around Sweden's third largest lake, Mälaren, saw 25,000 riders gather under blue skies to take part in the run, which began in the town of Solna. Following a suitably noisy getaway, the riders set off on the 258km-long road around the lake, although many riders chose to join the ride at different spots on the route.

Along the way there was an official stop and market place at a motorcycle track outside Eskilstuna and there riders and spectators were entertained with outdoor movies, live music, food, drink, stalls, airbrush painters and much more.

The next stop on the riders' tour was the traditional party at Strul MCC in Enköping. Again there was plenty of entertainment on offer, while large crowds of spectators gathered to get a closer look at the bikes.

The final goal was the clubhouse of the Motorcycle Enthusiasts club (MCE) outside Jakobsberg, north of Stockholm.

The Mälaren Runt was started in 1985 by motorcycle magazine MCM. This year's event was the first organised by the SMC and according to event organiser Petra Holmlund it was a huge success.

"It is difficult to put an accurate number on the participants but everyone felt that this was a record year. My guess is that 25,000 motorcycle owners took part," she said. "Everything went smoothly and there were no serious accidents, just smiling people and fantastic weather across the entire weekend after a unusually wet and cold Swedish summer."

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Autoklub Slovakia Assistance

ASA appoints new executive director

Autoklub Slovakia Assistance (ASA) has appointed Martin Barta as its new Executive Director, replacing Miroslav Dojčák.

Mr Barta began his new role in July.

Born in 1972 and married with two children, Prague resident Martin has been involved with the ASA and with UAMK CZ legal support since 2010.

The holder of law degrees from the P J Safarik University in Kosice, Slovakia and University College Dublin, Ireland, Martin is a member of the Czech Bar Association and possesses long experience in business and trade law regarding mobility and the automotive sector.

Before joining the ASA, he was an attorney at law in Prague. During his professional career he provided complex legal services to private entities including the drafting of agreements and the process of incorporation in the companies register. He also participated in M&A transactions and the provision of general legal consultancy to a world leading telecommunication company in the Czech Republic as well being involved in the corporate restructuring of a large county hospital in the Czech Republic.

He comes to his new role with expertise in Labour Law, Corporate Law and in due diligence for companies with more than 500 employees and in the provision of legal services for large real estate projects in the Czech and Slovak Republics.

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FIA Region I

EU prioritises road safety for children



The European Commission has highlighted its commitment to road safety by co-funding the 2015 edition of the European Traffic Education Contest, organised by FIA Region I.

The annual contest offers 800,000 children aged 10-12 exposure to road safety lessons and the opportunity to gain awareness of traffic education via qualifying national competitions.

Commenting on the contest, Szabolcs Schmidt, European Commission DG MOVE Head of Road Safety, said: "At the European Commission, we believe that it's never too early to begin learning the rules of the road. It is through initiatives like the European Traffic Education Contest that many children have their first practical lessons in road safety. The European Commission is wholeheartedly supporting this event and the work being done by Automobile Clubs and the FIA to spread good quality traffic education for children."

Thierry Willemarck, FIA Region I President thanked the Commission for its commitment to the contest.

"With its endorsement and sponsorship, the European Commission has identified the good work that is being done by Automobile Clubs throughout Europe in the area of traffic education," he said. "This contest has been training children how to be safe on the road for 30 years, giving them the tools they need to protect themselves."

FIA President Jean Todt also offered his support to the initiative. "At the FIA, road safety is a primary concern and children are some of the most vulnerable road users of all.

I am glad that FIA Region I carries out this annual event to

equip children with the skills they need to be safe on the road."

On 3 September, 92 children representing 23 teams arrived in Vienna, Austria for a competition to discover who has the best knowledge of road safety in Europe.

A number of dignitaries were in attendance at the event in Vienna, including FIA World Endurance Championship racing driver Alex Wurz, who is also involved in driver training.

"Being active in the field of driver training, I believe that knowing how to be safe on the road is a lifelong process and it is great to see these children getting such a good start thanks to the European Traffic Education Contest," he said.

In addition to the numerous activities for the children, Wurz and cycling champion Bernhard Kohl hosted a cycling contest, while on the opening day of the event an expert's forum was held to discuss traffic education best practices.

Austrian club the ÖAMTC as set up a dedicated station with breakdown assistance for bicycles and other attractions for the public and the competing children and

Club president Werner Kraus said: "Road accidents can happen at any time and on any street. This is why it is essential that children understand and respect the rules of the road. I am very proud that ÖAMTC was the host for the 30th anniversary of this event and for the first year in which it has received funding from the European Commission."

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FIA Mobility

Driving into the future: how the FIA is helping to define the connected car

The future of Mobility, both in terms of environmental impact and the development of new, connected technologies, is at the centre of many discussions involving FIA Clubs around the world.

The following key points provide insight into some of the FIA's actions, and most notably how the innovations stemming from motor sport can be extended to road vehicles.



The FIA's Sport and Mobility pillars are putting the FIA and its member Clubs in the ideal situation to observe and promote technology transfer between motor sport and road cars, the development of the environmental standards and mobility technologies of tomorrow.

MOTOR SPORT – AN IDEAL TESTING GROUND FOR GREEN TECHNOLOGY

Consumers benefit directly from the developments made in racing. For example, the LED headlights used in competition by Audi have already found their way onto some road models, and the technologies used to enhance the power and compactness of batteries in Formula E will undoubtedly impact the future of electric mobility.

The FIA is actively involved in the development of green technology through its championships, such as:

- Formula 1 and endurance racing, both laboratories for development where the boundaries of hybrid technology are tested and engineers develop innovations in controlling the consumption, production and management of energy;
- Formula E, a trailblazing discipline that is paving the way for high-level electric technology.

THE FIA AND CONNECTIVITY: A LONG-TERM VISION WITH EVERYDAY APPLICATIONS

As part of its mobility activities, the FIA endeavours to understand any changes in the automobile goods and services market in order to better respond to the needs of its member Clubs. As such, connectivity, and the medium-term prospect of one hundred per cent connected and autonomous cars it presents, fall under this scope.

