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## ASN FORUM

# Stronger together

## ASN Forum highlights value of Sport Congresses and Sport Conference in forging links between Clubs

Yesterday's meeting of the ASN Forum highlighted the strong links forged between Clubs over the five years of its existence.

Opening the meeting, FIA President Jean Todt said: "I have had the privilege to attend all of the Regional Congresses in 2016 and each has been very successful in allowing ASNs to get to know each other better and in creating a more effective network. This contributes to the development of your organisations and makes all of us stronger together.

"We want your Clubs to develop and grow and as a result help us at the FIA to become stronger and more efficient," he added. "We are halfway up the mountain. We have some way still to go but thanks to your strength and your leadership we will get there."

FIA Vice President for Sport Graham Stoker meanwhile said that the success of the Forum was evidenced by the fact that yesterday's meeting was the fifth of its kind. "During this time the FIA has, I feel, moved from being purely a regulator to being an international governing body that provides tangible service benefits to its members. I think that is borne out by the fact that the Senate yesterday approved 72 sport grants."

The Forum then heard a report from Vice President Stoker on 2016 activity, focusing on the FIA Sport Conference in Turin and the six Regional Congresses, with the final edition to be staged next week in Slovakia. "Each has proved hugely successful in terms of networking, so I would urge you, if you know of an ASN that has not yet attended their local Congress or Sport Conference, get in touch and tell them to do so," he said.

Frédérique Trouvé, Director of ASN Development Programmes at the FIA and Manager of the FIA Women in Motorsport Commission then reported on the second Women in Motorsport Seminar, which took place in Lisbon, Portugal in October. The result of the two days of meetings was a constructive eight-point roadmap for the next four years' initiatives.

She also outlined the calendar of 2017 events, starting with the MENA Congress in March, followed by the Asia-Pacific Congress in Seoul, Korea, in April, FIA Sport Conference in Geneva, Switzerland

in June and the Americas Congress in Toronto, Canada in late July. The fourth Congress of 2017 will take place in Africa in August. This will be followed by the NEZ Congress in Stockholm, Sweden in October and the final Congress, CEZ, to be held in Vienna, Austria in December.

Vice President Stoker then outlined a key section of the morning's activity: the important of strategic planning for ASNs. At the 2016 NEZ Congress, a module was delivered covering the importance of strategic planning for ASNs, the findings of which included the need for ASNs to: consult widely among stakeholders; develop strategies for excellence; specify methods of measuring progress and widely communicate the strategy to ensure successful outcomes.

These, he said, help ASNs to set priorities, focus resources, define common goals and ultimately strengthen Clubs.

FIA Secretary General for Sport, Jean-Louis Valentin then took delegates through the FIA's sport action plan for 2017, including further refinement of the FIA single-seater pyramid, circuit championships, karting, rallying, off-road, historic and hill climb.

Task Force President Papadopoulos finally presented an update on the ASN Development Global Training Programme, highlighting the latest edition of the ASN Manual, which "will now run to five chapters from the original two, and will be available in six languages".





ACTAC

## Project to modernise permits gathers pace

Clubs come together to bring International Driving Permits into the 21<sup>st</sup> century

Yesterday's meeting for Arab Council for Touring and Automobile Clubs was perhaps unique in this special week for the FIA, as it was open to Clubs beyond the geographical boundaries of the sub-group.

The catalyst for the widened gathering was the significant subject of International Driving Permits (IDPs), which are issued by over 70 FIA Member Clubs from around the world. The process, which has not been updated in nearly 50 years, is under increasing threat from unofficial online vendors, and Clubs have led the charge for modernisation.

FIA Deputy President for Automobile Mobility and Tourism, Brian Gibbons, opened the meeting stating: "We are making a very important breakthrough. I want to stress how important the IDP is to Clubs and members. It hasn't changed for a long time – and it should have.

"Well done to all those who have

persevered in bringing this into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. A momentous change is underway."

Forging the path are the ACTAC Clubs, and Gibbons added: "Progressing the test phase has been facilitated by the UAE, who have championed the test programme. We will be testing how it can be refined and enhanced."

The online system is the main focus of reform, as it fulfils two main objectives: to increase the availability of information, and to allow Clubs to better understand their audience to encourage more effective marketing solutions.

Thierry Willemarck, President of FIA Region I, added, "I am pleased that the sub-region is interested in helping more than just its own members. It is encouraging and underlines the interest that there is in such a programme. This is a very strong and important project."



ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

## Debating developments in drifting

Region looks to implement standards for new discipline



Changes to the process by which rallying is developed, the growth in drifting and the exchange of officials between countries in the region were the chief topics up for discussion at yesterday's meeting of the Asia-Pacific Region.

Following an opening meeting of the Asia Zone group, the wider Asia-Pacific gathering began by discussing the region's Rally Working Group.

"We have a zone working group and a regional one," said Region President Morrie Chandler. "We need to get the two together so they think collectively and make common decisions. So we are going to combine those groups. That has been agreed to already and we updated on that process."

Delegates also discussed the progress of a Drifting Working Group in the region.

"Drifting is growing a lot, simply because you don't need to build a circuit.

You can stage it in a car park. There is ready access to venues.

