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Welcome to the fifth edition of the FIA AUTO + newsletter. In this issue we look back at the 2013 Mobility Conference Week at which delegates were presented with an inspiring vision of a connected future. The associated opportunities and challenges of this imminent transformation were debated and discussed at the event, hosted by the ANWB in The Hague.

You will also learn about a new CAA campaign to focus attention on distracted driving, the reason why the Australian election result was good news for the nation's roads, and a new electric kart track set up for children by the FFSA in Paris.

We hope that you enjoy this edition, and as always, we welcome any feedback you may have.

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Canadian Automobile Association

CAA focuses attention on distracted driving

Replying to a text message takes an average of 33.6 seconds. If you're driving on a residential road, this means that in the time taken to tell a work colleague you'll be late for that important you'll have missed 85 parked cars, 36 houses or five intersections.

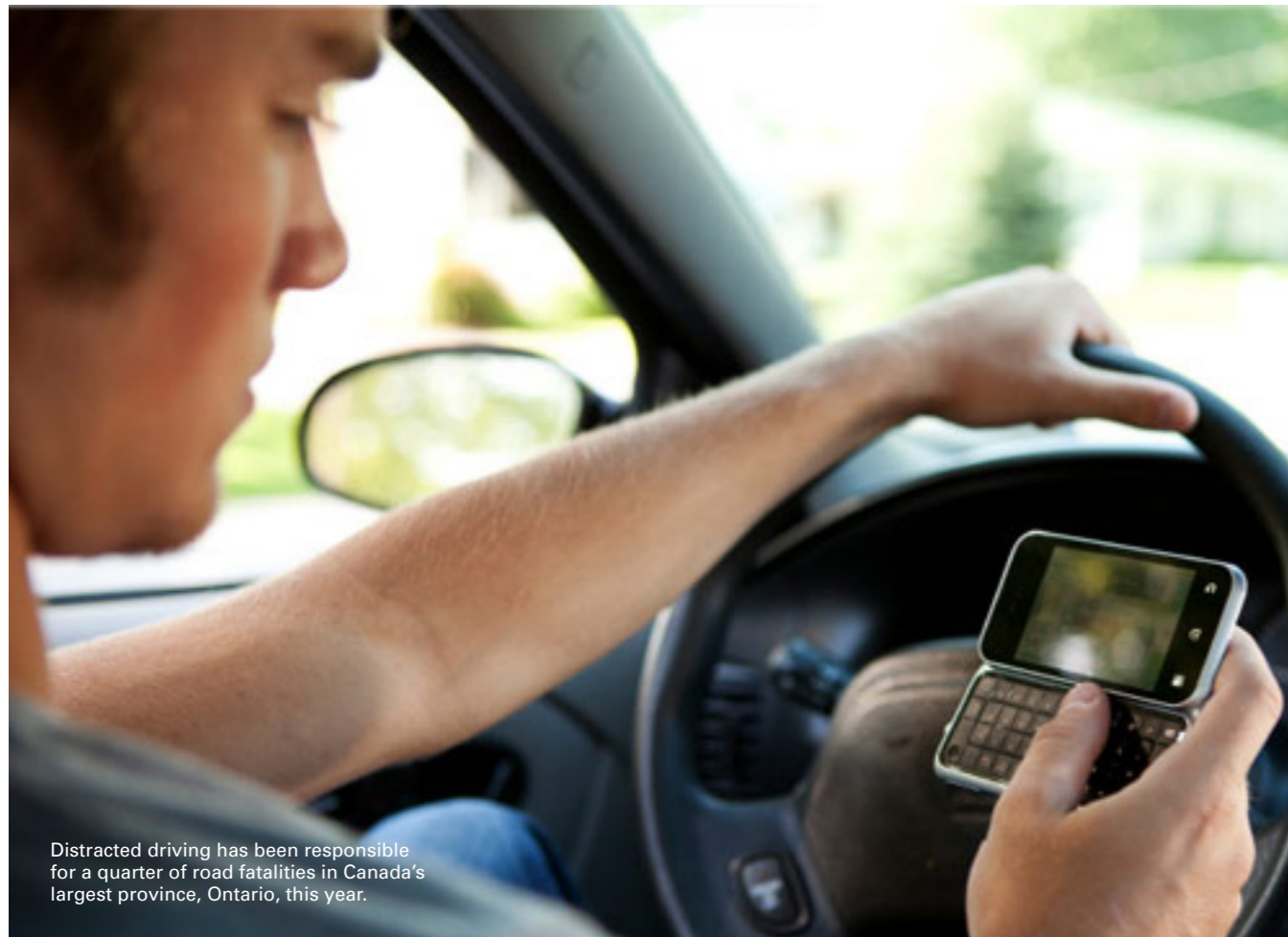
In Ontario, Canada's largest province, police say over a quarter of the deaths this year on roads have been the result of "inattentiveness" while driving. The majority of these cases involved drivers texting or talking on the phone while at the wheel. Speaking to national media, Jeff Walker, CAA National's VP, Public Affairs, said that the club's primary

concern is that Canadian society has not yet deemed texting and driving to be socially unacceptable. The club is calling for the same sort of action to be taken on texting and driving that made drinking and driving unacceptable two generations ago.

With fatalities related to distracted driving on the increase, the CAA has made the issue a priority for 2014 and the club plans to launch a major campaign, targeting young drivers, on the dangers of texting and driving.