In order to lay the groundwork for the applications of connected technologies to be extended to road vehicles, and to help Clubs adapt to the upcoming market transformations and challenges, the FIA:

- collaborates with the various entities of the European Commission on the development of standards, in particular via the FIA regional office in Brussels;
- leads think-tank activities alongside its Clubs;
- applies marshalling and telemetry systems during motor sport competitions to collect real-time data.

Day-to-day technologies, such as GPS navigation and on-board emergency alert devices, are a direct result of innovations driven by the FIA and its member Clubs.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGIES, CONNECTED CARS, AND THE FIA AND ITS CLUBS' ROLE IN MOBILITY, GO TO FIA.COM, LOG ON TO FIA CONNECT OR CONTACT LUCA PASCOTTO (LPASCOTTO@FIA.COM)



FIA News

Get on board and support the FIA road safety film directed by Luc Besson



The FIA has joined forces with renowned filmmaker Luc Besson to produce a hard-hitting film designed to promote children's road safety across the world. Entitled 'Save Kids Lives', the film, which is supported by the FIA Foundation, was released worldwide on Wednesday 7 October to coincide with International Walk to School Day, an initiative launched to raise awareness of the need to protect some of society's most vulnerable road users.

According to World Health Organisation figures, 500 children are killed each day in road crashes globally. In a bid to raise awareness of this road safety crisis, FIA President Jean Todt turned to Besson to deliver a potent visual message highlighting the dangers faced by children around the world.

Shot on location in South Africa and Paris, France, the film shows the risks children are confronted with on a daily basis, whether through the lack of safe infrastructure in the townships of South Africa or as a result of the heavy traffic of a major European city.

The film is a shocking wake-up call but it is one President Todt believes will help focus attention on making roads safe for children everywhere.

For Besson, the opportunity to contribute to the quest for improved road safety was impossible to resist.

The film is being released in support of the #SaveKidsLives campaign. This initiative, launched for the third UN Road Safety Week, focused on child safety and ran from 4-10 May 2015. #SaveKidsLives calls for action to stop the growing number of road deaths worldwide and for decision makers to save children's lives by putting road safety measures in place.

Everyone is invited to sign the online Child Declaration, which has already almost reached 1,000,000 signatures.

USEFUL LINKS:

Dedicated film website: SKL.fia.com

YouTube: youtu.be/eo5SUFVobEw

Sign the Child Declaration: SaveKidsLives2015.org

GLOBAL SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN: FIRST PROMISING RESULTS

Between 7 and 22 October, the film has been viewed over 7 million times on the web.

OUR SUPPORTS

Strong support has been received on social media with tweets from motor sport (Lewis Hamilton, Fernando Alonso, Juan Pablo Montoya, Felipe Massa, Romain Grosjean, Pastor Maldonado, Suzie Wolff, Jose Maria Lopez, Jari-Matti Latvala, Mikko Hirvonen, Thierry Neuville), sports (Rafael Nadal, Yohan Blake) and entertainment (Pharell Williams).

LANGUAGES AVAILABLE

English, French, Spanish, Italian, German, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese, Turkish, Indonesian, Serbian, Hindi, Madagascan, Icelandic, Sawhili, Thai, Vietnamese and Russian.

NEW LANGUAGES SOON AVAILABLE

Burmese, Malay, Tagalog, Tamil, Khmer, Lao, Bosnian.

ASK US FOR ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES AND FOR YOUR LOGO TO BE ADDED ON THE FILM'S CLOSING SCREEN

HOW FIA CLUBS CAN HELP SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN:

1

Share the film on your website and social media

2

Share the film with your members. Encourage them to sign the Child Declaration for Road Safety.

3

Share the film with your partners, with your government, with the press

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FIA News

From London with Love

FIA Mobility Conference 2015 connects with delegates



FIA President Jean Todt with John Dawson, Chairman of EuroRAP, one of the conference's host clubs at the Gala Dinner of this year's forum.

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PROGRESS TOGETHER.
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HIGHER AND HIGHER ”**

FIA PRESIDENT JEAN TODT

London has always been one of the world's great melting pots, a city where nations intertwine, cultures blend and as a consequence fresh thinking and new ideas bubble to the surface.

Mobility Conference 2015 provided a microcosmic reflection of that multicultural creativity with the event attracting a record 223 delegates from 81 clubs in 74 countries and with the four-day programme providing enough food for thought to sustain clubs for at least the eight months until the 2016 conference.

FIA President Jean Todt opened the conference by thanking the coalition of UK clubs hosting the event – the Automobile Association UK, the Camping and Caravanning Club, the Caravan Club, the Institute of Advanced Motorists, the Royal Automobile Club, the Road Safety Foundation, road safety infrastructure monitors iRap, EuroRap, and the FIA Foundation – before telling delegates that the conference theme of 'Keep Calm and Stay Connected' stressed the need for greater communication among FIA member clubs and that dialogue should form a key element of strategies to deal with the challenges facing clubs.

The official opening was followed by the event's first keynote address in which *Wired* magazine editor David Rowan took his audience on a guided tour of the global technology landscape in relation to the automobile.

Day one closed with the first social occasion of the week, with

delegates treated to an exclusive look inside the RAC's beautiful and historic private members' club in Pall Mall.

After the opening day's world view, day two saw the conference zoom in on urban living as keynote speaker Greg Lindsay delivered a fascinating address on how we might navigate the cities of the future. The urban theme continued with delegates invited to explore the nerve centre of London's mobility network through a guided tour of Transport for London's facilities.

For the second social event of the conference, delegates were whisked across the city for a clandestine rendezvous with Britain's most famous secret agent – James Bond. The Bond in Motion exhibition of legendary cars from the famous movie series was a spectacular and fun way to relax on the week's most informal evening.

It was back to work on Thursday, however, when the focus sharpened to the personal level, with a day devoted to clubs as working environments and as service centres.

Keynote speaker Curt Steinhorst explained that clubs now face a customer base covering four generations but he insisted that while the shrinking of the Baby Boomer generation traditionally associated with automobile clubs may seem alarming, the new Gen-Y demographic represent a great opportunity. "The things

clubs are providing are desperately needed and wanted by Gen-Y," he said.

A packed late morning and afternoon period saw the conference splinter into a set of modules aimed at different aspects club activity, with presentations on governance aimed at senior management representatives, as well as a session on 'Managing Self' directed at all club representatives.

