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UAMK CELEBRATES 30 YEARS  
OF DAKAR ADVENTURING

Welcome to issue 12 of AUTO+, featuring the latest news and views from FIA family members all across the world.

In this issue we look forward to this year's FIA Mobility Conference, which takes place in London. Hosted by a wide range of British clubs, the conference has adopted the particularly British theme of 'Keep Calm and Stay Connected' around which it will examine how the role of clubs is likely to be affected by the motoring and business trends taking shape globally. Featuring an array of keenly focused discussions, as well as some outstanding social events, we reveal why this year's event is not to be missed.

Elsewhere, in Mobility, we focus on the Touring and Automobile Club of Turkey ambitious effort to train 10,000 motorcycle couriers to become safer road users and we look at the Touring and Automobile Club of Iran's plans to put a stop to drowsy driving.

Meanwhile, in Sport Britain's MSA launches its 2015 MSA/FIA Action for Road Safety Film Studies Competition and we hear OEAMTC-OSK is rolling out a nationwide training initiative for motor sport officials in Austria.

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

Your AUTO+ team

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Automobile Association UK

## AA Charitable Trust's Think Bikes campaign goes global

An award-winning UK road safety initiative is to be rolled out globally by the FIA. The Federation will launch the AA Charitable Trust's Think Bikes campaign across Europe, the Middle East and Africa. The campaign encourages all drivers to do a 'double take' in their mirrors for those on two wheels. It now has the potential to reach millions more drivers across the 111 motoring clubs within this region.

Edmund King, director of the AA Charitable Trust, said: "We are so proud of how well received the campaign has been in its first year and are delighted by this latest development."

FIA Region I Director General, Jacob Bangsgaard, added: "The AA's Think Bikes campaign was a playful, but also important reminder that drivers must keep vulnerable road users in mind, especially when driving in city centres where 33 per cent of the traffic is on bikes, motorcycles or scooters."

The European launch of the campaign will take place on 21 April with a ceremony in front of the European Parliament building in Brussels. The event, organised by FIA Region I, will be attended by Belgian cycling star Eddy Merckx and motor sport legend Jack Ickx.

Previous research commissioned by the AA and UK polling body Populus has shown that the majority of drivers admit it is sometimes hard to see those on two wheels while driving (93 per cent for cyclists; 85 per cent for motorcyclists).

Think Bikes stickers are available free of charge to organisations and individuals. To obtain stickers simply email [publicaffairs@theaa.com](mailto:publicaffairs@theaa.com)



The FIA is to roll out AA Charitable Trust's Think Bikes campaign across Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

Canadian Automobile Association



## CAA's Worst Roads campaign springs into action again

Every spring in Canada, the ice melts, the flowers bloom, and the Canadian Automobile Association launches its seasonal Worst Roads programme.

The programme is a grassroots, populist, community-based project that over the years has become CAA's single most successful infrastructure and road safety campaign.

Canadians vote online for their local 'worst road,' based on criteria such as pedestrian and cyclist safety, congestion, or crumbling infrastructure. Results are compiled and displayed online by CAA member clubs, reflecting their local issues. Clubs then use the results to lobby local and provincial (state) governments for improvements.

Not only do thousands of Canadians vote every year, and thousands more talk about the campaign through media coverage and social media, but the project achieves measurable, quick success.

The southern Ontario club, based in Toronto, has been able to report that 18 of the top 20 Worst Roads in its region, as voted by residents, were earmarked for repair within months of the campaign. Similar results have been achieved by the other CAA Clubs.

One of the secrets to the campaign has been to alert politicians in advance that the results are coming and they can then use the information as evidence to advance infrastructure improvements within their own bureaucracies. In this way, Worst Roads works with politicians instead of embarrassing them.