Many Canadians have already visited the CAA's online Distracted Driving Simulator at distracteddriving.caa.ca, where they are able to see, in a dramatic visual format, what they could miss on the road when performing common but unsafe tasks while driving, such as sending a text message, answering a phone call, eating, drinking or simply adjusting the radio.

You can view the full interview with the CAA's Jeff Walker at www.youtube.com/watch?v=K4hfQ_ApqEI.



Distracted driving has been responsible for a quarter of road fatalities in Canada's largest province, Ontario, this year.

Australian Automobile Association

Election result good news for Australia's roads

Stronger investment in vital transport infrastructure is expected in Australia following the change of government at the recent national election according to the Australian Automobile Association (AAA).

Polling day on 7 September 2013 was the culmination of an unprecedented advocacy effort by Australian clubs to make easing road congestion and improving road safety major election issues.

In the four months leading up to the election, a campaign by the AAA and its constituent clubs used large-scale advertising as well as community events to mobilise their 7 million members.

"The change of government is a welcome result for road users as the Liberal/Nationals coalition outlined a strong agenda to invest in major transport infrastructure across Australia," said AAA President Mr Ross Herron. "It was encouraging that the incoming Prime Minister had listened to our concerns and made specific reference in his victory speech to building the roads of the 21st century, an acknowledgement that improved transport infrastructure must be a major priority for Australia."

"There is an extensive agenda for the new government to secure stronger investment and new approaches to infrastructure funding as a top economic reform priority," Mr Herron added.

A specially developed website, demandbetterroads.com.au provided club members with relevant information ahead of the election, with a 'report card' of the major political parties policies continually reviewed and updated by the AAA. More than 22,000 club members used the campaign website to email their member of parliament with their concerns ahead of the election.



COMPARE THE POLITICAL PARTIES

In this election year, the AAA wants the political parties to commit to taking action on the following issues for the benefit of the seven million motoring club members across Australia and the wider community. See how they compare below.

POLICY PRIORITY	LABOR	COALITION	GREENS
1 Stronger Investment in Infrastructure	GOOD	GOOD	POOR
2 New Approaches to Funding	PARTIAL	GOOD	POOR
3 Increased Focus on Road Safety	PARTIAL	GOOD	PARTIAL
4 Safeguard Consumer Choice in relation to Vehicle Service and Repair	POOR	GOOD	PARTIAL
5 Clear and Accurate Fuel Price Advertising	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD
6 Promote Consumer Awareness about Safer Vehicles	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	PARTIAL
7 Support for Safer Roads in the Asia Pacific Region	POOR	PARTIAL	PARTIAL

Automobil Club Din Moldova



Moldovan children present their 'Speed Limit 50' signs as part of the ACM's safety campaign.

Children tell drivers to slow down in Moldova

Children lined the streets of Moldova's cities, holding 'Speed Limit 50' road signs, as part of a series of actions carried out by the Automobile Club of Moldova (ACM) to remind drivers to respect the speed limit.

Standing alongside police officers, the children advised drivers to take particular care when driving near schools and thanked road users who did not exceed the speed limit. Drivers were pleased to receive gifts from the children such as air fresheners with the message 'Speeding Kills!'.

In response to the large numbers of adult and child road deaths which have come about as a result of excessive speed in the country, the campaign focused on the main cities of Chisinau, Balti and Comrat.

The campaign is being carried out within the framework of the 'Be aware, be safe!' project, with the support of the ProtectMD Foundation and the National Patrol Inspectorate (NPI). For more information on the event coverage, please visit: saferoads.md/index.php?view=news&t=road_safety_actions_in_gagauzia



Automobile Club d'Italia

ACI STORICO aims to preserve motoring history

One hundred and eight years after its foundation, the ACI has dusted off the club's original logo of 1905 to take on a new commitment to protecting motoring heritage, through supporting owners of historic cars.

The club recently launched ACI STORICO, a project to promote the interests of classic vehicle owners and enthusiasts, and to ensure they get the necessary support to follow their passion, which is being endangered by the economic crisis, high costs and increased bureaucracy.

"ACI is supporting historic vehicle owners to help them pursue their dream", said ACI President, Angelo Sticchi Damiani. "We've always crowded along roads to see the most fascinating and powerful cars whizz along. This is out of curiosity and passion. ACI wants to keep alive the fire of that passion."

Under the framework of the project, the ACI will set up its own National Historic Vehicle Register, which will be open to club members and non-members.

Among other benefits, membership of ACI STORICO will include entertainment opportunities as well as access to an online library featuring a wide range of documents, books, publications and historical records related to the nation's automotive past.



A classic Austin Healey sports car, one of the star attractions at the launch of the ACI STORICO project.



Automobile Club d'Italia

Automóvel Club de Portugal

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Automovil Club del Uruguay



A scene from the ACP's child-focused safe road use TV campaign 'One Safety Minute Kids'.

FÍB'S traffic safety week focuses on pedestrian safety

Pedestrian safety, especially of children on their way to and from school, was the main focus of a special traffic safety week organised by Iceland's FÍB between 26 August and 2 September.

With children beginning to start school again and the darkest period of the year in the country approaching, the club says school children should have access to the best and safest ways to cross the street safely.

For a long time in Reykjavik, it has been the policy not to mark pedestrian crossings with black and white stripes as legally required. Instead, an ad-hoc pedestrian crossing system has been created (see photo below). This has created confusion and is dangerous for both pedestrians and motorists.

