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AUTO+ MEET THE FAMILY



Welcome to issue eight of AUTO+, featuring the latest news and views from FIA family members all across the world.

In this edition we report on two new road safety initiatives, the first from Switzerland's TCS in which the club aims to raise awareness of the dangers of distracted driving, and the second from Germany's ADAC on the dangers of convertible rollovers.

In sport, we take a look at preparations underway for the new Formula E Grand Prix to be held later this year in Punta Del Este, Uruguay and the FFSA's new plans for the 2014 Rally France-Alsace. Australia's CAMS also made a leap into the future by organising a race between an electric-powered car and gasoline-powered counterparts.

Finally, in our Meet the Family series we take an in-depth look at how Chinese ASN FASC is growing motor sport in the country thanks to the Formula One Grand Prix, the recent successes of WTCC driver Ma Qing Hua and FASC's plans for junior racing.

We hope you enjoy this latest edition of AUTO+ and, as ever, we welcome your stories and your feedback.

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Reial Automobil Club de Catalunya

RACC launches mileage fraud awareness campaign

Every year mileage fraud costs €10 billion in Europe according to a report recently issued by the Reial Automobil Club de Catalunya (RACC). On 7 May, the RACC held a press conference and a demonstration event to raise awareness of this common scam — also known as odometer manipulation.

Mileage fraud takes place when a vehicle's odometer — the instrument that indicates distance travelled — has been tampered with to lower the number of kilometres a car has been driven.

The crime of mileage fraud affects the public at large, by artificially elevating the cost of used vehicles, sometimes by thousands of euros. Devices that can perform mileage fraud are available for purchase online for as little as €150 and do not require special technical expertise.

Unfortunately, fighting mileage fraud in one country often ends up shifting the problem to neighboring countries, meaning that an international solution must be found.

You can learn more on the subject following these two links (in Spanish):

[Read more about the campaign](#)

[The RACC blogspot on mileage fraud](#)

RACC



Every year mileage fraud costs €10 billion in Europe.

Touring Club Suisse

Thirty per cent of Swiss drivers text or email while driving.



Keep your eyes on the road

In Switzerland, distractions at the wheel cause almost 13,000 accidents every year. To respond to the challenge, the Swiss Assurance Association (ASA) and the Touring Club Switzerland (TCS) have launched a campaign to reduce the use of smartphones and GPS when driving. The initiative is funded by the Swiss Road Safety Fund (FSR).

Thirty per cent of Swiss drivers text or read emails while driving. Worse, half of them admit to using GPS while at the wheel. According to different studies, our reaction time is far slower — by 50 per cent — when we are not focused on the road. To reduce the number of accidents due to inattentive driving, your eyes should always be kept on the road.

'Lefty and Righty' — a comical set of eyes — are the ambassadors for the awareness-raising campaign. The happy couple call on distracted drivers to "keep your eyes on the road" with a set of creative billboards and a mobile app called Drive Mode.

The app gives drivers the opportunity to disconnect their phone while driving: the driver won't be able to receive any call or text — just like switching off a mobile phone. Except that by disconnecting the phone while driving drivers earn points for every kilometre driven safely and can receive gifts and rewards for attentive driving.

For more information and to download the app visit www.garde-les-yeux-sur-la-route.ch You can also watch the TV spot following this link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjLS7SMtJn0



Institute of Advanced Motorists

IAM takes first aid on the road

The Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) has joined forces with Driver First Assist (DFA) to promote the benefits of early incident response. A person can die from a blocked airway within four minutes, but in the UK the ambulance target response time is twice that.

The DFA course trains commercial drivers — those most likely to be first-on-scene at a crash — how to deal with the aftermath before the arrival of the emergency services. This includes guidance on how to secure the scene, administer basic first aid and provide accurate information to the emergency services when needed.

DFA members act in a voluntary capacity. Volunteers are regarded as Samaritans, meaning that there are no legal ramifications for their actions and they are under no obligation to assist if they aren't comfortable with doing so. While the initial focus for the training is fleets, anyone can become a DFA member. Over the coming months the IAM and DFA will be working together to promote the scheme through the IAM's group network, with reciprocal membership benefits for both organisations' members.