Afterwards it was time for the most glittering social event of the conference, the traditional gala dinner and the location was suitably historic – London's amazing V&A museum, the world's largest museum of decorative arts and design.

The conference's final morning was devoted to an examination of possible future mobility trends, with Zipcar founder Robin Chase telling delegates that "membership organisations [such as auto clubs] should look more into what are those attributes our future lifestyle will require that isn't car focused. And then to say what are the assets our members have that they would like to be sharing with each other."

The address was followed by the closing speeches, with FIA President thanking the event hosts and the huge number of delegates in attendance and adding "every year we progress together. Every year it is like climbing a mountain – we get higher and higher."



Keynote speaker Robin Chase who outlined some possible future mobility trends based on her experience as founder of car-sharing business ZipCar.

Rasmus Lindholm, who moderated a Conference seminar on the impact of connected technologies on mobility, takes time out to try his luck as the world's favourite agent, 007, at the conference's Bond Night.







NORTHERN STAR

With one of Europe's highest rates of motorisation but with one of the continent's oldest passenger vehicle fleets, Finland presents those charged with representing motorists with a tough task. Autoliitto is meeting the challenges head on...





Autoliitto President Martti Merilinna says the club hopes to have a network of 20 AL-Service Centres and Shops up and running in 2016.

When it comes to car ownership figures in the European Union, it's not a major surprise to learn that the country with the highest number of operational passenger cars is Germany, which in 2011 had some 43 million cars on the road, followed by Italy with 37 million and France with 33 million.

The statistic is hardly noteworthy given the populations of those countries – 80m in German, 60m in Italy and 66m in France. However, look more deeply at the car ownership statistics for EU countries and a different pattern emerges.

Examining the figures for passenger car ownership per 1000 of population, Italy remains high on the list, its 624 cars per 1000 people putting it in second place behind surprise leader Luxembourg, but Germany drops to seventh and France to 10th place.

Occupying fifth place on the list, however, with 562 cars per 1000 of population, is Finland.

Such high motorisation is not most people's immediate vision of a pristine Scandinavian country, but given the long distances to travel between major towns and the tough winters, which make motorised travel essential, the figures make more sense.

As such, the Finnish vehicle register last year contained 6,014,610 vehicles, of which 5,043,523 were in traffic use. Helping to protect the rights of the owners of that huge number of vehicles is Finland's Autoliitto, a club that can trace its roots back to the immediate period after the First World War.

The club's progenitor, the Suomen Autobiiliiklubi, was founded in 1919 in Helsinki by a group of wealthy Swedish-speaking motorists. Two further clubs were established in the 1920s, one for rural motorists and another largely aimed at middle class drivers. By 1972, however, all three clubs had merged under the name of Autoliitto (AL) to become the national Automobile and Touring Club of Finland.

And the club has been growing ever since, with membership figures rising from 81,500 in 2005 to approximately 120, 000 in 2015.

"Autoliitto has developed to be a stronger and bigger club

“ AUTOLIITTO IS TAKING ACTION TO MAKE BUYING A NEW CAR POSSIBLE FOR MORE PEOPLE ”



Autoliitto President Martti Merilinna, who says the organisation "has developed to be a stronger and bigger club than ever by introducing more and better services for its members."

than ever by introducing more and better services for its members,” says club President Martti Merilinna. “Currently we are developing new AL-Service Centres with independent entrepreneurs and new services and benefits for members. We have managed to grow our service centre network very well and our plan is to have a network of 20 AL-Service Centres and Shops ready in 2016.

“In terms of our advocacy programmes, I would say driver education, road funding, the new traffic code in Finland and road taxation are the biggest issues,” he adds. “We have strongly developed our own digital Driving School to help parents teach their children and through that to obtain driver’s licences in a less expensive way. We have also managed to lower the self-taught driver’s licence price and we are planning to liberate legislation around that issue, though the work is ongoing.”

While Finland has high motorisation it is not without cost to the nation’s drivers. Motoring is heavily taxed in the country and drivers also must bear high vehicle registration fees, all of which make vehicle ownership a tough financial burden. It has led to the country having an ageing vehicle fleet and Autoliitto is at the forefront of lobbying for changes in the taxation system.

“Autoliitto is taking action to make buying a new car possible for more people and by that to get more new cars on Finnish roads,” says Merilinna. “Finland has one of the oldest car populations in Europe, with average age of 11.4 years, which is bad both for safety and the environment. Autoliitto is lobbying for getting rid of the registration tax, but not at any price. Removing the registration tax can’t mean increasing taxes for those who have recently paid it. We would add that registration tax has decreased over the past 10 years.

“The economic situation in Finland is challenging, so people really need to think about what they can and cannot buy, even when it comes to our membership fee. There are also concerns for people in the countryside, as public services such as bus transport are being downgraded, which makes a car an even more important means of transport. That is why it is important to make sure car ownership is as moderately priced as possible. In Finland around 93 per cent of all passenger transportation is on-road traffic and the share of passenger cars is approximately 85 per cent of that.”

Autoliitto’s push for the modernisation of the nation’s vehicle fleet is also predicated upon the club’s rationale that a new fleet will have a positive effect on the environment thanks to the lower emissions of modern vehicles.

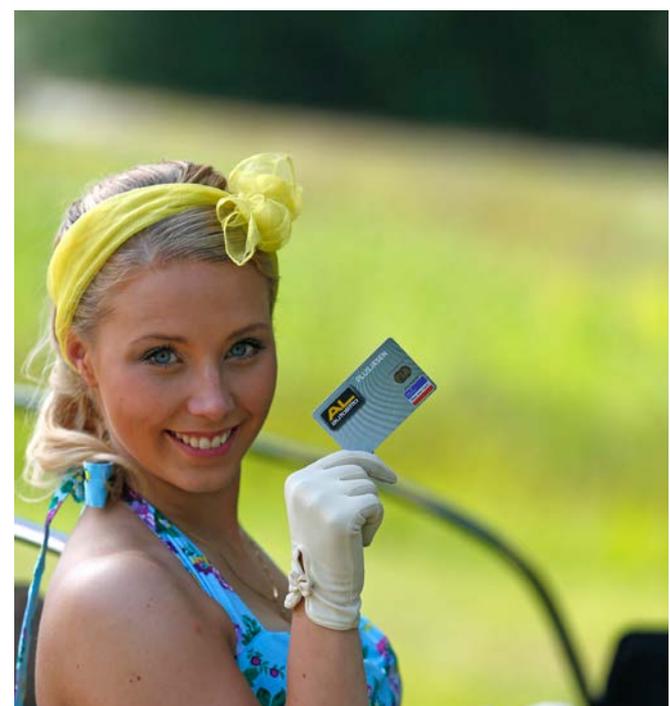
“It is important to get emissions and fuel consumption down,” insists Merilinna, “but we also should implement more realistic ways to measure emissions, so consumers can get more accurate information when they are buying a car.

