

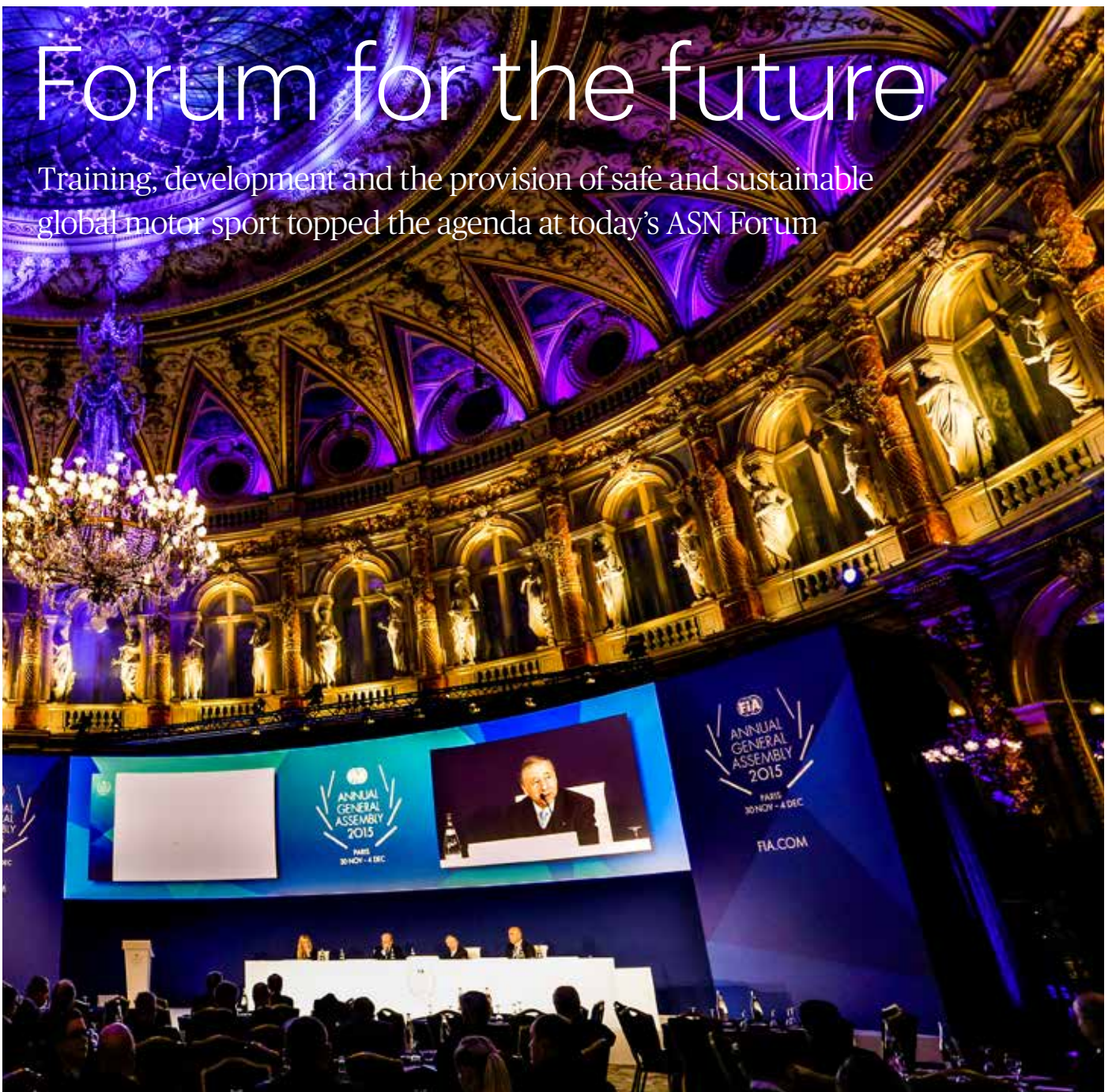


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Forum for the future

Training, development and the provision of safe and sustainable global motor sport topped the agenda at today's ASN Forum



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ASN FORUM

Planning for growth and improved safety

Today's ASN forum put the focus on training, youth development and safety

This morning's ASN Forum presented delegates with a wide range of new programmes and information aimed at helping the development of motor sport worldwide.

"I think the key message to come out of today is that the FIA has developed the Global Training Programme to help ASNs to build their internal structure and also to help them develop motor sport in a

safe and socially responsible manner," said ASN Task Force Chairman Andrew Papadopoulos.