IAM



Royal Automobile Club UK

RAC UK welcomes the FIA Senate

Members of the FIA Senate gathered at the Royal Automobile's Pall Mall clubhouse on Thursday, 3 April, led by Senate President Nick Crow and FIA President Jean Todt. Royal Automobile Club President Tom Purves and His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent welcomed the Senate members who also took the opportunity to view the clubhouse and enjoy the cars on display in the rotunda: a 1962 Alvis TD21 and a 1981 Talbot Sunbeam Lotus — the car used by Henri Toivonen to win the 1980 RAC Rally and also the model in which Jean Todt was a co-driver in 1981, helping Talbot to win the World Rally Championship that year.



(Left to Right): FIA Foundation Director General Saul Billingsley, FIA Foundation Chairman Tim Keown, Senate members Jorge Rosales, Guojun Zhan, Stephen Miller, H H Tunku Mudzaffar, Deputy President for Sport Graham Stoker, FIA President Jean Todt, Prince Michael of Kent, RAC Chairman Tom Purves, FIA Senate President Nick Crow, Senate member HRH Prince Faisal Al Hussein, Deputy President for Mobility Brian Gibbons and FIA Chief Administrative Officer Damien Clermont, Secretary General for Automobile Mobility and Tourism Susan Pikrallidas, Secretary General for Sport Jean-Louis Valentin.

Bosnia and Herzegovina Automobile Club

BIHAMK helps as floods cause havoc in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Between 14-20 May this year, Bosnia and Herzegovina was struck by the most severe natural disaster in its history. Devastating floods left a quarter of the country without clean water and caused physical destruction, which in some cases was as bad as the damage caused by the 1992-95 war.

In response to the catastrophe, BIHAMK deployed all its technical resources and manpower to assist people seeking support. BIHAMK's Traffic Information Centre employees dealt with almost 100,000 calls from citizens, media, police and government representatives.

BIHAMK provided accurate and timely road information to warn people of road closures and countless landslides. At the same time, and despite extremely severe and dangerous conditions, the club's road patrol teams performed more than 900 roadside assistance interventions.

As the whole region still faces the disastrous consequences of the recent floods, BIHAMK continues to provide help.

BIHAMK



Floods caused devastation in many parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Australian Automobile Association

The cost of a tank of fuel could rise by AUD\$1-2 in Australia.



Australian Clubs stand up for a better deal

Motorists will see more funding from the Australian government going to transport infrastructure following strong lobbying from motoring clubs but there is concern at a planned petrol tax increase.

On 13 May the government pledged a record AUD\$50 billion towards road infrastructure projects, which included funding for a number of priority projects identified by the Australian Automobile Association (AAA).

"There is a significant investment in road infrastructure in this budget, which is recognition of the hard work of the motoring clubs to identify areas that will ease congestion in cities and improve safety on our rural highways," AAA President Ross Herron said.

Yet, the government received strong criticism from Australian motoring clubs after plans to raise the tax on petrol and diesel were announced. The cost of filling a vehicle will increase by approximately AUD\$1-2 for each tank of fuel.

"This tax rise is unjustified and the motoring clubs will stand up for our 7 million members to ensure they won't endure the burden of an increased tax on mobility," Herron said. The AAA adds that Australian motorists already pay a significant amount of tax on petrol and diesel sales, with only a fraction being re-invested in transport infrastructure.



Touring and Automobile Club of the Islamic Republic of Iran

TACI and GTO to organise first Paris-Persepolis Eco-Rally

From 7-18 October 2014 a new Paris-Persepolis Eco-Rally will run from Paris in France to Persepolis in Iran. The first Paris-Persepolis Rally was held in 1971, yet the goals of the rally have moved on over the years. The focus is now on consuming the least amount of fuel and producing a benchmark for the evaluation of fuel consumption and new energy-saving technologies.

This competition is totally innovative based exclusively on energy and fuel savings, road safety and environment protection. The Rally will also highlight the slogan of the Decade of Action for Road Safety throughout the countries crossed.

The diversity of the vehicles participating this year, underlines the breadth of the shift to more sustainable forms of transport. The participants will experience great moments of driving through beautiful landscapes, roads and lands from Paris, Stuttgart, Vienna, Bucharest, Istanbul, Nevsehir, Arzrom, Tabriz, Tehran, Isfahan to Persepolis – the beautiful city of Shiraz.

This Eco-Rally will be held by Gran Tourism Organisation (GTO) accompanied by the Touring & Automobile Club of the I.R. Iran (TACI).





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Automobil Club din Moldova

ACM launches road safety spectacle for children

The launch event was attended by special guests including Jo Batson, wife of the British Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Julie Utting of the Eastern Alliance for Safe and Sustainable Transport and Geneve Mantri of Hospice Angelus. Firefighters from the UK charity Operation Florian – which provides equipment and training to improve rescue capabilities – also attended the show.