“Finland has CO₂ based registration and annual tax for vehicles, so changing the testing cycles can increase taxes, if the tax chart is not changed. We try to keep taxes on the same level, although the test procedures will be improved.

“In Finland there is also a lot of know-how in refining different fuels such as synthetic diesel NexBTL by Neste Oil and refuse-based RE85 ethanol fuel by the ST1 oil company. These new fuels are also a way to decrease emissions and our club strongly supports the efforts of these companies.”

As with other clubs Autoliitto is heavily involved in the quest for road safety improvement and while Finland has an admirable road safety record, with national road safety agency TraFi reporting an all-time low figure of 255 road

“ DRIVER EDUCATION, ROAD FUNDING, THE NEW TRAFFIC CODE AND ROAD TAXATION ARE THE BIGGEST ISSUES ”



Plans have recently been revealed for a car-free future for Finnish capital Helsinki (right) through the use of connected transport networks. While welcoming the development, Autoliitto President Merilinna insists that commuters must retain free choice of mode of transport. "It is not right to force them to choose a means of transportation they don't want because of pricing or other hindrances," he says.



“ THE POOR CONDITION OF MANY ROADS AND DEFECTS IN THE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ROUTE NETWORK ARE ISSUES ”

deaths in 2012 from a total population of 5.1 million, a figure that represents 4.7 deaths per 100,000 of population and a 13 per cent reduction on the previous year, Merilinna says more needs to be done.

"In most fatal accidents alcohol, outrageous disregard of the traffic code [speeding], driver illness, such as heart attacks or suicides, play a big part. Also, the poor condition of many roads and defects in the pedestrian and bicycle route network are issues. Many accidents happen to old cars that are not as safe as new models.

"As such, we lobby for safer road infrastructure, more affordable and safer new cars and better and more flexible driver education. We also give public advice for safer driving for example in our AL-TV tutorial videos."

The pursuit of greater levels of road safety has led many Finnish agencies to investigate more connected transport networks and recently much debate has surrounded plans for a car-free future in the nation's capital, Helsinki, plans that would see the introduction of a connected network of public transport including bikes, trams and on-demand cars. Autoliitto believes that while programmes that improve mobility are positive they should not restrict people's choice of mode of transport.

"It is always good to try to find new and more fluent ways of travel. There is a lot of room for improvement in fitting different transport modes together to be an unbroken chain," says the club's president. "We feel it is important for people to freely choose the best way for them to travel and for that they need information that can be added and produced in a digital way. It is not right to force them to choose a means of transportation they don't want because of pricing or other hindrances. We also don't want connected car technologies to be used to monitor car drivers without their permission. Everything must be voluntary. This is the condition we strongly support to get new services to car users and all travellers."

Infrastructural connected car technologies are already being considered for implementation in Finland and in recent times the HERE mapping company, formerly owned by Finnish firm Nokia but now presided over by a consortium of car manufacturers, has been selected by Finnish transport authorities to lead a pilot project that will enable vehicles to communicate safety hazards to others on the road, thereby giving a boost to road safety in Finland, with the system initially relying on road users reporting problems via smartphone. Again, Merilinna says the move is a positive reaction to road safety issues and says the club can become involved in such initiatives in the future.

"Autoliitto can certainly be part of projects like this." He says. "There are also other such projects in Finland, such as systems to warn other road users of reindeer and moose, or slippery roads, especially in winter time. They all benefit road users and will make roads more safe in the future."

Despite advances with connectivity in the country, the club still sees a solid future for car ownership in Finland in the coming years.

"The passenger car will remain the main mode of transportation," he insists. "Finland is a large country with a relatively low population, so frequent public transportation is not economically possible in all parts of the country. Use of bicycles and public transportation will increase somewhat in bigger cities and urban areas but winters can be very harsh and that makes cycling less attractive during many months of the year. Getting full use of new car technologies and services takes time in Finland because of the ageing fleet and slow sales of new cars – only about 100,000-105,000 cars per year. Autoliitto will continue to be the guardian of car owners' rights also in the future."

One of the club's first future engagements is hosting next year's FIA Mobility Conference and Merilinna promises the club and the country will provide a warm welcome to delegates.

“Unfortunately James Bond doesn’t live in Finland, so we don’t have his marvellous vehicle collection to show [as at this year’s conference in London],” he smiles. “But Santa Claus lives in Finland, and he has the most environmentally-sound and efficiently-powered vehicle –Santa’s sleigh and its reindeer. After all Peter the Red Nose [reindeer, as he is known in Finland], can reach every house in the world in a single day.

“What we can say is that the conference venue is in the heart of Helsinki by the sea and all the hotels are close by,” he adds. “We don’t have traffic congestion like in most big European cities. Helsinki is compact, modern and safe city, the second northernmost capital of the world. The very well organised event in the exciting city of London has given us a challenge to overcome, but we will do our best to make sure all FIA guests enjoy their stay in our country.”



Kustaanmiekka fort in Helsinki (left), part of the Suomenlinna complex, is one of the city's foremost tourist attractions.