The Forum reported that in 2015 five programmes were delivered across the world for ASNs. As well as the Sport Conference in Mexico, four Sport Regional congresses were held, in the MENA and NEZ zones, as well as in the Asia-Pacific and Africa regions. More than 70 countries were represented with 136 delegates attending. Six FIA Sport Regional Congresses are planned for 2016.

Delegates also heard how, for 2016, the FIA Sport Grant Programme has allocated funding for 56 projects, including 19 in safety, 33 in motor sport development, two in ASN structure and management and two in social responsibility. Total funding provided for 2016 is estimated at 2.55 million euros.

In new initiatives, ASNs learned about developments with the FIA Gran Turismo Online Championship, which according to Mr Papadopoulos could provide ASNs with a good introduction to real motor sport for young people.

"We have a lot of young kids involved in gaming and a lot of the introduction to motor sport comes through those games," he said. "This is about carrying those kids through the games into real motor sport

– through the licensing system, through the fact that they will learn there is an ASN in town and also the fact that the game will let them know the way forward in real categories."

In rallying, ASNs were informed of the benefits, at national level, of the FIA's recently established Rally Safety Task Force. The Task Force, comprising a set of rally safety experts from around the world, has been set up with the goals of encouraging ASNs to establish a set of regulations or guidelines best suited to their country; providing assistance in educating the public about rally safety assisting with the building of a culture of safety; assisting with liaison between governments and public services, and the provision of guidance in order to review each rally. The Task Force will be ready to respond to ASN requests from January 2016.

"I'm very enthusiastic about growth in 2016," said Papadopoulos. "This year we have delivered the programmes we set out to implement and the response has been fantastic, with ASNs are coming to us with more initiatives all the time.

"In response to this, we are designing the modules we will deliver to meet clubs' need. I really look forward to a great future for our ASNs and their relationship with the FIA."





REGIONAL FOCUS: ACTAC

Learning effective road safety lessons

Arab clubs agree to seek greater training on road safety planning in 2016

Hani Shaban



Clubs in the ACTAC region today agreed to seek increased training on the successful implementation of road safety campaigns as they aim to save lives across the area.

Following his presentation of a report on road safety in the region, Hani Shaban, Vice President of the Syrian Automobile Club and road safety coordinator for both the ACTAC and MENA (Sport), said the region needed to improve its road safety record.

“We discussed the difference we could make in our countries and the Arab region by getting more involved in road safety projects and initiatives. This is crucial as we are one of the highest risk regions in terms of road safety,” he said.

“All of the meeting attendees decided to address a letter to the FIA to express our support for President

Todt’s road safety initiatives, including the Save Kids Lives project and the outcomes of the Brasilia conference.”

“As a second step, we realised that our main problem is that the Arab clubs are not sufficiently equipped at the moment to take on road safety project planning,” he added. “We wonder about the main areas we should focus on, about the main difficulties encountered in our countries.”

As such, he said the clubs would seek training on the issue.

“We need support to train the officials of our clubs on how to plan these projects,” he said. “ACTAC has decided to dedicate funding to support this project. We will organise a seminar in 2016 with the University of St Joseph in Lebanon, which offers a master degree in road safety supported by the FIA. The seminar will aim at preparing us on how to plan campaigns and projects.”

REGIONAL FOCUS: ASIA ZONE MEETING

Looking to the future of Asian rallying

FIA Asia Zone delegates target establishment of entry-level rally series across five countries

Delegates from the FIA’s Asia Zone today discussed the possibility of establishing a zone championship at the entry level of rallying.

According to FIA Asian Zone Coordinator, Niroshan Pereira, the body is investigating the feasibility of expanding the Tri-Nation Rally series, which currently encompasses Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand.

“India and Sri Lanka are willing to join in,” he said. “We are now moving toward an Asia Zone championship.

“What we are targeting is the entry level, the national level of rallying, not the higher end. Amazingly, all of these countries have a very vibrant national rally championship.

“The biggest impediment to a championship is the logistical cost,” he added. “But we are focusing on a part of Asia where freighting is easy. The logistics have been worked out.”

Pereira added that the other main barrier was in regulating the series.

“We are also trying to use the national rally regulations of each country, blending them into a new set to have a cross-border set of regulations and thus avoid using the Asia-Pacific Rally Championship regulations, which are very strict and very high level.

“The championship’s working group will be meeting soon in Pattaya to discuss the next steps.”

The Asia Zone Coordinator added that 2015 had been a successful year for the zone, with the launch of a new karting championship using IAME karts, which will be expanded in 2016 to include India, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines and Macau.

He added that the zone had also had success in 2015 with the launch of the TCR Asia saloon car racing series.



Delegates at the meeting and (below) Niroshan Pereira.



