



AUTO + ASSEMBLY

DAILY NEWSLETTER #2
WEDNESDAY 06.12.17



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

A new phase beckons for the WCAMT

WCAMT HEADS TOWARD NEW PHASE WITH KEY STRATEGY IN PLACE

The final meeting of the FIA World Council for Automobile Mobility and Tourism under the current administration saw FIA President Jean Todt welcome the election of new Presidents in Regions I and II of the FIA and pay tribute to the members of his team, past and present.



The President thanked Japan Automobile Federation (JAF) President Takayoshi Yashiro for his service as President of Region II and also Thierry Willemarck, who stood down as President of Region I to take on the role of Deputy President for Automobile Mobility and Tourism in President Todt's 2017 election team. He then wished incoming Region II President Mike Noon and Region I President Thomas Møllar Thomsen well in their new posts.

He also lauded the work done in recent years by all of the members of the World Council, particularly Deputy President for Automobile Mobility and Tourism Brian Gibbons, who is vacating the post to become President of the FIA Senate in place of Nick Crow who is stepping down from the role.

Delivering his final report to the World Council, Deputy President Gibbons highlighted the successes seen over his eight years in the role, pointing first to the "significant gains" made in global advocacy during the period.

"In particular, we have seen the FIA go from strength to strength as a leading voice for improved road safety," he said. "Much is owed to Jean Todt for his passion and leadership on this issue. He has tirelessly worked to place road safety on the mainstream agenda around the world. His efforts have been recognised at the highest levels, as demonstrated by his appointment as the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety and he has the full support of the FIA in this role."

He added that the FIA has made strides in the key areas of sustainability and access to mobility, saying "while much of our effort has been calculated to underpin the advocacy of the Clubs on these issues, we have committed to elevating their profile within the FIA over the next four years."

He also highlighted improvements made in the FIA's support of its Members Clubs, adding that "support for learning and the sharing of best practice is also central to our DNA and I am proud of what we have achieved to strengthen the agenda for Club development over this period. There is huge diversity in the membership of the FIA and one of the best means for increasing the capacities of individual Clubs is to use the strength of our global network."

Looking to the future, he said that the development of a new Strategic Vision would position FIA Mobility well for the coming four years.

"In consultation with the WCAMT and the wider network of FIA Member Clubs, it is proposed to focus on three strategic aims: to position the FIA as a global policy leader in mobility; to support Members in Club development and evolution of membership services, and to orchestrate and communicate effectively within the global network of Mobility Clubs. I am confident that the new strategy will further cement the FIA's role as a global voice for safer, more accessible, and more sustainable mobility now and into the future."

The Council later endorsed revised Strategic Aims and Goals for FIA Mobility and approved the Mobility Action Plan.

Elsewhere, the Council also approved the report delivered by the Working Group on the use of proceeds from the sale of F1 equity for the creation of an FIA Innovation Fund. The Council also noted the extension by JCDecaux of the #3500LIVES road safety campaign through 2018 and the development of the FIA Sustainable Mobility Programme designed to scale up Club initiatives focusing on sustainable mobility.

NEW PRESIDENTS ELECTED FOR FIA REGIONS I AND II

FIA Region I yesterday elected a new President in Thomas Møller Thomsen, following the resignation of Thierry Willemarck, who has agreed to act as Deputy President for Mobility in FIA President Jean Todt's 2017 team.



Thomsen who is President and CEO of Denmark's Forenede Danske, Motorejere (FDM), was the only candidate and was elected by acclamation during yesterday's extraordinary plenary assembly of Region I.

Opening the meeting, President Todt acknowledged the contribution of outgoing President Willemarck. "I would like to thank Thierry for his leadership in Region I. He did not have an easy task, succeeding our good friend Werner Kraus, who did an excellent job. We have a winning team in Region I, of which I am very proud, and I am sure you will make the right choices for the development of the region."

Of his time as President of the region, Mr Willemarck said: "Working with you over the years, exploring common challenges, has been an honour. I want to thank you all for the opportunity you have given me, for the trust you have granted me in leading the great organisation that is Region I."

Following his election, Mr Møller Thomsen outlined his ambitions for his term in office, saying: "I am humbled and honoured to have your trust to take over the role as President of FIA Region I, and I will do my very best to fulfil that role, not alone, but together with all of you and along with a very good secretariat.

"I can tell you that my priorities are identical to the Strategy Plan that we will present today and I hope you all agree that this plan is a good framework for the future," he added.

The Strategy Plan, which draws inspiration from the Vision 2030 study conducted by Region I, is framed around two key pillars. The first is for the region to develop itself into

a knowledge hub for Mobility Clubs on key issues, while the second focuses on capacity building within the network through a collaborative approach.