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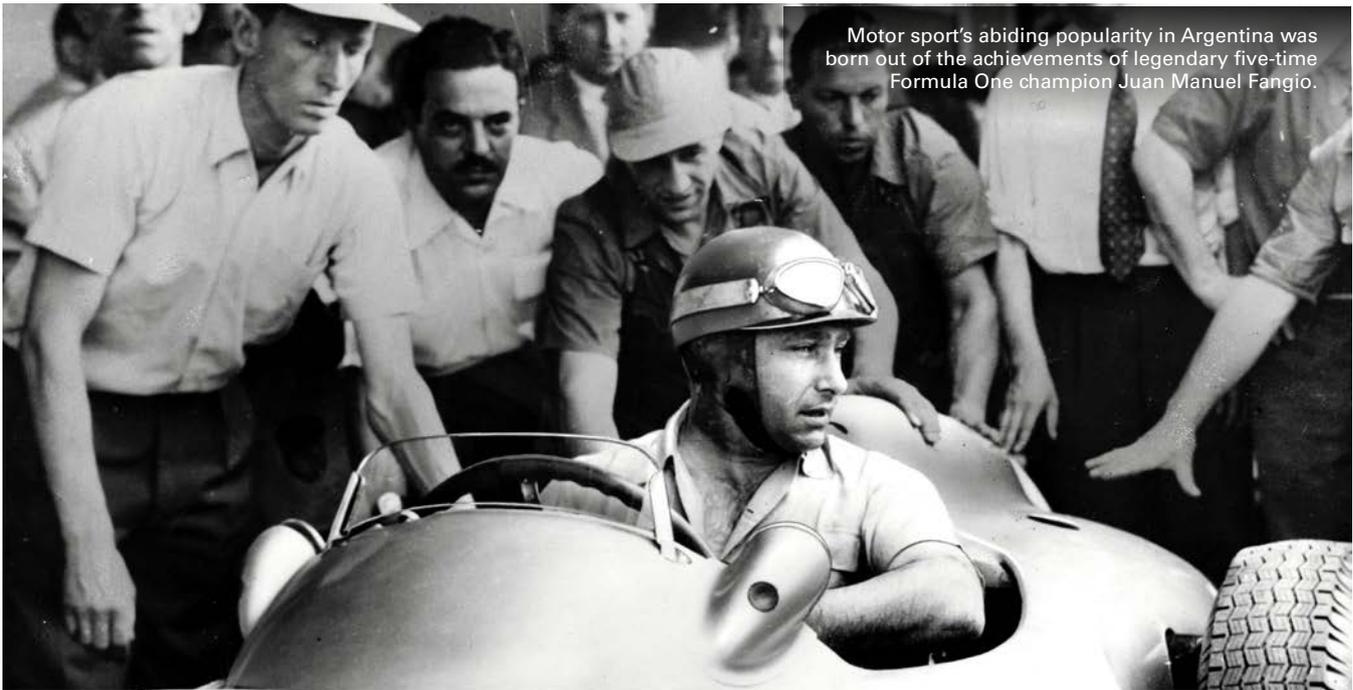
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PASSION FOR RACING

From Juan Manuel Fangio to Carlos Reutemann to current racing hero Jose Maria Lopez, Argentina has always been a nation dedicated to high achievement in the world of motor sport and the Automovil Club Argentino is determined to keep the successes coming.





Motor sport's abiding popularity in Argentina was born out of the achievements of legendary five-time Formula One champion Juan Manuel Fangio.

Across sports mad Argentina there aren't many pastimes that can compete with the country's fascination with football. Indeed, in a country where the stars of the beautiful game – from Diego Maradona to Lionel Messi – are celebrated as national heroes, the only sport that comes close to inspiring the same kind of fanaticism is motor racing.

Indeed, Argentina has been in love with motor sport since the very earliest days of the automobile.

The country's motoring and motor sport club, the Automovil Club Argentino was founded in 1904 and soon after, in 1906, it helped stage the country's first recorded motor sport event, sponsored by the El Pais newspaper. That race featured 24 cars and covered a course from Buenos Aires to the northern suburb of Tigre.

In the following decade racing and rallying thrived in the country, with many cross-country events taking place, largely contested by wealthy citizens mostly driving imported European vehicles.

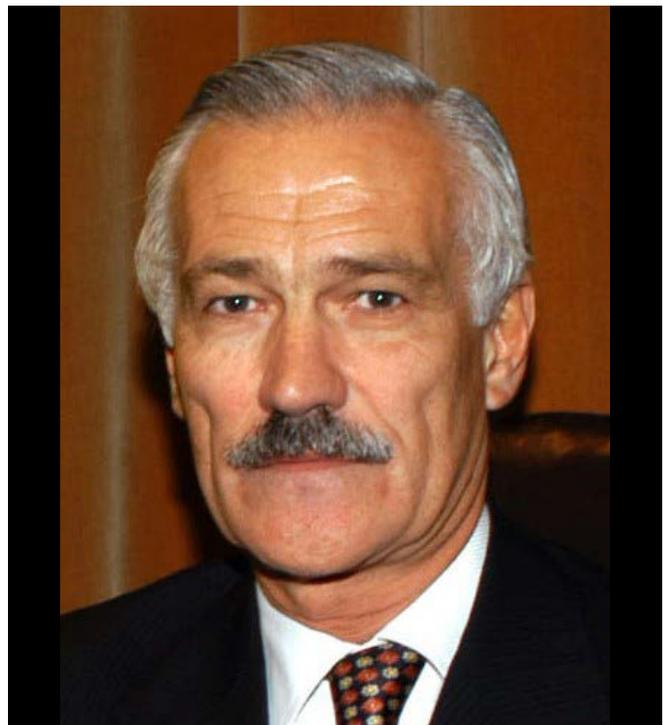
The ultimate expression of the country's burgeoning passion for racing came with the establishment of the Argentina Turismo Carretera racing series in 1937. A road racing competition, the TC still exists today under the auspices of the ACA and is widely considered to be the world's oldest active motor sport series.

It was in such events that Argentina's greatest racer and certainly one of the world's legendary drivers, Juan Manuel Fangio learned his craft. The winner of five Formula One World Drivers' Championship titles – in 1951 and across a quartet of years from 1954 to 1957 – Fangio's exploits captured the imagination of all of Argentina and the country's love affair with motor sport was consolidated.

It continued in the 1970s and '80s in the shape of another grand prix star, Carlos Reutemann. Born in Santa Fe province, 'Lole', as he was nicknamed, claimed 12 Formula One victories across 146 starts and missed out on the 1981 Drivers' Championship title by a single point.