For many years the FÍB has been critical of this failing and the club has called for improvements, but without success. Indeed, the authorities have often expressed the view that clearly marked crossings are more dangerous than poorly marked crossings or those with no markings at all. The FÍB does not agree.

The FÍB campaign attracted much attention, with many media outlets covering the story (radio, television and newspapers). A large number of articles and photos were published in local papers, and many interviews and reports were recorded by both radio and television stations, helping to raise awareness of the overall issue of traffic safety. The general public also took an active part in the campaign, and sent hundreds of pictures of hazardous pedestrian crossings to FÍB. To watch the FÍB video on pedestrian safety click here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFnoGsrjyRo&feature=player_embedded



Iceland's FÍB is calling for clearer marking on pedestrian crossings in a bid to protect children walking to and from school.

ACP launches children's safety TV campaign

The Automóvel Club de Portugal (ACP) has launched the first children's road safety program for Portuguese television, entitled "One Safety Minute Kids."

The ACP mascot, named Junior, teaches children in a single minute about the greatest dangers travelling to and from school. In a fun and informative format, they learn how to walk safely, how to use pedestrian crossings and what to do if their ball rolls into the middle of the street. They also learn the importance of using child restraint systems and the meaning of traffic signs.

Each programme deals with a specific topic, using real images along with animation to engage younger audiences, and the shows focus on actions children should avoid when crossing or walking on the street.

The club's goal for these daily 60-second TV spots is to influence the behaviour of future drivers. Statistics show that Portugal is above the European average for road deaths and injuries. Eleven children per day were injured in road accidents in 2011.

An exhibition space, AC Pintores, has also been created for children to display drawings of the lessons learned while watching the programmes.



As part of the ACU's 95th anniversary celebration, the Club opens 2 new Service centres.

Automobile Club of Uruguay celebrates its 95th anniversary

For almost a century now, the Automobile Club of Uruguay (ACU) has grown to become the biggest club in the country, offering mechanical assistance to its members in every corner of the country.

The club is also involved in the organisation and support of local motor sport events, as well as the running of community road safety programmes, and as such the club has become a first reference point for Uruguayan motorists.

As part of the celebration of its 95th anniversary, on 17 June this year the ACU re-opened the Area of Mechanical Services on the ground floor of its Central Services Station located in the heart of downtown Montevideo. Club President Jorge Tomasi Crisci was on hand to inaugurate the newly remodelled facility.

Continuing the celebrations, on 26 July a new Services Base in Ciudad de la Costa, was opened on the 21.5 km Giannattasio Avenue (a central and strategic point of the surrounding area). This will provide the highest level of service to members.

For the rest of the year, the club plans to continue developing outstanding projects and new services for its members. In this way, the club will continue to fulfil its historic mission to provide security and confidence to members and their families.



FIA Mobility

Connecting in The Hague

Featuring four days of fascinating sessions, intense networking and sparkling social occasions, Mobility Conference Week 2013 was an event to remember.

Hosted by Dutch club the ANWB to coincide with the organisation's 130th anniversary, FIA Mobility Conference Week 2013 packed an enormous amount of activity into four exciting days in the beautiful Dutch city of The Hague.

Picking up on the conference's title of 'Connected for the Future', FIA President Todt opened the event on Tuesday by explaining that the theme "concerns the links the FIA has forged with its clubs, as well as the links clubs have forged with one another".

He continued by saying that "uniting 236 clubs from 139 countries around common objectives is a complex mission. That is why we have had to modernise our structure and offer services that are more adapted to your needs."

The day's other major presentation saw the ANWB tour delegates through its history via an illuminating lecture by club historian Hans Buijer who explained how, in 1883, the ANWB had been set up as the Nederlandsche Vélocipèdisten-Bond, a cycling club for men interested in racing bikes.

Day one also featured an optional trip to the ANWB's emergency and technical centres, to see how the club handles more than 2.3 million calls per year.

A full first day in The Hague came to a close with a cocktail evening held in the architecturally impressive Rotunda of the ANWB's headquarters.

Day two began with the first of the week's keynote addresses, delivered by trendwatcher Adjiedj Bakas, who

urged clubs to embrace an era of change in the world of mobility. "A lot of people are afraid of the future, it's like a train coming towards you," he said. "But if you know the train is coming, you can prepare yourself."

Far from being apprehensive about a future defined by self-driving cars that could threaten clubs' business models, Dr Bakas said such developments must be seen as a great opportunity. "You can exploit these cars," he said. "You can own thousands of these cars and rent them to customers. This is one possible business opportunity for you."

The day's other major event was the iMobility Challenge at Valkenburg Airport.

Attended by Formula One stars Nico Rosberg and Giedo van der Garde the event allowed delegates to get first-hand experience of a vast range of future alternative energy-powered cars.

The penultimate day in The Hague was perhaps the busiest, starting with a fascinating lecture, entitled 'Connecting Cars', by Ton Steenman, Vice President of Intel's Intelligent Systems Group.

Steenman gave delegates an insider's view of the radical changes happening in motoring through the application of advanced computing. He explained how in the future the vast quantities of data generated by cars and road infrastructure would be used to enhance the motoring experience through the development of new services, which could present new revenue streams for clubs.

The rest of the day was given over to, first, a quartet of workshops designed to explore the week's theme in greater detail and then to a 'share fair' which offered delegates a closer look at some services offered by the FIA, including the Road Safety Grant programme, the FIA University and the issuance of international driving licences.