"We have recognised that drifting is growing fast in different countries within the region, but they are doing it independently. We're saying let's do this collectively and start sharing ideas so that when people move between countries in Asia, the standards are the same across the Region. The Working Group has been established and now it's a case of growing it and working in co-operation with the FIA."

The group also talked about the exchange of motor sport officials between countries, an initiative that has been successful in the past.

"By official interchanging they learn ideas from other countries and they bring those back and it very much helps the development of the sport, so we are pushing that idea quite strongly."

## FIA FOUNDATION

# Foundation focuses on reaching the Global Goals

Lord Robertson emphasises urgency of need to persuade governments to act on road safety



Delivering programmes to achieve the mobility targets of the Global Goals for Sustainable Development was the theme of the FIA Foundation Annual General Meeting.

The meeting heard updates on a number of initiatives, including Global NCAP and the International Road Assessment Programme, which save thousands of lives every year. It also heard about the role of Latin NCAP in improving vehicle safety in Mexico and across South America, the way iRAP is influencing billions of dollars of road investment, and the new Child Health Initiative, which aims to ensure a safe journey for children.

In his opening speech FIA Foundation Chairman Lord Robertson emphasised the urgent task of persuading governments to prioritise road safety in the Global Goals. He praised the work of FIA President and UN Secretary General's

Special Envoy for Road Safety Jean Todt in promoting a new UN Road Safety Fund and voluntary safety commitments from global automakers. The meeting also heard from automobile clubs from Chile, Italy, Kenya and Moldova which are implementing initiatives with Foundation support. A major new FIA child restraint toolkit was presented. Work by ASNs from the Bahamas and the Philippines was also highlighted.

The AGM approved new Articles of Association, elected new trustees, including ÖAMTC President Werner Kraus, and heard from Honorary Chairman Rosario Alessi, who reminded members of the Foundation's achievements in road and motor sport safety and environmental protection over 15 years. John Dawson, outgoing Chairman of iRAP, stepped down from the trustee board and was praised for his contribution to road safety.

## FIA INSTITUTE

# Leaving a legacy of safety and sustainability

Organisation looks back on 12 years of innovation in motor sport

The FIA Institute held its final General Assembly today, where it was confirmed that it will complete its mission at the end of 2016, leaving behind a legacy of significantly improved safety and sustainability in motor sport championships worldwide.

Founded in 2004, the body has produced numerous developments that have made motor sport safer and more sustainable for competitors, officials and fans.

In Formula One, the FIA Institute's work can be seen in almost every area of the sport, including high-performance wheel tethers, advanced side impact systems, award-winning high-speed barriers, increased cockpit protection and reinforced helmets.

It is not just at the top level that the FIA Institute has been working. With the support of the FIA Foundation, which has provided an annual grant for research

projects, the Institute has improved safety at every level of motor sport.

On the sustainability front, the Institute's pioneering work has helped numerous motor sport organisations to improve their environmental performance through an accreditation scheme requiring them to follow best practice principles.

From 2017, the FIA will take on these education programmes and the Global Institute for Motor Sport Safety will handle safety research. This ensures the legacy of the Institute will be maintained.

"Although the FIA Institute will close at the end of 2016, we are immensely proud of the work completed over the last 12 years," said Gérard Saillant, President of the FIA Institute. "This could not have been achieved without the enduring support of the FIA Foundation. We look forward to this work being continued by the Global Institute and the FIA."





## INTERNATIONAL HISTORIC COMMISSION

# Looking into the future of the past

The CHI discussed ways of improving visibility and preparing for the coming years



Chaired by the President of the International Historic Commission (CHI), Franz Graf zu Ortenburg, representatives of historical motoring gathered yesterday to discuss the task of increasing visibility and dealing with the future of mobility legislation around the world with the objective to keep historic vehicles on our public roads.

“FIA President Jean Todt has asked that we strive for higher visibility of the FIA in the historic world,” said Graf zu Ortenburg. “I think a good way to begin would be to ensure that the FIA and Federation Internationale des Vehicules Anciens (FIVA) move as one, with the same goals.”

Delegates were invited to offer their suggestions to achieve this, with responses including the creation of consistent branding and merchandising for Member Clubs to use. It was also suggested that the members of the CHI use their extensive networks at events to raise awareness of the FIA’s historical motoring activity.

To that end, FIVA representative at the CHI, David Whale, presented an update report on some of the key legislative factors affecting historic motoring, particularly highlighting the international influence of the meeting.

“We are seeing greater representation of countries on a global basis,” he said. “We are very conscious at FIVA that the content of our discussions is quite eurocentric. There is a concerted move in FIVA to extend this consideration.”

The issue of modern urban mobility sparked a lively discussion, as the Commission considered action to protect the existence of historic cars on modern roads. In Europe, the anticipated impact of the autonomous car and how older technology can exist in that ecosystem was discussed, with some suggesting following the model of the aviation industry in which older machines are retrofitted with modern safety technology.

## YESTERDAY AT THE AGA

# Farewell party

Yesterday evening the Hofburg Palace played host to a special celebration in honour of ÖAMTC President Werner Kraus who is retiring this year. He was presented with a commemorative gift by Tim Shearman, President of the CAA and President of FIA Region III. Mr Kraus will be succeeded in the role of President of the AIT by Thierry Willemarck, President of FIA Region I.



  
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