His place in the pantheon of Argentina's racing greats was cemented when, following retirement from F1, he took up

“ IN THE PAST DECADE CAR RACING IN ARGENTINA HAS CONTINUED TO GROW CONSIDERABLY ”



ACA President Jorge Rosales: “the ACA and its regional federations issue about 15,000 licences throughout the country”

rallying and became only the second driver ever to claim a podium finish in the FIA World Rally Championship as well as in Formula One.

With racing heroes to idolise and standout home events at which to cheer them on, such as the Argentine Grand Prix, which was held 20 times between 1953 and 1998, and the still staged Rally of Argentina round of the WRC, motor sport continues to occupy a prime position in the hearts and minds of Argentinian sports fans.

“All races in Argentina are controlled by the Automovil Club Argentino (ACA) either by the CDA (ACA’S Sport Commission) or through its 24 regional federations the ACA and its regional federations issue about 15,000 licences throughout the country,” says ACA President Jorge Rosales. “Over the past decade car racing in Argentina has continued to grow considerably both as regards number of drivers and the technology involved.”

At the top of the tree in terms of domestic popularity is Touring Car Racing and the flagship TC2000 series features works entries from manufacturers such as Renault, Peugeot and Toyota.

Up until 2012, the series only allowed teams to field cars equipped with engines up to 2000cc, with limited modifications from standard machinery. However, from 2012 the series boosted the power of its cars and was rebranded as Super TC2000.

The series has made stars of a number of drivers but none more so than Juan Maria Traverso, a national hero who won seven titles during a 304-race career that saw him take 68 victories and 73 pole positions in the 1980s and ’90s.

More recently Jose Maria Lopez graduated from two TC2000 series wins in 2008 and 2009 and victory in the inaugural Super TC2000 championship in 2012 to join the Citroën World Touring Car Championship team. In 2014 he won the series to become Argentina’s first FIA world champion since Fangio.

“Motor sport popularity is at a very good level and it keeps growing. Super TC2000 features a V8 engine with 450hp, which places it among the five best touring cars in the world,” says Carlos García Remohi who adds that Lopez’s success has given motor sport a further boost of popularity among spectators and competitors.

The almost 80-year-old Turismo Carretera also continues to be a major draw for racers and race fans, with García Remohi explaining that the series retains its popularity in part due to its incredible heritage.

“It is so popular because it goes back to a traditional race where Ford and Chevrolet competed in the 1940s. That rivalry still exists today, the Argentine people love it and the ACA is enormously proud of the series because it really shows the Argentine passion for motor sport.”

Elsewhere, single-seater racing has ebbed and flowed in recent years. The Formula 3 Sudamericana series raced in Argentina until the end of 2013 but has now become a Brazilian championship.

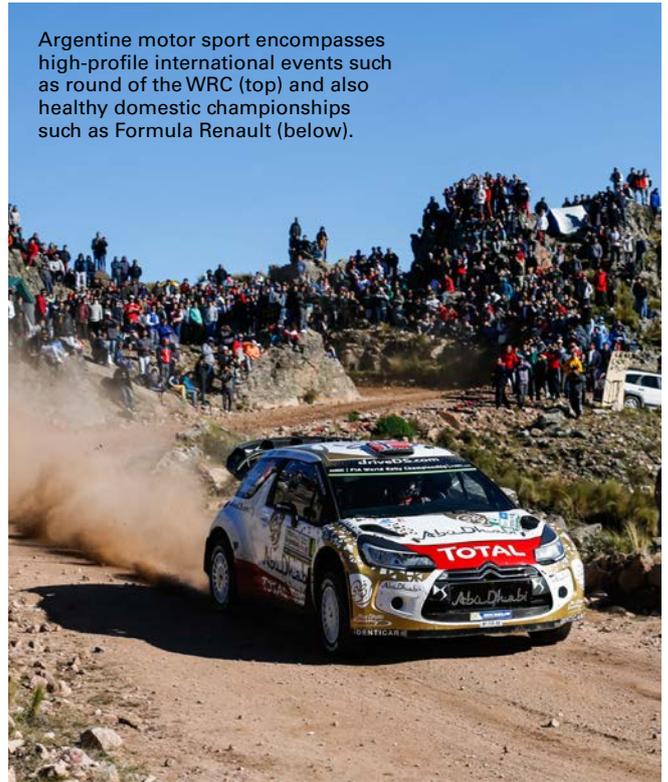
Club representative Carlos García Remohi says that the loss of the series was unfortunate but unavoidable.

“This was due to economic problems centred around the high cost of South American Formula 3. However the ACA has a good development plan for Formula racing in place.”