The workshops saw delegates discuss how the 'big data' alluded to in Steenman's keynote address would be used, as well as how clubs can retain the value of the data generated by their memberships. The remaining workshops focused on retaining clients by developing durable relationships, which can be enhanced by technology, and a discussion centred on ageing populations and how to cater for the demographic.

Day three was brought to a close with a sumptuous gala dinner at the spectacular Louwman Museum, home to one of the world's finest car collections.

The final day saw Professor David Metz of the Centre for Transport Studies at University College London and José Viégas, Secretary General of the International Transport Forum deliver the event's final keynote address - "The Car: What's Next?"

Professor Metz pointed to a future in which traffic management information will become increasingly relevant and advised clubs to get involved in harvesting and selling this information to members.

Professor Viégas, meanwhile, spoke of a future defined by autonomous cars and said that automobile organisations were ideally placed to act as service providers or brokers in this field. "You can be something like a wholesaler or a mobility provider - you can be the honest broker," he said. "You have independence from manufacturers and you have the trust of customers, don't throw it away."

Following closing speeches from President Todt and ANWB President Guido van Woerkom, Deputy President Mobility Brian Gibbons then brought the event to a close by revealing that next year's conference will be held in Melbourne, Australia, from September 16-20, hosted by the RACV.



Automobile and Motorcycle Association of Serbia



AMSS' helmet promotion scheme aims to reduce the number of two-wheeled fatalities in Serbia.

500 helmets given to AMSS members

In a bid to reduce the 1,200 road crashes involving motorcycles in Serbia in 2012, including 91 fatalities, the Automobile and Motorcycle Association of Serbia (AMSS) recently gave away more than 500 helmets to its members as part of a high profile helmet wearing campaign – the sixth year the club has done so.

The project, supported by the AMS insurance company aimed to improve the awareness of motorcyclists of the dangers on the road. Riders of powered two-wheelers are particularly at risk during the summer period.

Unfortunately, there is still a large number of motorcyclists, in particular in rural areas, who do not wear a safety helmet – even though mandatory use is required by law. Statistics show that 60% of motorcycle casualties could have been prevented had a helmet been worn.

What is even more shocking is that two thirds of the motorcycle casualties involve people under 30 years of age. Speeding, overtaking, not giving the right of way, entering traffic incorrectly, riding under the influence of alcohol, and not wearing a safety helmet are the primary causes of fatal collisions.

In total the AMSS has given away 5,000 homologated safety helmets over the six years in which the campaign has been carried out. Education and training campaigns, targeted in the first instance at teenagers for whom the use of scooters is particularly popular, have also been a key part of the programme.



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FIA Mobility

Second Meeting of the Expert Group on Global Road Safety

The second meeting of the Expert Group on Global Road Safety was held on 2-3 September in Paris. The report of the group will be published later this year, with both recommendations for action and a new website tool to be made available to clubs.

The panel of road safety experts, made up of leading academics, representatives from international organisations and policy makers, discussed the first draft of the report prepared by the SWOV Institute for Road Safety – the independent research institute based in the Netherlands that has been commissioned to lead the work.

The panellists gave their input on how the FIA can best use its available resources to support clubs in raising awareness of the global road safety issue at national, regional and global levels. They also recommended actions clubs can take in their own countries to improve road safety. Key questions included how to generate and allocate funding, the putting in place of an effective organisational framework backed up by accurate data, and concrete actions and interventions available to both the FIA and its members,

particularly in developing countries. A proposed outline for a website tool to be made available to clubs was presented to panellists for a first appraisal.

The tool will offer easy access to information on best practice examples of road safety campaigning, including different steps available to clubs to influence policy makers, ideas on how to best engage members on the issue and concrete actions that will improve road safety.

With the FIA's Action for Road Safety campaign supporting the UN Decade of Action's ambitious goal to save 5 million lives on the road by 2020, the report was commissioned with the aim of identifying arguments and successful strategies for making sure road safety is given the high priority on national and international political agendas it deserves. The report also provides information on a number of road safety strategies and actions.

More specifically, the study aims to outline today's global road safety problems and those of the decade ahead, identifying likely success factors, opportunities and challenges to improving road safety for the FIA and its clubs.



Left to right: Susan Pikrallidas, Felipe Rodriguez Laguens, Noel Brett, Fred Wegman, Geetam Tiwari, Christian Gerondeau, Ingrid Van Schagen, Rick Pain, Niall Carty, Olivier Lenz.

Bosnia and Herzegovina Automobile Club

Travelling safely with BIHAMK vehicle inspections

Preventive on-the-spot roadside vehicle inspections and minor repairs were recently carried out by the Bosnia and Herzegovina Automobile Club's (BIHAMK) as part of its 'Travel Safety' action for members and non-members.

The initiative has been regularly carried out by the club during the peak of the summer holiday season in July.

After almost a month of testing by BIHAMK's patrolmen and traffic police in 22 locations across the country, it was found that only 55% of inspected vehicles on the roads of Bosnia and Herzegovina met acceptable standards.

The remaining 45% of cars had problems in particular with regard to signalling, steering, braking or electronics. Many cars also had problems with regard to tyre pressure levels. Given that most of the cars inspected were on average over 16 years-old, this was not surprising.

The club used the information gathered to raise awareness among the relevant road authorities and the public of the disappointing roadworthiness standard of passenger cars in the country.