Further details on: [www.caaworstroads.com/sco/about-the-campaign](http://www.caaworstroads.com/sco/about-the-campaign)



Jamaica Automobile Association

## JAA takes Long Short Walk for Road Safety to Jamaica

The Jamaica Automobile Association (JAA) has been working over the past year to keep road safety in the public eye with its ongoing 'Safe Driving Saves Lives' road safety campaign that aims to raise awareness among Jamaicans of the risks of poor road user behaviour and the club will in 2015 continue its efforts to keep road safety at the top of the public agenda by staging a number of events that fulfill the organisation's mandate as part of the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety.

One the major initiatives staged last year was Jamaica's first Long Short Walk for Road Safety event, which attracted approximately 400 participants to a gathering at the Dover Raceway in St Ann.

The walk, which featured placard-bearing participants marching on a path around the infield of the circuit, emphasised the importance of safe road use by pedestrians and motorists.

Earl Jarrett, Chairman of the JAA, said the exercise proved

a success, while also highlighting the importance of enjoying motor sports in a controlled environment.

"It was about joining the rest of the world to Walk for Road Safety in this context," he explained. "We sought to come to an event, to be slightly disruptive but also to use the opportunity to be with the rest of the community," he said.

The activity was also repeated during a tour of the opening of the Linstead to Moneague leg of Highway 2000, a new highway in the island later that month.

There, Duane Ellis, General Manager of the JAA, was joined by members of the National Road Safety Council (NRSC) and by representatives of the Traffic Division of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) for a symbolic walk along the highway.



Duane Ellis (2nd left), General Manager of the Jamaica Automobile Association, is joined by members of the National Road Safety Council and members of the Traffic Division of the Jamaica Constabulary Force for a Long Short Walk for Road Safety along Highway 2000 in Jamaica.

Automobile Club d'Italia

# ACI celebrates its 110th anniversary

The Automobile Club d'Italia recently celebrated its 110th anniversary with a gala dinner and conference held in Turin, the cradle of the Italian automobile industry.

ACI has a rich tradition as one of the FIA's founding member clubs and the Federation was represented at the gala by its President, Jean Todt.

At the gathering, ACI President, Angelo Sticchi Damiani reminded guests of its national role, which he said is now more important than ever due to new global road safety and mobility challenges.

"ACI is a synonym of cars in Italy. The solid foundations on which we stand are a guarantee for the future of mobility in our country," he said. "The experience we have gained through 110 years of service to motorists allows us to provide effective and innovative action towards both the public in general and the state, [it allows us] to support the economy, road safety, environmental protection and public administration development. We can constantly offer new and more beneficial services to facilitate citizens' lives, to allow significant savings for public institutions, to streamline procedures and to contain social costs."

In the presence of, among others, John Elkann, Chairman of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, the following day's conference went through 110 years of the club's history, a legacy which runs in parallel with the development of Italy itself. The club's journey began in 1905, when only 2,229 vehicles were in use in Italy, and continues today, with over 37 million vehicles on the country's roads. As well as celebrating the club's heritage, the conference also looked at the future and the challenges of developing smart, safe and sustainable mobility.



ACI President Angelo Sticchi Damiani and FIA President Jean Todt celebrate the club's 110th anniversary.

Real Automóvil Club de España

The most recent survey of motoring habits by DUCIT, the Spanish Observatory of Motorists of RACE, revealed that 11 per cent (2.7 million) of drivers in Spain admit to not respecting speed limits, while 7 per cent (over 1.8 million) use mobile phones at the wheel.



# RACE creates observatory of motoring habits

Founded earlier this year, DUCIT, the first Spanish Observatory of Motorists, set up and developed by RACE, was established with the aim of giving a voice to motorists to better ascertain the opinions of millions of road users. On a permanent basis, DUCIT asks and explores the suggestions of motorists to improve mobility in Spain. The results of these surveys are published online, making them available to everyone.

DUCIT has already produced four surveys, addressing issues such as vehicle sales, mobility and road safety, as well as the analysis of mobility trends from both local and national perspectives. One of the organisation's more recent surveys focused on driving habits and the perception that motorists have of themselves.