The spectacle will be shown — both in Romanian and Russian — in kindergartens, schools, orphanages and camps throughout the country during the rest of 2014.



The ACM show promotes responsible behaviour on the roads.

To raise road safety awareness, the Automobile Club of Moldova (ACM) in collaboration with the National Patrol Inspectorate recently launched a road safety spectacle for children. On 8 May, children from the Moldovan capital, Chisinau, were received at the Foisor Fiermecat Theatre to enjoy the premiere of the show called 'Alex in the city'.

The spectacle, which lasts around 40 minutes, sees its central character Alex encounter a variety of traffic-related situations and dangers in order to teach young viewers how to avoid or deal with such hazards. The event is supported by the FIA and the FIA Foundation as part of the UN Decade of Action and promotes responsible behaviour of children and their parents on the roads.

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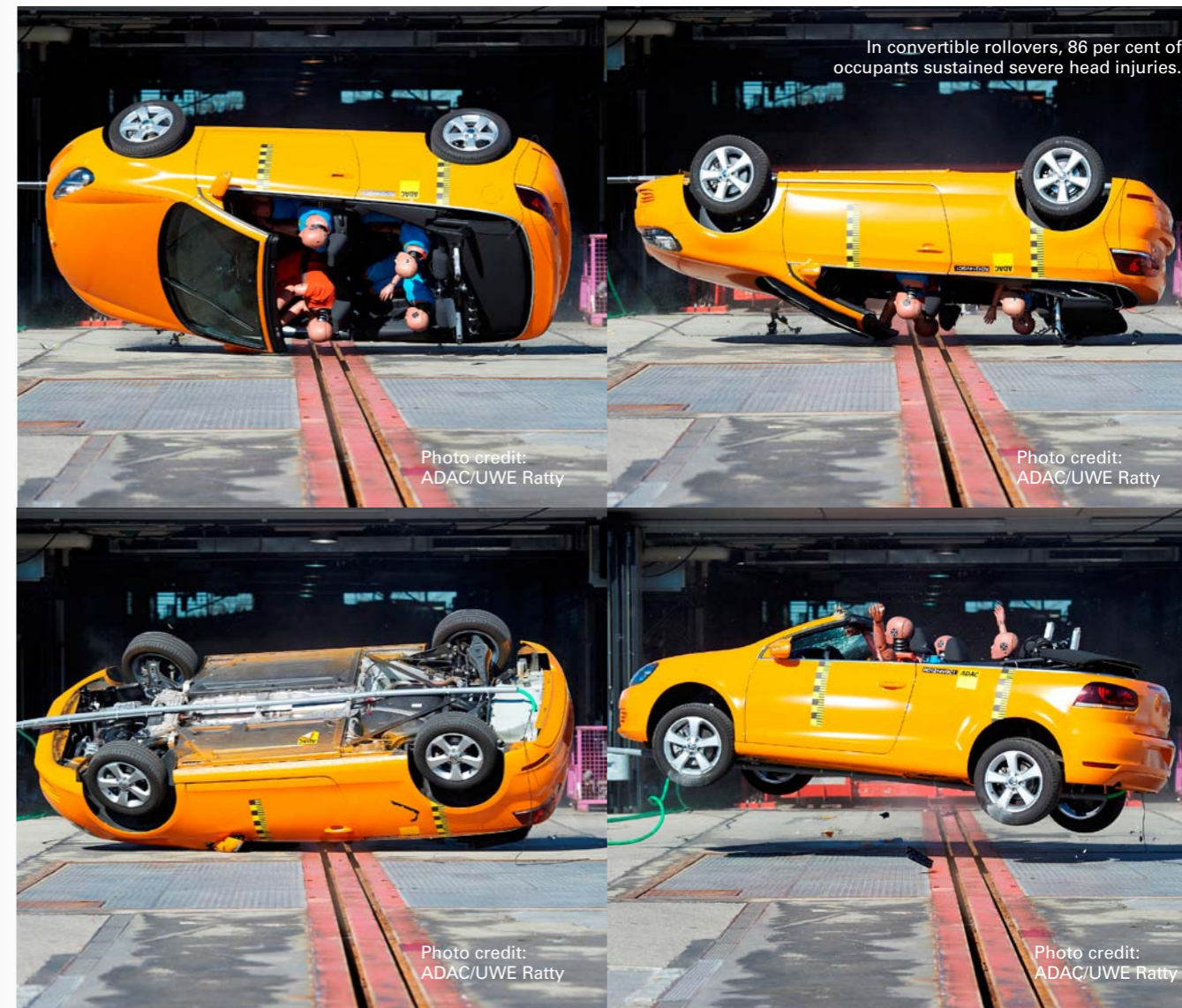