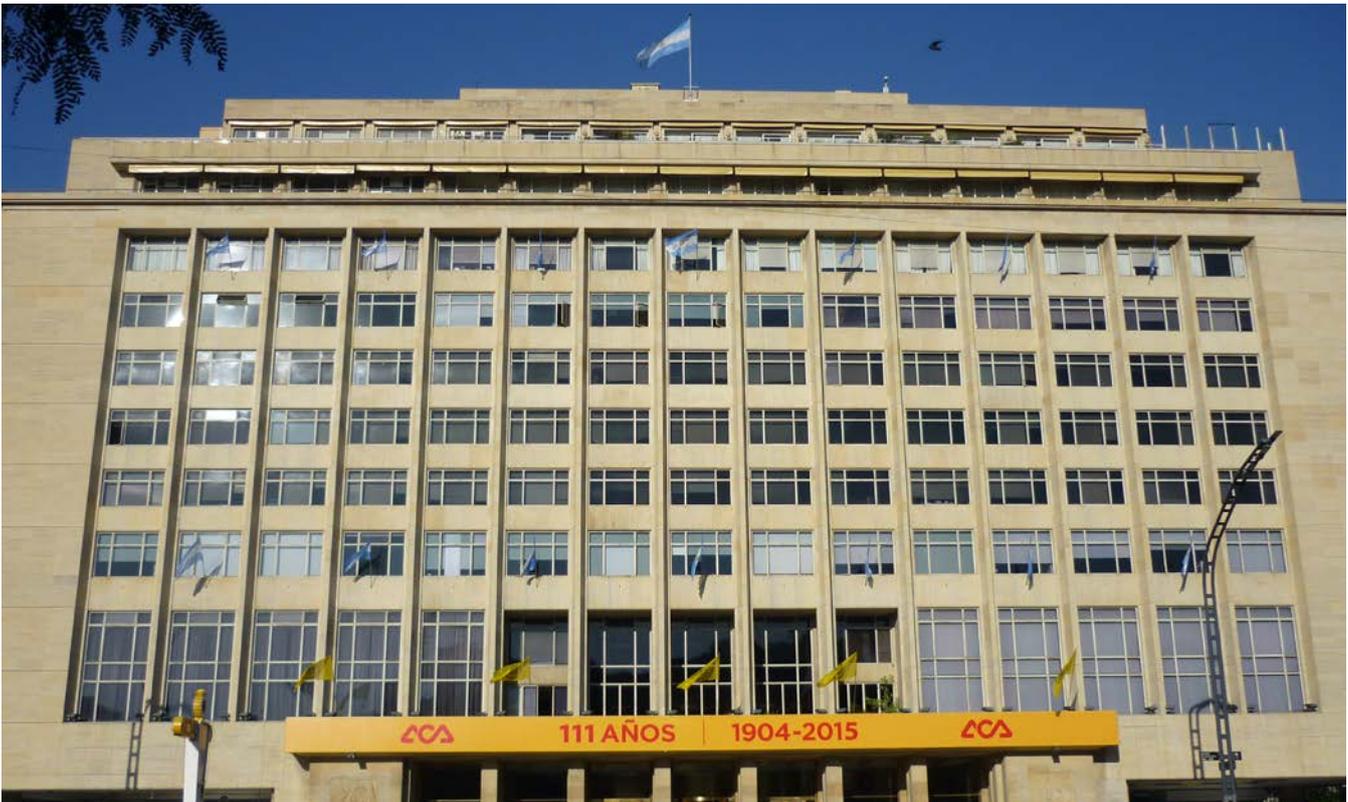
Those plans are not likely, however, to encompass the establishment of a regional or continental Formula 3 championship in the same style as the FIA F3 European

“ OUR PLAN IS TO CREATE AN FIA FORMULA 4 CHAMPIONSHIP IN ARGENTINA VERY SHORTLY ”

Argentine motor sport encompasses high-profile international events such as round of the WRC (top) and also healthy domestic championships such as Formula Renault (below).



“ THE ACA, TOGETHER WITH THE DIFFERENT SERIES, IS WORKING HARD TO GET YOUNG PEOPLE CLOSER TO MOTOR SPORT ”



Championship, as Remohi says the geographical constraints involved in staging events across such a vast territory make such a series next to impossible.

Lower down the junior categories, however, plans are taking shape. “Our plan is to create an FIA Formula 4 championship shortly in Argentina,” he says.

With over 50 circuits in Argentina, four of which have been homologated by the FIA and with 15 more circuits meeting basic FIA standards, there appears to be plenty of scope to create an expansive national championship in the FIA’s entry level single-seater category.

Argentina’s Formula One race, most recently held at the Autódromo Oscar Alfredo Gálvez, might have dropped off the grand prix calendar after the 1998 race but the country retains a major presence on the international motor sport stage with a round of the FIA World Rally Championship – staged every year since 1980 except 1995 and 2010 – its round of the World Touring Car Championship, held at the Autódromo Termas de Río Hondo, and through its status as host of a major part of the world famous Dakar Rally endurance event.

Again the ACA is proud of its position on the world’s major motor sport calendars.

“International events are always important and we hope to keep them on the world map,” says García

Remohi. “Likewise having champions and top competitors represented is very important to us and it shows the level of the Argentine drivers who take part in our international races.”

Motor sport appears to be in strong health in Argentina and García Remohi concludes by saying that in the coming years the ACA plans to work hard to encourage more young competitors and race fans across its categories, especially in karting.

“The ACA, together with the different series, is working hard to get young people closer to motor sport, both in terms of racing and also officiating, through marshal instruction. We also encourage the Campeonato Argentino, in which about 100 kart drivers take part. We also have the Rotax Cup and all the regional championships. We’re looking forward to a great future for karting.

“Elsewhere, our goal is to carry on promoting car racing, improving it year on year but mainly promoting karting. As I said, I think another main aim would be to launch an FIA Formula 4 Championship in Argentina.”

If the club’s plans come to fruition, it shouldn’t be too long before a new generation of heroes such as Fangio, Reutemann and Lopez breaks through to challenge on the world stage.



The ACA's sporting commission, the CDA, maintains a strong presence at a host of Argentine motor sport events.

“ THE ACA IS ENORMOUSLY PROUD OF THE TOURISMO CARRETERA AS IT REALLY SHOWS THE ARGENTINE PASSION FOR MOTOR SPORT ”

Started in 1937, the Turismo Carretera series (right) is the world's oldest active motor sport championship.



Hong Kong Automobile Association

HKAA celebrates 30th anniversary of classic rally

In 1985, 23 rally crews set out from Hong Kong and journeyed over 3,412km to reach Tian'anmen Square in Beijing.

Over four intense days and across seven provinces of China, the competitors battled severe challenges and tough conditions but they were also always greeted by welcoming and enthusiastic spectators. Indeed, the event proved to be a major turning point for motor sport in China and as well as attracting worldwide attention, the first Hong Kong-Beijing Rally in some ways marked the beginning of a new era of competition in China.

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the rally, the Hong Kong Automobile Association and the Federation of Automobile Sports of PRC recently retraced the rally's route. The pace of the commemorative event might have been a little more sedate, with the start on 12 September and the finish line at Beijing's Audi Goldenport Motor Park crossed 15 days later, but the excitement and enthusiasm for the rally were just as palpable as three decades ago. With 65 cars taking part, including more than 30 vintage vehicles, and with the winning teams of 1985 in attendance, the rally was a hugely successful recreation of an event that set Chinese motor sport on the path towards the global footprint it now enjoys.

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HKAA's recreation of the first Hong Kong-Beijing Rally was a huge success.



Confederation of Australian Motor Sport



Caitlin Wood with FIA Women in Motorsport Ambassador Susie Wolff.

