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**PRESS RELEASE  
WORLD MOTOR SPORT COUNCIL**

The World Motor Sport Council met in Paris on July 5, 2006. The following decisions were taken:

**FORMULA ONE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

Bridgestone has been selected as the official tyre supplier to the FIA Formula One World Championship in 2008, 2009 and 2010\*.

Microsoft MES has been selected as the official ECU supplier to the FIA Formula One World Championship in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

Due to a significant increase in cornering speeds in Formula One this season, the World Motor Sport Council agreed to consult with the Formula One Technical Working Group regarding possible measures to slow the cars.

*\*Note to editors: In the absence of a second tyre company Bridgestone will be the sole tyre supplier to the FIA Formula One World Championship for 2007. Bridgestone's contract with the FIA to be the official tyre supplier begins in 2008.*

**WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP**

As a cost saving measure, a limit on the number of engines, with a single specification per year, will be introduced from 1 January 2007. The number of engines, with detailed regulations, will be proposed at the next World Council meeting.

Applicable from 1 January 2007, the existing Super Rally rules will be replaced by a system of bonus points applied for each leg of a rally (1<sup>st</sup> = 3 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 2 points and 3<sup>rd</sup> = 1 point), to ensure the final classification applies only to competitors who complete the entire route. Detailed regulations will be proposed at the next World Council meeting.

From 1 January 2007, Priority 1 drivers can only test for the manufacturer for which they are designated and, as part of a long-term objective, the number of test days will be reduced by means of technical measures.

Remote servicing, under restricted conditions, will be permitted from 1 January 2007. Detailed regulations will be proposed at the next World Council meeting.

Drivers of Super 2000 cars taking part in the FIA Production Car World Rally Championship can score points for the Championship classification, as of 1 January 2007. Detailed regulations will be proposed at the next World Council meeting.

From the beginning of the 2008 season, all World Rally Car entrants will use tyres from a single supplier. Run-flat 'foam' will not be permitted. Tenders will be invited from tyre companies.

The introduction of Biofuel, at the earliest opportunity, is being studied by the FIA Technical Department.

From 1 January 2007, it will be forbidden for competition cars running on less than four wheels to be driven on liaison sections. Detailed regulations will be proposed at the next World Council meeting.

The World Motor Sport Council approved the 2007 FIA World Rally Championship calendar, which will continue to run to the existing January-December format.

#### 2007 FIA World Rally Championship

19-21 January	Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo
09-11 February	Swedish Rally
16-18 February	Rally Norway
09-11 March	Rally Mexico
30 March-01 April	Rally de Portugal
04-06 May	Rally Argentina
18-20 May	Rally Italia-Sardinia
01-03 June	Acropolis Rally of Greece
03-05 August	Rally Finland
17-19 August	Rallye Deutschland
31 August-02 September	Rally New Zealand
05-07 October	Rallye de France - Tour de Corse
12-14 October	Rallye de España
26-28 October	Rally Japan
16-18 November	Rally Ireland
30 November-02 December	Rally GB

The World Rally Championship Commission will decide whether to add further events to the 2007 calendar and will make a proposal at the next World Council meeting, together with a new method for the scoring of points counting towards the Championship.

The FIA Junior and Production Car World Rally Championship rounds will be proposed at the next World Council meeting.

#### **WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP**

Yokohama has been selected as the official tyre supplier to the World Touring Car Championship in 2007.

## APPOINTMENTS

Garry Connelly (Australia) was co-opted as a new member of the WMSC, to replace the late John Large.

Morrie Chandler was appointed President of the World Rally Championship Commission.

Hans-Christopher Mehmel was appointed President of the Rally Commission.

## KARTING

The 2007 CIK-FIA World Karting Championship will be held at Mariembourg, Belgium on 20-23 September.

The 2008 CIK-FIA World Karting Championship will be held at La Conca-Muro Leccese, Italy on 18-21 September.

New denominations for Karting categories are applicable from 1 January 2007, with a limitation of equipment for the 2007 CIK-FIA Championships, Cups and Trophies in respect of cost reduction and the introduction of new direct drive 'long life' 125cc engines in the categories equivalent to the current Formula A, ICA and ICA-Junior.

KF1	(125cc equivalent to FA)
KF2	(125cc equivalent to ICA)
KF3	(125cc equivalent to ICAJ)
KF4	(co-called basic Formula 125)
KZ1	(replacing Super ICC)
KZ2	(replacing ICC)
ICC-Sudam	(maintained)
Superkart	(maintained)
World Formula	(maintained)

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