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ADAC tests convertibles' safety

It is fun to drive a convertible but how dangerous is it to be in an open top car in a rollover accident? To find an answer to this question, ADAC and the Dresden University of Technology assessed four recent models: the Opel/Vauxhall Cascada, the Peugeot 308 CC, the Renault Mégane CC and the VW Golf Convertible.

In relation to the total of vehicle registrations, convertibles are less frequently involved in rollover crashes than fixed-roof vehicles. And hopefully, almost all convertibles are equipped with rollover hoops that deploy automatically in an emergency to maintain the occupants' survival space. However, the outcome of a convertible rollover can be disastrous. Indeed, in rollover accidents of fixed-roof cars,

71 per cent of occupants sustained severe head injuries. In convertible rollovers, this figure increased to 86 per cent.

The ADAC test revealed the strengths and weaknesses of convertibles, noting that there is room for improvement with regard to the stability of windscreen pillars and the sensors that trigger seatbelt tensioners. Prospective convertible buyers should make sure that these protection systems are available on all seats. And one tip for all convertible drivers: if the seats of your car are height-adjustable, set them as low as possible.



Chinese rallying is growing rapidly thanks to the involvement of new manufacturers such as domestic brand BYD, seen here preparing for May's Rally Jinsha.



THE CHINESE WAY

When Chinese ASN FASC was formed in 1993, just 5m cars were in private ownership in the country and motor sport was almost non-existent. Two decades later and China has 50m cars, a vibrant motor sport scene and, for the first time, an FIA World Championship race winner. Club Vice President and Secretary General Wan Heping explains how it has been done...





Ma Qing Hua became China's first FIA World Championship race winner with victory at the WTCC round in Moscow racing for Citroën (below).

Two weeks ago Chinese motor sport made a significant breakthrough. On the grid of Race 2 of the World Touring Car Championship round at Russia's Moscow Raceway, pole winner Hugo Valente was handed a drive-through penalty owing to the fact that his car wasn't resting on its wheels when the five-minute board was displayed. He would serve the penalty during the race. To his right on the front row was WTCC newcomer and fourth Citroën driver Ma Qing Hua.

A Chinese national karting champion and the winner of the 1600cc division of his homeland's touring car championship in 2011, the Shanghai native had to that point enjoyed a varied international career, the high point being stints as a test driver with Formula One teams HRT and Caterham. This, though, suddenly seemed a much bigger opportunity.

And from the moment the lights went out at the start Ma was faultless, moving to the front when Valente took his penalty, defending well against third-on-the-grid Norbert Michelisz and later out-pacing team-mate Yvan Muller.

The result was that Ma crossed the finish line just 1.1 seconds ahead of four-time WTCC champion Muller and in the process made history by becoming first Chinese driver to win an FIA World Championship race. The win was not just a landmark in Ma's racing career but represented a major milestone for all of Chinese motor sport, as he admitted afterwards.

"When I crossed the finish line of Race 2, it was history for my country to see the first Chinese driver standing on the top of the podium in a world championship," Ma told the South China

“ WHEN I CROSSED THE LINE IT WAS HISTORY FOR MY COUNTRY ”

MA QING HUA, WTCC RACE WINNER



Morning Post. "It was a special moment for the country."

Ma's rise to the top rank of an FIA World Championship is testament to the work being undertaken by his home ASN, the Federation of Automobile Sports of the People's Republic of China (FASC). Ma's career began in the country's national youth karting championship and from there the young racer received support from the organisation while racing in the Formula Campus Asia Championship and later in the now defunct A1 GP series in which he raced for Team China.

Ma's story is not an isolated one and the quality of his racing education is being mirrored in the development of thousands of other drivers, as FASC continues to build motor sport in the vast nation. "FASC was founded in 1993 and became a member of the FIA in 1994," explains the organisation's Vice President and Secretary General Wan Heping. "FASC came from the Chinese Motor Sports Association (CMSA). Before 1993 automobile and motorcycle sports were under the CMSA. They were then separated into two organisations – FASC for automobile sports and CMSA for motorcycle sport. In 2002, these organisations came under one administration, the Automobile and Motorcycling Sports Administrative Center of the State Sports General Administration.