BIHAMK



BIHAMK found that just 55% of vehicles tested during its Travel Safety programme met acceptable standards.

Camping and Caravanning Club (UK)



Britain's CCC says there is no evidence to suggest roadworthiness testing of caravans will make roads safer.

CCC opposes calls for caravan test

The UK's Camping and Caravanning Club is urging all caravanners to write to their local MEP and oppose a European Commission proposal to apply a British Ministry of Transport-style (MOT) roadworthiness test to touring caravans.

The European Parliament has called for an alteration to the European Commission's draft proposals for a regulation on the periodic roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers.

If the suggested changes to current legislation become law, caravans with a Maximum Authorised Mass of more than 750kg and trailers over 2,000kg will be required to take the proposed test.

Robert Loudon MBE, the club's Director General, said: "The club fully supports all measures to make our roads safer. However, there is no evidence to suggest roadworthiness testing would improve road safety and I would urge members to write to their MEP outlining their concerns and opposition.

"Caravans have been singled out in these proposals and that is completely unfair."

According to the club, and industry research, the primary causes for accidents involving caravans in the UK are driving too fast for the conditions, overloading, poor weight distribution, poor car-caravan match, and tyre condition.

Furthermore, a Department for Transport study showed that only about 1% all accidents involved a towed unit, and the majority of those weighed more than 3,500kg.

To introduce the registration scheme into the UK would require estimated implementation costs of more than £230 million – not including training and the creation of the necessary infrastructure.

Mr Loudon added: "We would rather see taxpayers' money spent on education and training to prevent potential problems."



The Camping and Caravanning Club
London Road, Boreham

New Zealand Automobile Association

NZAA offers free driving lessons to new drivers

The New Zealand Automobile Association (NZAA) is offering a free driving lesson to learner drivers in a new programme to help make roads safer.

Car crashes are the leading cause of death for New Zealanders aged between 16 and 20 and more than a third of fatalities on the country's roads involve drivers between the age of 16 and 24.

Brian Gibbons, NZAA chief executive and FIA Deputy President for Mobility, says too many young people are dying on the nation's roads and this new initiative is the Association's way of helping to change this.

"We are committed to the Decade of Action for Road Safety, the New Zealand government's road safety strategy, and making our country's roads safer for all motorists," he insisted.

"By investing in new drivers and equipping them with the right tools to be safe drivers at the beginning of their driving careers, we hope this will make roads safer for everyone," he added.

A pilot project was launched on 1 July in two New Zealand cities, Tauranga and Hamilton, and a free professional driving lesson was offered to drivers who were NZAA Members or the sons or daughters of NZAA Members.

Since July the pilot has been extended to a further four towns, and there are plans to roll out the offer New Zealand-wide during 2014. For further information, visit www.aa.co.nz/free-driving-lessons



A young driver receiving tuition as part of the NZAA's free driving lessons initiative.

The FFSA's electric kart track in Paris. Photo: DPPI



Fédération Française du Sport Automobile

FFSA on track in the heart of Paris

A 150-metre long electric kart track was the central attraction of the Paris Plages FFSA Kart Jeunes which took place from 20 July to 11 August 2013 and which was attended by over 4,000 participants.

Children from six years-old and up had the opportunity to race on the track, and also to meet Formula One driver Jean-Éric Vergne.

“The Kart Jeunes FFSA operation is an important part of the Federation’s promotion of motor sport and kart racing in France”, said Nicolas Deschaux, the President of the French Motor Sports Federation (FFSA). “This endeavour is one of the objectives that the FFSA has fixed itself to give youngsters

their first taste of motor sport and karts at no cost.

“Another aim of the operation is to promote clean vehicles and sustainable mobility through the use of electric karts”, he added.

The agreement between the city of Paris and the FFSA is the tangible result of strong collaboration between the two bodies for a summer event aimed at the general public.



Confederation of Australian Motor Sport

Rally drivers pass safety message to teenagers

Leading drivers in the FIA World Rally Championship at the Australian Coates Hire Rally joined together to give youngsters who have yet to drive some advice on road safety in Coffs Harbour.

The WRC drivers, including championship leader Sébastien Ogier, closest challenger Thierry Neuville, third-placed Jari-Matti Latvala and Mikko Hirvonen, visited Orara High School, where they signed autographs, posed for photographs and chatted to hundreds of enthusiastic students.

They also used the opportunity to endorse the messages of the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport’s (CAMS) Ignition program for pre-licence teenagers and the FIA Action for Road Safety campaign.

“The Ignition program is CAMS’ contribution to Australian road safety and part of the FIA’s Action for Road Safety campaign and is one of the most unique and promising road safety initiatives,” said CAMS President Andrew Papadopoulos.

He added that Ignition is designed to educate young people in safe approaches to driving on public roads. The programme features theoretical and practical workshops to help educate teenagers on road use attitude, behaviour, awareness and hazard perception.

Twenty-four students received theoretical and hands-on training in a two-hour session, where the instructors included 26-year-old Samantha Reid, a racing driver and one of Australia’s youngest fully-qualified driver trainers.



Pupils of the Orara High School in Coffs Harbour received some safe driving tips from the stars of the World Rally Championship.

Me and My Car Photo Project

The Car's the Star

In the last edition of AUTO+ we asked you to submit photos of yourselves with your beloved cars with an explanation of how you came to own it and what it means to you.