Speaking of the plan, the region's newly elected President added: "It's important that we [develop as a knowledge hub] as that is a condition for individual Clubs to be successful.

"Beyond that, the network is the core activity. When we operate in our national markets some of us are strong, some less so and some are weak and challenged, but all of us together are stronger, so it is very important to continue building that network."

Two other elections were held during the plenary session, with the Automovel Club de Portugal (ACP) being voted onto the Region I Management Council, and with Mirko Butulija, President of the Auto-Moto Association of Serbia (AMSS) being elected as Region I representative to the FIA World Council for Automobile Mobility and Tourism.

In Region II, Mike Noon of the New Zealand Automobile Association was yesterday elected President at the region's plenary meeting in Paris. Mr Noon replaces JAF President Takayoshi Yashiro, who steps down after three years in the role.

Mr Noon joined New Zealand's AA in 2005 and currently holds the position of General Manager, Motoring Affairs. His post carries responsibility for formulating policy and encompasses road safety and infrastructure, transport funding, speed limits, traffic enforcement, environmental issues and petrol prices.



RAISING THE LEVEL OF ASNs IN NEED

Yesterday's meeting of the FIA ASN Development Task Force heard details of a new programme designed to advance the capability of Clubs in the greatest need.



The new FIA Sport Clubs' Development Programme comes in response to issues identified across three years of FIA Regional Sport Congresses, and is aimed at Clubs requiring "deeper and closer support from FIA in regard to the structure and management of their Clubs, but also concerning the development of their motor sport disciplines".

The programme proposes the creation of a FIA Sport Clubs' Development Task Force based on the same concept of the existing FIA Rally Safety Task Force. The purpose of this new Task Force is to advise ASNs/ACNs that request assistance, by sharing the knowledge and experience of the FIA and other ASNs.

The Task Force will be comprised of a set of FIA-appointed experts, drawn from different parts of the world, who can provide assistance and guidance on a broad range of topics, including the provision of assistance to ASNs/ACNs in identifying their issues and needs, the formulation of suitable solutions, support in establishing and implementing a sport business plan, guidance in the development of their various motor sport disciplines, and assistance in liaising with government and public services.

Commenting on the new programme, which forms one of three new modules to add to the 27 already in existence, ASN Development Task Force Chairman Andrew Papadopoulos said: "Through the years of staging the Regional Congresses we have seen there are ASNs that haven't been lifted in the way we would like to see.

"In order to progress training, you have to have the basic structure and management, and we felt some ASNs weren't at that level. Some have cried for help and we want to do that."

He explained that the programme would involve hands-on guidance. "It's a system whereby we can go to their place of work, evaluate what they are doing and put in place programmes to get them to a level where they can move forward.

"I think we can all understand the difficulty in trying to train ASNs at various development stages with a one-size-fits-all solution – it just doesn't work. So what we want to do is get struggling Clubs to the level whereby we can start the training across the line. Otherwise, the quicker we progress, the more we will leave them behind, so we have to look at lifting them up."

Conceding that Clubs are not always able to pinpoint their own deficiencies, the Task Force chairman added that existing structures within the regions should help identify organisations in need.

"We have Vice Presidents that know the ASNs well and it should be their role to identify struggling Clubs and either say, 'look, you can apply for this' or they can let us know and we can tell the ASN that we are available and ask them how can we help.

"There is money available through the grant programme so that we can actively target these ASNs and give them a lift to the next level."

Further details of the Sport Clubs Development Programme and of the other new modules being put in place for 2018 will be revealed at Thursday's ASN Forum in Paris.



AN OCCASION TO BE HONOURED

The second social event of the Assembly week in Paris saw members of both World Councils of the FIA and the FIA Senate gather at one of the city's most historic locations, La Grande Chancellerie de la Légion d'Honneur.

There, FIA dignitaries and FIA President Jean Todt, who in 2011 was elevated to the order of the Grand Croix de la Légion d'Honneur, were joined by former French Prime Minister and FIA Senate member Francois Fillon and General Benoît Puga, Grand Chancelier de la Légion d'Honneur.

Founded in 1802, La Grande Chancellerie de la Légion d'Honneur accomplishes three missions in the service of France – rewarding individual merit, bestowing universal recognition for the actions of recipients and contribution to the public good.





ANNUAL
GENERAL
ASSEMBLY
2017

PARIS
4-8 DEC



FIA.COM 

TWITTER.COM/FIA 

FACEBOOK.COM/FIA 

INSTAGRAM.COM/FIA.OFFICIAL 