"FASC is a structure within the country's administrative system," he adds. "We are the national club, while there are also provincial clubs and the clubs at municipal level. These clubs are all independent but associated in a system. So far not all the provinces and municipals have their own motor sport clubs, but the number is growing."

And thus motor sport also continues to grow. While FASC has been in operation for just over two decades the impetus to push motor sport into the public consciousness and to encourage involvement has been strong.

That process took a major leap forward in 2003 when the country joined the Formula One calendar. According to Wan, the race in Shanghai, the 11th edition of which took place in April of this year, has boosted motor sport's visibility in China and has helped to grow participation "a great deal". The proof of the impact of such events, coupled with the promotion of a huge variety of domestic events, is reflected in the fact that FASC now issues more than 3,500 competition licences per year.

Wan also points to the massive growth of the car industry and a rapidly expanding economy as key drivers in motor sport involvement. "Sport is firstly powered by the growth of industry and then the booming economy," he says.

With the country's automobile sector growing at an average rate of 25 per cent per year between 2005 and 2011, leading to China taking over from the United States as the largest single-country new car market in 2010, and with 2013 sales topping out at 18 million, it's no wonder that the country's passion for motoring has drip fed steady growth in motor sport participation.

"The motor sport scene is now healthy and growing nicely," explains Wan. "The major areas of activity currently are rally, cross-country rallying, touring car racing, GT racing and single-seater racing. The most developed series are the China Touring Car Championships (CTCC), the China (National) Rally Championships (CRC) and the China (National) Off-road Championships (COC).

The CTCC in particular has been a major success, with Ford, Toyota, Volkswagen and Hyundai all involved in the series' 1600cc and 2000cc classes across eight rounds at circuits such as the Chengdu Goldenport Circuit, Zhuhai, Shanghai's Tianma circuit and at Korea's former F1 circuit at Yeongam.

The CRC too is in good health, with six rounds this year

“ SPORT IS POWERED FIRST BY THE GROWTH OF INDUSTRY ”

WAN HEPING, FASC VICE PRESIDENT



FIA President Jean Todt with FASC Vice President Wan Heping.



Shanghai's F1 race has give motor sport increased visibility among China's population.

Rallying is a growth sport in China and events such as the Rally Zhangye (right), which forms part of the Chinese Rally Championship are increasingly popular with both fans and motor manufacturers.



“ IN THE NEXT FIVE TO 10 YEARS WE HOPE TO SEE A GREATER CHINESE PRESENCE IN TOP INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SPORT ”

WAN HEPING, FASC VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY GENERAL



The Chinese Touring Car Championship has been a major success, with rounds at tracks such as the Shanghai International Circuit (left) attracting large crowds and big grids.

and increased participation thanks to domestic manufacturer BYD joining the likes of Suzuki and local auto maker Lifan in competing in the series. In a first for the series, BYD entered a hybrid car, the Qin, in a new class for such vehicles.

Junior racing in China is also set to receive a boost in 2015 when FASC joins countries such as Italy, Australia, Germany and Japan and launches its version of the FIA's Formula 4 series.

"We are working together with Mygale in France," says Wan of the chassis to be used in the new series. The engine is believed to be coming from domestic manufacturer Geely. "FASC will start a national series of FIA Formula 4 next year, which will provide a platform for young drivers moving from karting to formula car racing."

The launch of a Chinese F4 championship is envisaged as fitting in with a schedule of single-seater classes.

"It starts from the 2 Junior Class in the China Karting Championship," says Wan. "Then there are four upgrade single-seater series: China Formula GP, F4 next year, Formula Master and Formula Renault."

FASC's commitment to bringing through a new generation of racing talent not only sees it administer a range of youth-oriented championships on home soil, but also extends to overseas involvement, through the ASN partnering with both the Ferrari Academy and the Fédération Française du Sport Automobile (FFSA).

"FASC has long had the goal of building up partnerships with other ASNs for young driver training programmes," confirms Wan. "We did it with [Britain's] MSA in previous years, but especially we have worked with the FFSA Driver Academy in Le Mans, where special facilities will be set up for young Chinese karters to take regular practice and get a normal education."