So far we've had a great response, such as that of CAMS' Jos Roder (pictured), but we'd like more! Also, in showing the passion we all have for motoring, we'd like to specify that the car should be your own private automobile, not a club-owned or promotional vehicle. We want to demonstrate the love we all have for automobiles by showcasing your personal pride and joy. It could be a Ferrari or a FIAT, brand new or vintage, a Renault or a Rolls Royce – as long as it's the car you love, we want to hear about it.

All you have to do is send high resolution images of you with your car with an explanation of how you got it, where the photograph was taken and why you love your car to: fiaphotoproject@gmail.com.

If you would like to get more information about the contest requirements and about the prizes on offer, please send an email to the above address.



Hong Kong Automobile Association



The HKAA's Young Driver Safety programme now includes motor sport safety advice.

HKAA expands motor sport safety programme in 2013

Building on the success of its Road Safety Rangers programme, and with the support of the FIA Institute, the Hong Kong Automobile Association (HKAA) has expanded its Young Driver Safety programme into the area of motor sport safety this year.

The programme ran comprehensive seminars in early 2013 on circuit and road safety issues for 80 students from a local higher education institute. The initiative not only promoted circuit and road safety, but also aimed to create opportunities for young drivers to develop their skills to a higher level.

Meanwhile, 30 selected young drivers attended an advanced training course from March to August at Guangdong International Circuit (the HKAA home circuit), focusing on circuit safety, and the enhancement of driving technique and behaviour. Ten of them have been invited to a final performance test at a racing event in September 2013.



Motor Sports Association UK

MSA UK helps young drivers to maximise their potential

The Motor Sports Association UK's MSA Academy talent development programme has once again been running a free series of Performance Master Classes at events across Britain this season, educating young drivers in sports science, human performance and anti-doping.

The last month has been particularly busy for the Performance Master Classes team of MSA Coaches, who have visited a race weekend at Silverstone, a rally in Northern Ireland, a kart meeting at Clay Pigeon and a rallycross event at Lydden Hill.

"The workshops cover topics such as psychology, the technical and tactical elements of competitive driving, media, communications and much more," said Nick Bunting, MSA Chief Executive.

"They also teach young drivers about the importance of anti-doping, which is essential for clean and fair competition. Furthermore, the MSA Coaches provide one-on-one advice and feedback for junior competitors to help them make the most of their abilities."

The MSA Academy also features the Team UK national squad, whose members include drivers such as Jack Harvey, a GP3 race winner at Monza last month, and Elfyn Evans, who most recently challenged Robert Kubica for WRC2 victory on the ADAC Rallye Deutschland.



Aspiring racing drivers are given Anti-Doping advice at one of the MSA's Performance Master Classes.

National Automobilsport Federation of Hungary



MNASZ's Driving Centre is this year focusing on teaching youngsters safe road use.

Together for safety at Hungaroring

Groupama Garancia Driving Centre, located at the Hungaroring near Budapest has become one of the international partners of the FIA with the support of the National Automobilsport Federation of Hungary (MNASZ). The development is part of the ASN's programme to promote conscientious and safe driving, under the heading of Action for Road Safety.

"Our driving centre has been operating for 15 years, raising people's awareness of the importance of road safety," said Julia Gazsi, Manager of the Driving Centre. "It was a great honour to receive the symbolic blue helmet during this year's Formula One Hungarian Grand Prix from Mr Jean Todt himself."

In 2013, the ASN is focusing on children and youth programmes designed for schools and families, as well as on events for people living with disabilities.

"Apart from usual driving courses, prevention also plays a major part of our work," added Ms Gazsi. "Statistics prove that inexperienced young drivers are at biggest risk on the road, so as a woman and a mother I personally think these programmes are very important. We must also consider disabled people, who actively take part in road traffic, and who with the help of our trained instructors, can become better prepared for unexpected traffic situations."



FIA Institute

Gelzinis wins Academy Euro selection

After three days of rigorous testing and evaluation in Teesdorf, Austria, 22-year old Ignas Gelzinis has won a place at the FIA Institute Young Driver Excellence Academy.

Gelzinis, who was nominated by the Lithuanian Automobile Sport Federation, emerged victorious from a 25-strong field of candidates for the single guaranteed European spot.

On the final day, the group was whittled down to the top six, who competed in a shoot-out on track. Given that each of the 25 drivers was the number one pick of the FIA National Sporting Authority of their country, getting into the final six was a huge achievement in itself. The other five finalists were Kevin Demaerschalk (22, Belgium), Jake Dennis (18, UK), Michelle Gattung (19, Denmark), Erik Johansson (16, Sweden) and Denis Olsen (17, Norway).

Armed with the same high-performance Lexus road cars they had trained in over the previous two days, the six were timed through a course that included fast, sweeping corners and tight, technical sections. Marks were deducted for mistakes and while the fastest time was very important, consideration was given to the overall performance throughout the three days and especially to understanding the technical and safety aspects of racing.

In the end, Gelzinis was crowned the winner after demonstrating speed, consistency and understanding over the three days. He claimed the first guaranteed place on 2013 Young Driver Excellence Academy but all 25 drivers benefited from the experience of this qualifying event. Special praise went to 16-year old Swede



The top six finishers at the European selection event for the FIA Institute Young Driver Excellence Academy.