Jean Todt, Lord Robertson and Tim Keown



FIA FOUNDATION

Foundation elects new Chairman

Lord Robertson of Port Ellen to take over from Tim Keown as Foundation outlines goals for the future

Global priorities to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) agenda on road safety and sustainable mobility were presented at today's Annual General Meeting of the FIA Foundation. The meeting also saw a change in Chairmanship at the FIA Foundation, with the Rt Hon Lord Robertson of Port Ellen replacing outgoing Chairman Tim Keown.

Following unanimous election by the Foundation membership and after

praising his predecessor's guidance over the past four years, Lord Robertson delivered a powerful call to action, saying: "The mission to make the world a safer place on its roads keeps me involved and keeps me motivated. I look forward to following Tim Keown in the job that he has done and working with Jean Todt in his new responsibilities as the UN's Special Envoy on Road Safety, as well as all of the Trustees. What we do, and what we're involved in, is a noble mission to save lives."

It has been a year of significant progress, with the Foundation coordinating a sustained advocacy effort to secure the inclusion of road safety and vehicle fuel economy in the UN's SDGs, also known as the 'Global Goals'.

Key partners, including the FIA and its member clubs, which are also the Foundation's membership, have played an active role in supporting and advancing this advocacy effort.

As a result, governments at the United Nations have agreed a target to halve road traffic fatalities by 2020 in the global Health Goal and have also included road safety in the UN's Cities Goal.

The Foundation also outlined the global priorities to help achieve the SDG targets that will form its focus over the coming years. Priority areas include action to support legislation achieving 100% seat belt and helmet wearing by 2020, a minimum three-star safety standard on 10% of the world's highest risk roads by 2020 and the requirement that all cars meet seven UN minimum safety standards by 2020. It will also seek to secure safe routes to school for all children by 2030, safe and sustainable urban transport and a focus on fundraising.

Vehicle fuel economy is included in the global Energy Goal, which seeks to double the rate of energy efficiency by 2030. This includes the Global Fuel Economy Initiative's (GFEI) target of a 50% improvement in fuel economy of all new cars globally by 2030.

The GFEI, coordinated by the FIA Foundation, is currently playing a major role at the Paris COP21 climate summit. This includes the launch of the GFEI's State of the World Fuel Economy report and an 8 million euro commitment to support vehicle fuel economy work globally.

(Clockwise from left) Prof Gérard Saillant,
Garry Connelly and Laurent Mekies.



FIA INSTITUTE

Progress in Safety and Sustainability

The AGA of the FIA Institute heard of the significant steps made in making motor sport safer and greener in 2015

The FIA Institute Annual General Assembly offered the opportunity to look back on some of the highlights of the year.

FIA Institute President Gérard Saillant opened the meeting and presented some of the key achievements, as well as plans for the future.

Deputy President Garry Connelly then gave a presentation on the latest developments and partnerships of the Institute. These include the ongoing work with safety research partner the Global Institute for Motor Sport Safety and education partner the FIA.

Kate Robson, FIA Head of Education, presented some of the highlights in the area of education and development. One of the Institute's key aims is to promote sustainability in motor sport and with the COP21 Sustainable Innovation Forum currently taking place in Paris it provided an opportunity to look back on the environmental progress made in 2015.

The Institute's Sustainability Programme achieved a number of significant milestones, with its environmental accreditation scheme offering motor sport's organisations the chance to measure, improve and be recognised for achieving the highest environmental standards.

In 2015, the Formula E electric racing series became the first championship promoter to be awarded the top-level accreditation, Achievement of Excellence, while the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya became the first Formula One circuit to achieve the top level.

They were joined by several other new accreditations this year, including top-level awards for the Trinidad and Tobago Automobile Sports Clubs Association, the Mugello circuit and Norway's Norges Bilsportforbund.

Laurent Mekies, General Manager, Research, for the Global Institute, gave

a presentation on its safety work and the significant progress made in 2015. A number of projects were completed and have been implemented at the top levels of motor sport.

They include the development of racing nets that work alongside Frontal Head Restraints (FHRs) to offer 360-degree protection to drivers in closed-cockpit cars. These nets were successfully tested this year and are expected to become mandatory in the World Touring Car Championship and GT series. There are also plans to filter this technology through to other championships.

Another project set to be implemented in Formula One from 2016 is a high-speed cockpit camera that films the movement of the driver at 400 frames per second in the case of an accident.

The data captured by the camera is invaluable to doctors treating an injured competitor or analysts studying the accident, as it provides accurate information of what happened that may have been missed.

Going forward, the Global Institute for Motor Sport Safety will instigate a number of research projects to accelerate the development of safety across all levels of motor sport.





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