The partnership with the Ferrari Academy is also bearing fruit, with FASC-supported driver Guanyu Zhou recently being accepted into the Italian team's junior ranks. The 15-year-old won the European and British titles in the Rotax Max Junior karting class in 2013 and he now joins Jules Bianchi, Raffaele Marciello, Antonio Fuoco and Lance Stroll at the Academy.

Zhou's progress will be carefully monitored, in the hope he might attain international success. In the future that top level could be Formula E, the new electric racing championship that FASC will welcome to the country later this year.

"International events are always welcome in China," says Wan. "The first round of the FIA Formula E Championship will be held at the landmark area of the 2008 Beijing Olympics in September."

The presence of major FIA championships such as F1, the WEC and Formula E in China demonstrates to Chinese racers that top-level competition is achievable and over the coming years promoting a driver to that level is a major goal for FASC.

"In the next five to 10 years we hope to see a greater Chinese presence in top international motor sport events regulated by the FIA, including the FIA Formula One World Championship," says Wan.

And unearthing talent capable of reaching the top of course means developing a widespread and healthy network of grassroots racing. "That's the goal," concludes Wan. "More license holders enjoying more events, with more stakeholders involved, more manufacturers, industries and also with more successful partnerships between FASC and other ASNs."



FASC President and now Vice President of the International Olympic Committee Yu Zaiping (centre) at the start of the Rally Wu Da Lian Chi in 2011.

Automovil Club del Uruguay

ACU launches Formula E in South America

On 29 April, the lavish ballroom of the Automobile Club of Uruguay (ACU) received the Uruguayan motor sport family to celebrate the launch of the first Formula E Grand Prix in South America.

Punta del Este will welcome the fleet of electric racing cars for the third round of the brand-new FIA Championship on 13 December. The highly-expected battle between drivers such as Jarno Trulli and Bruno Senna will be televised in over 100 countries.

Following Uruguay's exploits at the World Cup in Brazil, hosting Formula E at the end of this year is sure to boost the country's profile as one of South America's top sporting nations.

Formula E CEO Alejandro Agag was present in Montevideo along with the Minister of Industry and Energy, Robert Kreimerman, and the Vice Minister of Interior, Jorge Vázquez to celebrate what could become the 'Monte Carlo of South America' according to Punta Del Este Mayor, Martin Laventure.

Jorge Tomassi, the President of the ACU, believes Formula E will create a "new era of motor sport in the country, because the world is going towards cleaner technologies in the automotive industry".



(Left to right) Automovil Club of Uruguay President & FIA Region IV President Jorge Tomasi, Punta del Este Mayor Martin Laventure, Formula E Holdings Fernando Caceres, Minister of Industry and Energy Eng Robert Kreimerman, CEO of Formula E Holdings Alejandro Agag, Vice Minister of Interior Jorge Vázquez, National Director of Sports Ernesto Irureta and Director of Tourism Horacio Diaz.

Fédération Française du Sport Automobile

FFSA President Nicolas Deschaux and WRC World Champion Sébastien Ogier.



FFSA reveals thrilling route for 2014 Alsace Rally

The official Rally France-Alsace 2014 presentation was held in Strasbourg on 27 May.

Boosted by the excellent sporting, economic and media results, the FFSA decided to explore new avenues for 2014 and the Rally France organisation team has given the route and the event schedule a major revamp.

This includes exploring new territory by bringing the rally to new sectors of Alsace to encourage people to discover this area. There will also be "thrilling new challenges" for the drivers from a sporting point of view.

"Every year we've examined every aspect to improve the event to give our partners and all the actors in Rally France-Alsace – drivers, manufacturers, spectators and the media – even greater satisfaction", explains FFSA Nicolas Deschaux. "Performance and exemplarity are the key words that have guided our actions since the organisation and development of Rally France in Alsace."

Finally, this Alsatian meeting gave the opportunity to the FFSA President and the organisation team to get together with partners and stakeholders and remind everyone that the FFSA could not take up this challenge without the involvement and loyalty of the local authorities and private partners.



Confederation of Australian Motor Sport

CAMS puts on an electric show

In May, Australian motor sport lived a landmark moment at Sydney Motorsport Park. For the first time an electric powered racing car – the ELMOFO – competed on equal terms against gasoline-powered cars during the New South Wales Motor Race Championship.

The electric racecar, built on a Radical SR8 platform, incorporates dual AC motors and a high power liquid-cooled Lithium battery pack. It has a range of between 50km and 200km depending on driving style.