Ignas Gelzinis

Erik Johansson and Denmark's Michelle Gattung, the only female driver at the event, who both showed great improvement and narrowly missed out as overall winners. They are now in strong contention for the three wild card places that will be decided at the end of the global selection process.

Academy judges Alex Wurz and Robert Reid were impressed with the high level of performance throughout the event. "The quality of the intake for this year's European selection event has been so high," said Wurz. "And what was really cool was to see how well prepared all of the drivers were. It was so hard to be a judge on this event and the tough decision was really focused on the final day when we had the six drivers in the shoot-out. In the end, we have a very fair winner in Ignas. They would all have made a very good case for winning and all 25 of them go away from here having learned a lot."

Coming from a solid karting background and from winning the 2009 and 2010 Lithuanian championships, Gelzinis now competes in the British Renault Clio Cup. He will soon join an impressive list of Academy alumni that includes Formula One test driver Alex Rossi and World Rally Championship drivers Andreas Mikkelsen and Kevin Abbring.

FIA Institute



Abdullah Bamogaddam, who will become the first Saudi to participate in the FIA Institute's Young Driver Excellence Academy.

Bamogaddam becomes first Saudi driver at Academy

After an intensive three days of tests and evaluations at Abu Dhabi's Yas Marina Circuit, Abdullah Bamogaddam, who was nominated by the Saudi Arabian Motor Federation, has earned selection to the FIA Institute's 2013/14 Young Driver Excellence Academy.

Bamogaddam won his place on the fully-funded Academy programme based on his overall display on the track, at the gym and in the classroom during the Middle East and Mediterranean selection event at Yas Marina, the home of F1's Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. He becomes the first-ever Saudi driver to make it onto the Academy.

He now has the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of previous participants in the Academy who have gone on to great things, including Formula One test driver Alex Rossi and Volkswagen factory World Rally Championship drivers Andreas Mikkelsen and Kevin Abbring.

However, there were no losers in Abu Dhabi, as each of the other 14 other young drivers nominated by their FIA National Sporting Authorities gained invaluable knowledge and experience to help them in their careers.

"I'm very excited, it's a wonderful feeling," said 19-year-old Bamogaddam, who was acclaimed as the winner by Dr Mohammed Ben Sulayem, President of the Automobile and Touring Club of the UAE, which organised the selection event on behalf of the FIA Institute.

"I'm joining the best motor sport academy in the world, with the best trainers, the best facilities, the best of everything, so it will help me a lot in my career," added Bamogaddam.

Sulayem, the FIA Vice President for Sport, commented: "We're proud and delighted to have been chosen by the FIA Institute to host this event, and I have been so impressed by the quality of everything that has been done here over the

last three days.

"Abdullah now has a great opportunity to take his career to another level through the Academy programme, and each of the other drivers will go away from Abu Dhabi with more valuable knowledge and experience, and more friends in the motor sport community."

The final day of the selection event featured a classroom session on sports science, before the 15 drivers were quizzed by the judging panel, consisting of ATCUAE Motorsport Director Ronan Morgan, senior driving instructor Norbert Filippits and the FIA Institute's Kate Robson.

Six drivers were then chosen for a shoot-out, with Kuwait's Zaid Ashkanani (19), Georgia's Irakli Chkheidze (22), Syria's Yazan Hamadeh (20), Cypriot Panikos Polykarpou (22), Turkey's Gun Tasdelen (19) and Bamogaddam each setting off on timed laps of the Grand Prix circuit in the brand new high performance Nissan 370Zs used throughout three days of driving tests.

Ultimately, the choice of Bamogaddam as the regional winner was based not only on the shoot-out and all-round driving skills displayed over the three days, but also on physical fitness, mental sharpness, and ability to deal with the pressures and responsibilities faced in top level motor sport.

Meanwhile, the other drivers could yet earn one of three wild card places in the Academy which will be awarded after the last of the five regional qualifying events has been held.

Beginning in November, the next Academy provides a fully-funded training programme which aims to help drivers develop their motor sport careers, whilst increasing safety skills and actively promoting the principles of safety, fairness and responsibility on and off the track.

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Workshop demonstrates Americas progress

The FIA Institute hosted its latest motor sport development workshop in Buenos Aires, Argentina in August. FIA National Sporting Authorities (ASNs) from across the Americas have proved to be the most proactive in the world in terms of engaging with the Motor Sport Safety Development Fund, which has led to major progress for the sport in the region.

Up to and including the last funding round, 52 projects have taken place in 21 countries across Latin America, with 88% of eligible clubs engaging with the initiative. Recent projects include the creation a regional rally marshal seminar in Bolivia and a new entry-level development programme for young circuit competitors in Mexico, with a focus on safety awareness.

Chaired by FIA Institute Executive Committee member Enzo Spano, the Institute workshop enabled motor sport experts and stakeholders to discuss the work of the FIA Institute and the Motor Sport Safety Development Fund, notably in relation to the continued development of grass roots motor sport in Latin America. Sustainability was also a key area of discussion.

The workshop then heard from Mexican ASN OMDAI, which will be hosting the Americas qualifier for the FIA Institute Young Driver Excellence Academy on 14-17 October.

"I am proud of the work that the Institute has done to engage with the Americas," said FIA Institute President Gérard Saillant dueing his opening address to the workshop. "As a result of these efforts the American funding zone is the most successful in the world."

The workshop formed part of the FIA American Congress and was attended by 20 ASNs from across the region as well as other motor sport experts and stakeholders, including a delegation from NASCAR.