First female racer joins Australian Formula 4

Eighteen-year-old Caitlin Wood last month made her CAMS Jayco Australian Formula 4 debut during Round 4 at Sandown Raceway, becoming the first female to race in the championship.

The New South Wales racer is currently competing in National Formula Ford and prior to the Sandown weekend admitted her excitement about her Australian Formula 4 debut. "It feels quite good and I'm grateful to have the opportunity to race," Wood said. "It was all through Jayco and their willingness to support me at Sandown and through AGI as well for supplying the car and everything like that. Massive, massive thanks to Jayco for getting me here really".

After finishing the first race of the three-race weekend in sixth place Caitlin started the Race 2 reverse grid on pole. She dropped back after the start, however, and finished the race in ninth place. In the final race of the weekend Caitlin finished in 10th place.

During the weekend Wood also mentioned her enthusiasm for the greater number of women competing in motor sport, particularly making mention of Renee Gracie and Simona De Silvestro racing at this year's Bathurst 1000.

"I'm jealous!" Wood laughed, "Renee gets to race with Simona and it will be a learning year for them, it's great they have the wildcard for two years and I'm excited to see how they go."

Gracie and De Silvestro managed 121 laps of the 161 race and were classified in 21st position, with De Silvestro believing the experience will be invaluable to their 2016 assault on the legendary race.



Motor Sports Association UK

MSA UK reports significant progress with rally safety programme

The UK Motor Sports Association (MSA) has reported significant progress in its RallyFuture project to enhance rally safety, following a review commissioned by the Scottish Government.

In February the MSA confirmed the new role of Safety Delegate, who has overriding authority in matters of safety. A second radio frequency was also made available for exclusive use by MSA Licensed Officials.

In April the UK governing body published its Multi-Venue Stage Rally Safety Requirements – a document covering topics such as risk management, marshals’ training and communication. Another document titled Safety Car Roles & Responsibilities was published in July, and some training workshops for safety car crews have been held.

There will be a new MSA rally media accreditation system from 2016, and a new online accreditation and training system for rally and cross country marshals is also in development. A volunteers’ recognition scheme will be created to recognise the hard work and dedication of volunteer marshals and officials.

Rob Jones, MSA Chief Executive, said: “None of what the governing body has achieved would have been possible without the overall support of the rallying community and I cannot thank them enough for being with us.”

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FIA Sport Regional Congress of the North European Countries

Held on 17-18 October, the event is one of two FIA Sport Regional Congresses to take place in Europe this year. Hosted by AKK-Motorsport (Finland), 41 delegates from 18 countries met to discuss the latest issues in motor sport in the region.

With rallying such a popular sport in the North European region, a number of high level discussions and practical workshops naturally focused on rally safety, as well as elite pathway driver development and environmental and sustainability issues.

FIA President Jean Todt, called on the delegates in attendance to exhaust all avenues to identify experts that could contribute to a task force on rally safety, which will be created to provide support and safety expertise to motor sport events around the world.

Together with FIA Deputy President for Sport Graham Stoker and ASN Development Task Force President Andrew Papadopoulos, Mr Todt re-iterated the importance of gathering together ASNs to focus on the future of motor sport. "European ASNs play a key role in the development of motor sport at the global level," said Mr Todt. "It is important that they share their many examples of best practice attained through such extensive experience – and to ensure that this is shared and implemented around the world."

The next FIA Sport Regional Congress will be held in Zagreb on 12-13 December 2015 with 21 invited members of the Central European Zone and neighbouring countries.



FIA Institute

MENA region hosts medical seminar

The Qatar Motor and Motorcycle Federation hosted the latest FIA Institute medical seminar for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region at the Losail International Circuit recently (7-8 October).

Delegates at the conference were made up of motor sport medical personnel from around the region who listened to presentations given by senior motor sport safety officials.

Speakers included Dr Michael Scholz, Medical Chairman of the Deutscher Motor Sport Bund and Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of the German Grand Prix, who spoke about the planning and safety protocols of motor sport events. Jean Duby, CMO of the FIA World Rally Championship, covered the various aspects of rally safety and Dr Amjad Obeid, Bahrain Motor Federation Chief Medical Officer, explained how to select a medical team and correct accident management procedures.

The seminar also featured practical demonstrations and exercises in extrication utilising the FIA's medical extrication

simulators for closed car and open wheel racing. The second day of the event included simulation work on track, with an exercise involving a car going into barrier and a difficult extrication.

Nasser Al-Atya, President of Qatar Motor and Motorcycle Federation (QMMF) and FIA Vice President for MENA, who opened the event, said: "Without medical and safety officials we cannot run our events. We really need our doctors and medical officials to be in good shape because a successful motor sport organisation will not succeed without them.

"As our delegates return home, I ask them not to stop communicating with each other and the FIA," he added. "Together we can continue to develop better equipment, medical skills and safety practices throughout the motor sport world."

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Dr Michael Scholz, Medical Chairman of the Deutscher Motor Sport Bund (left) speaks at the MENA region medical seminar

FIA Institute



Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya reaches top level of sustainability programme

The Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya has become the first Formula One track to attain Achievement of Excellence, the top-level award in the FIA Institute's Sustainability programme.

The Spanish circuit received its award following an audit of its procedures and credentials. The circuit now joins the likes of Rally Australia and the McLaren F1 team in having attained Achievement of Excellence in sustainability.

The FIA Institute found that the circuit's management had demonstrated a long-term commitment to environmentally sustainable operations, having received its first ISO certification in 2008. Its continued work in this area clearly meets the requirements of the FIA Institute-developed Environmental Certification Framework.

Circuit president Vicenç Aguilera said: "We are delighted to be awarded the Achievement of Excellence from the FIA Institute as a result of our hard work to make the Circuit

de Barcelona-Catalunya one of the most environmentally sustainable racing tracks in the world. We will continue to strive for further sustainability improvements to be made here at the track."

Garry Connelly, Deputy President and Environmental Ambassador of the FIA Institute, added: "I would like to congratulate the management of the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya on their excellent work. The commitment of the senior management to environmentally sustainable operations is clearly at the highest level and we look forward to continued collaboration in regards to future environmental projects."

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