After a convincing first race that saw the debutant finish in third place, the electric racer bowed out of the remaining races due to a battery cell issue. However, this did not detract from what was a clear statement to the rest of the field that electric-powered cars are serious competition on the track.

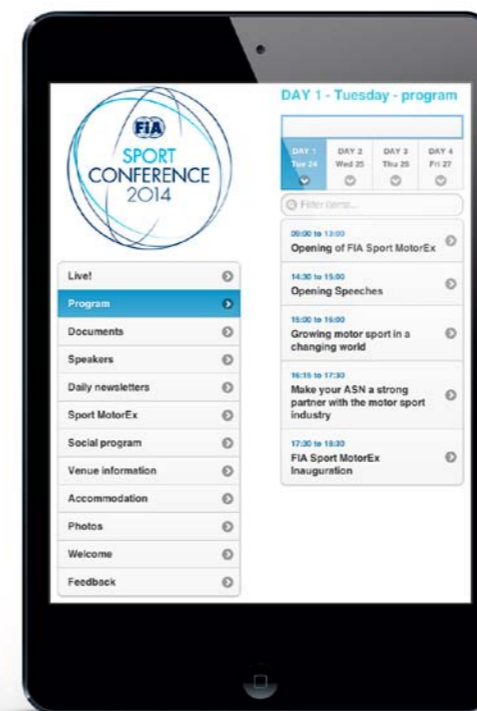
It remains to be seen where team ELMOFO can take the new technology in 2014 but it would appear to be something of a sign of things to come.



The fight of the future: electric versus fossil fuel-derived power.



Sport Conference Week



Sport Conference: New app for a connected event

The 2014 Sport Conference, which will take place in Munich from 24-26 June, will offer to participants a mobile application for the event to download on their personal device or a rented iPad. Launched last year, this free service brings together all relevant information concerning plenary sessions, speakers and social events. It will also be the platform to share photos and videos of the conference.

Click here to visit the Sport Conference application: <http://conferenceapp.fia.com>

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Forenede Danske Motorejere

FDM warns about the risks of used cars



Even if the mileage is low and the paint on the car looks nice, it is still important to be careful when you are buying a used car. Between 2002 and 2013, FDM tested more than 10,000 cars. Among them, FDM focused on 5 top selling cars: the Ford Focus, the Ford Mondeo, the Skoda Fabia, the Toyota Avensis and the Volkswagen Golf.

The FDM found defects in 95 per cent of the cars tested and between 4 to 6 defects in the 5 top selling cars mentioned above.

According to FDM experts an average repair would cost €563, but the real cost could actually be much higher. The survey only included defects that were found in at least three

per cent of the tested car models. In these cases, the defaults can range from an easily repairable oil leak to a faulty ABS system.

The FDM used this survey to create media awareness and encourage members to get their car tested before buying it. Actually, the car dealer must correct all safety defects before selling a used-car and this should be included in the sale contract. Therefore, buyers of used cars should always have the car examined by an independent expert.



FIA Institute

Host nations chosen for 2015 Young Driver Academy selection events

The selection events for the next FIA Institute Young Driver Excellence Academy will be hosted by FIA National Sporting Authorities (ASNs) in Netherlands, Croatia, UAE, South Africa, Mexico and China.

The global selection process has been expanded further this year with events in six different countries to give as many young drivers as possible the chance to apply and participate. The Europe region, which accounts for 47 eligible countries, will now have two events representing the North East and South West regions. The event in China will be undertaken as a collaborative project between the Chinese (FASC) and Australian (CAMS) ASNs.

Last year, the five events provided the opportunity for over 70 drivers – each the top pick of their country – to compete for selection in their region. These prestigious events provided significant opportunities to every participant, with drivers receiving four days of world-class training and education while competing for a place on the main Academy.

The events will run from August to late October this year, with each event receiving coverage on the FIA Institute website and promotion to the world's motor sport media.

Each ASN can nominate one driver from its jurisdiction to take part in a selection event. The Academy is open to drivers aged

17-23 who have demonstrated ability and competitiveness in their motor sport career so far.

The winner of each regional event will gain automatic selection to the 2015 Academy. A further four drivers will be selected using a wildcard system to form the final class of 10 Academy participants.

The Academy offers a fully-funded training programme to help drivers develop their motor sport career while increasing safety skills and promoting fairness and responsibility on and off the track. Graduates of the programme include Formula One reserve drivers such as Alexander Rossi, Stoffel Vandoorne, and Robin Frijns and World Rally Championship drivers such as Andreas Mikkelsen, Pontus Tidemand and Craig Breen.