Jorge Abed, General Secretary OMDAI.

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(Left to right) Jean Todt, Adrian Scholtz, Gérard Saillant.

South Africa achieves highest training standard

Motorsport South Africa (MSA) has been presented with the FIA Institute's Officials' Award for the Achievement of Excellence after demonstrating the highest standards of motor sport marshalling and training.

MSA is the first National Sporting Authority (ASN) to achieve this in Africa and is now an official FIA Institute Regional Training Provider (RTP). As an RTP it can help to train other ASNs, with financial support from the Motor Sport Safety Development Fund.

FIA President Jean Todt and FIA Institute President Gérard Saillant presented the Achievement of Excellence award to MSA CEO Adrian Scholtz at the FIA Institute's African workshop in Botswana.

"It is important to have a top training provider in Africa," said Todt. "Motorsport South Africa can now share its expertise with other ASNs and help raise the training and safety standards across the region."

Professor Saillant added: "The RTP initiative is particularly important in regions where the motor sport infrastructure at grass roots level needs guidance and support. I would like to encourage ASNs across Africa to work with the MSA to further raise standards of marshalling and training."

The MSA went on to present its RTP services to delegates at the Institute workshop in Botswana. The event, chaired by Kenya Motor Sports Foundation Secretary General Surinder Thatthi, also featured a practical exercise on Environmental Sustainability as well as an update on the fund and presentation on the Young Driver Excellence Academy.

Qatar Motor and Motorcycle Federation

Looking forward to the Qatar national road racing championship

The seventh season of the Qatar National Road Racing Championship (QNRCH) will be launched shortly by the Qatar Motor and Motorcycle Federation (QMMF) with the first round held on 5 October 2013. The race takes place at Losail International Circuit.

This Championship, which started in 2008, has become increasingly popular with more and more drivers seeking to participate. In order to satisfy the needs of all the different participants, there are two different categories of vehicles admitted: an Open Class for vehicles designed for road use only (no restrictions on model, engine size or modification), and Production Class (N2 litre category, and standard production cars limited to a maximum capacity of 2000cc).

One of the main purposes of the QMMF is to promote motorsport in Qatar and the Middle East, with safety and fairness always in mind. Mr Nasser Khalifa Al Attiya, QMMF President and FIA Cross Country Commission President,

says he is “very proud to help young drivers to develop their skills and passion in motor sport”.

With the support of his team of professionals, the goal is to ensure that all cars and drivers comply with the conditions of eligibility and safety throughout practice sessions and races.

The Championship is composed of seven rounds in total. Each round is held in accordance with the Sporting Code and Regulations established by QMMF and the FIA International Sporting Code.

Drivers from many different nationalities have enrolled in the championship, including racers from from Qatar, Australia, Austria, Czech Republic, Philippines, Great Britain, Canada, Egypt, Lebanon, the Netherlands and Jordan.



The seventh season of the Qatar National Road Racing Championship begins at Losail on 5 October.

Confederation of Australian Motor Sport



(Left to right) Andrew Papadopoulous, Even Wiger and Colin Trinder at the sustainability forum held for Australian motor sport stakeholders.

Promoting a sustainable approach to motor sport

Stakeholders in Australian motor sport have been advised to be leaders in sustainability at a forum held in Melbourne, addressed by the Sustainability Advisor for the FIA Institute, Even Wiger, and the Chief Executive of CAMS, Eugene Arocca.

The goal of the forum “to raise awareness about the programme and maybe, as a start, to raise awareness about environmental issues and advise them to be ahead of the game, because it’s going to be a part of the regulations sooner or later,” said Mr Wiger.

Mr Wiger updated those in attendance on the current issues and potential obstacles faced by motor sport as it seeks to develop a more sustainable and environmentally sound future.

“If we don’t create any internal regulations in motor sport, others will do it for us and I don’t think that’s the most efficient way,” he said.

Mr Wiger showcased the FIA Institute’s Sustainability Certification Programme – a best practice solution for achieving environmental certification.

Of particular interest to team owners, event organisers and circuit operators was the Carbon Offset Initiative, a programme that enables stakeholders to compensate for unavoidable emissions and achieve carbon neutrality.



Club Profile: Automobile and Touring Club of Egypt

New ATCE offices to smooth licence procedure

The Automobile & Touring Club of Egypt (ATCE) is completing the final touches on its new premises situated in the heart of Cairo which, for the first time ever, accommodate representatives of the Egypt Central Traffic Department.

The step is important, as in line with international rules and safety requirements, prospective licence applicants must first obtain a certificate confirming that they have been cleared of any traffic violations. This certificate is only issued by the Central Traffic offices located in Cairo and Alexandria – almost 30 kilometres away from ATCE headquarters in both cases. This has been a real burden on applicants given the density of traffic in both cities.

In Egypt, the Ministry of Interior has responsibility for all private and professional licenses (through its various branches of traffic departments across the country), while

international driving licenses for travelling abroad are the responsibility of ATCE. To facilitate the procedure, the ATCE Board of Directors has reached an agreement with officials in the Ministry of Interior whereby members of the department are stationed at ATCE premises to ensure the prompt issuing of certificates.

The sites are fully air-conditioned, with state-of-the-art equipment and all amenities have been designed to give optimum comfort to applicants in a speedy and friendly manner.

The official inauguration is planned shortly and will be attended by senior Government officials and dignitaries involved in tourism, transport, traffic and the media.



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