The selection event regions are:

- North Eastern Europe: Host – KNAF (Netherlands)
- South Western Europe: Host – CCKF (Croatia)
- Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia: Host – ATCUAE (UAE)
- Sub-Saharan Africa: Host – MSA (South Africa)
- Americas: Host – OMDAI (Mexico)
- Asia-Pacific: Host – FASC (China) & CAMS (Australia)



FIA Institute



Rally Sweden improves environmental performance

Following a year of implementing environmental recommendations, Rally Sweden has improved its performance and been awarded 'Achievement of Excellence' status, the top-level accreditation of the FIA Institute's Sustainability Programme.

In 2013, the World Rally Championship event gained accreditation at the second tier – 'Progress towards Excellence'. Since then it has developed more environmentally sound structures, as well as precise routines and procedures to limit the event's environmental impact. These include implementing a more efficient system for management to evaluate, administer and report environmental impact areas and developing a clearer, more resourceful procurement strategy.

"It is fantastic to see Rally Sweden take on our recommendations to improve its environmental practices," said FIA Institute Deputy President and Environmental Ambassador Garry Connelly. "This highlights the main purpose of the Sustainability Programme, which is to help motor sport stakeholders to measure their impact and then

improve their environmental performance."

The environmental audit for 2014 noted the effort made by organisers in improving these areas along with sustained developments in general performance, including an online 'Environmental Education Kit' available to all involved in staging the rally. Further commitment was demonstrated by the use of an Environmental Emergency Vehicle, supplied by Volkswagen, which is available to the Clerk of the Course, Race Control and Stage Commander throughout the course of the weekend.

"The environmental impact of our event is something we are acutely aware of and we immediately engaged with the FIA Institute's programme when it launched," said Rally Sweden Managing Director Glenn Olsson "Following our accreditation at 'Progress towards Excellence' level, we worked closely with the FIA Institute experts and our partners at SITA Sweden to implement an even more thorough environmental management system. We are delighted that this has been recognised with the 'Achievement of Excellence' accreditation."

FIA Institute

Motor sport medical journal launched

The first issue of AUTO+ Medical has been launched.

The new publication reports on the latest developments in motor sport medicine and safety, with the first issue focusing on extrication, one of the most important areas covered by medical practitioners in motor sport.

"Medicine is a key part of safety and while this is a specialist publication targeted towards the medical community, it has been designed to be read by all in motor sport," said Professor Gérard Saillant, President of the FIA Institute and the FIA Medical Commission.

The newsletter is a supplement to AUTO magazine and is part of the AUTO+ family. There will be four issues a year and it will welcome contributions and feedback from anyone with an interest in motor sport medicine and safety.

"I hope readers enjoy the inaugural issue of AUTO+ Medical and I look forward to receiving feedback and contributions for future content," added Professor Saillant. "I believe that we can make even more progress in motor sport medicine through knowledge-sharing and this journal can help to achieve that."

To read the first issue visit: bit.ly/automedical1



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The Automobile and Touring Club of the United Arab Emirates (ATCUAE) and Motorsport South Africa (MSA) have both achieved the top level of accreditation in the FIA Institute's Young Driver Safety Programme. They will now become Regional Training Providers (RTPs) for young drivers, just as they are for officials.

After demonstrating their ability to promote driver safety and facilitate the development of young motor sport competitors, both ATCUAE and MSA were awarded with Achievement of Excellence status. As RTPs for young drivers, they will work with other National Sporting Authorities (ASNs) across their respective geographical regions to develop young driver programmes and academies.

They join the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS), which was the first ASN to achieve the same accreditation.

"We are delighted to have been recognised for our leading work with young drivers, just as we were for our training of officials," said ATCUAE President Mohammed ben Sulayem. "We now look forward to helping other ASNs in our region achieve this standard."

Steve Miller, Chairman of the MSA, commented: "Motorsport South Africa is honoured to have been awarded this accreditation and to achieve the status of Regional Training Provider for young drivers. A key focus of the MSA is to broaden access to motor sport to communities that have previously not enjoyed these opportunities. It will be a privilege to share some of the knowledge and skills gained in this process with other countries in the region and to help in the development of their young talent."

The Young Driver Safety Programme aims to improve the level of education and training provided to young drivers. The accreditation scheme measures ASNs against a rigorous set of standards and those who achieve the highest level can then apply to become an RTP.

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