The results revealed that while Spanish motorists enjoy driving, many have acquired bad habits: 11 per cent (2.7 million) admit to not respecting speed limits, while 7 per cent (over 1.8 million) use mobile telephone applications while at the wheel.

To keep track of these habits, DUCIT created the Driving Responsibility Index (DRI). This index ranks Spanish motorists with a score of 58.8 out of 100, revealing a wide margin for improvement in aspects related to security, such as driver training, vehicle maintenance and road infrastructure.

To participate in a DUCIT survey is simple. If you are a driver, live in Spain and are over 18 years of age, log onto the organisation's website at [www.ducit.es](http://www.ducit.es)

To view the results of the recent surveys, please visit:

[www.ducit.es/estudios-ducit](http://www.ducit.es/estudios-ducit)



Automóvil Club de Costa Rica

# Costa Rica to host conference on children's safety

As part of the Decade of Action for Road Safety, Costa Rica will this May host a Conference on Road Safety and Young Children in Latin America and the Caribbean, with the support of the Automóvil Club de Costa Rica (ACCR).

The conference will take place on May 7-8, with the proposed agenda revolving around the Five Pillars of the Framework Agreement signed by the members of the United Nations, specifically: Road Safety Management, Safer Roads and Mobility, Safer Vehicles, Safer Road Users, and Post-crash Response.

The ACCR, whose stated mission is "to ensure the welfare of road users: drivers, cyclists and pedestrians, through a clean and safe mobility", is a committed supporter of the conference and its aims.

The ACCR also urges national authorities to establish road safety as a national priority and to strengthen institutional government capacity. It also calls for the adoption of measures to control vehicle speed and driving under the influence of alcohol, as well as the promotion of helmet use, seat belts and the use of child restraint systems. Finally, it urges the establishment of strategic alliances with the private sector and other national and international organisations to work together to reduce the number of road deaths and to implement programs and educational campaigns to raise public awareness of road safety risk factors and the need to drive responsibly.



# FIA REGION I SPRING MEETING

5 - 8 May 2015, Tunisia

The next FIA Region I Spring Meeting will take place 5-8 May 2015 in Tunisia at the kind invitation of the National Automobile Club de Tunisie.

## Venue

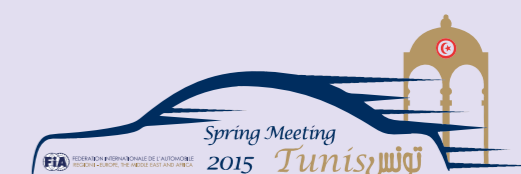
The meetings will be held in the Hotel Residence Tunis.

## About Tunis

The city of Tunis is a lively and fast growing city where a dynamic atmosphere blends with an impressive history. Tunis has embraced new developments over the last few decades and is now considered as a modern capital.

The culture of Tunis, like the rest of the country, is a creation of more than 3,000 years of history and multi-ethnic cultures. Formed by the native Carthaginian civilisation. Modern Tunis has been greatly influenced by Roman, Vandal, Jewish, Christian, Arab, Islamic, Turkish, French and Berber cultures.

Should you have any questions regarding the event, please feel free to contact Marzena Skubij at [mkskubij@fia.com](mailto:mkskubij@fia.com)



Allgemeiner Deutscher Automobil-Club e.V.

# ADAC finds car-hacking loophole in BMW vehicles

Germany's ADAC (the Allgemeiner Deutscher Automobil-Club) recently uncovered a security loophole in BMW's ConnectedDrive system that could allow cars to be unlocked by mobile phone. BMW has since rectified the issue.

The German club identified the problem in a number of vehicles, with untraceable unauthorised access being achieved in just minutes. According to BMW, the defect affected 2.2 million ConnectedDrive-equipped BMW, Mini and Rolls Royce models supplied during and after 2010 worldwide.

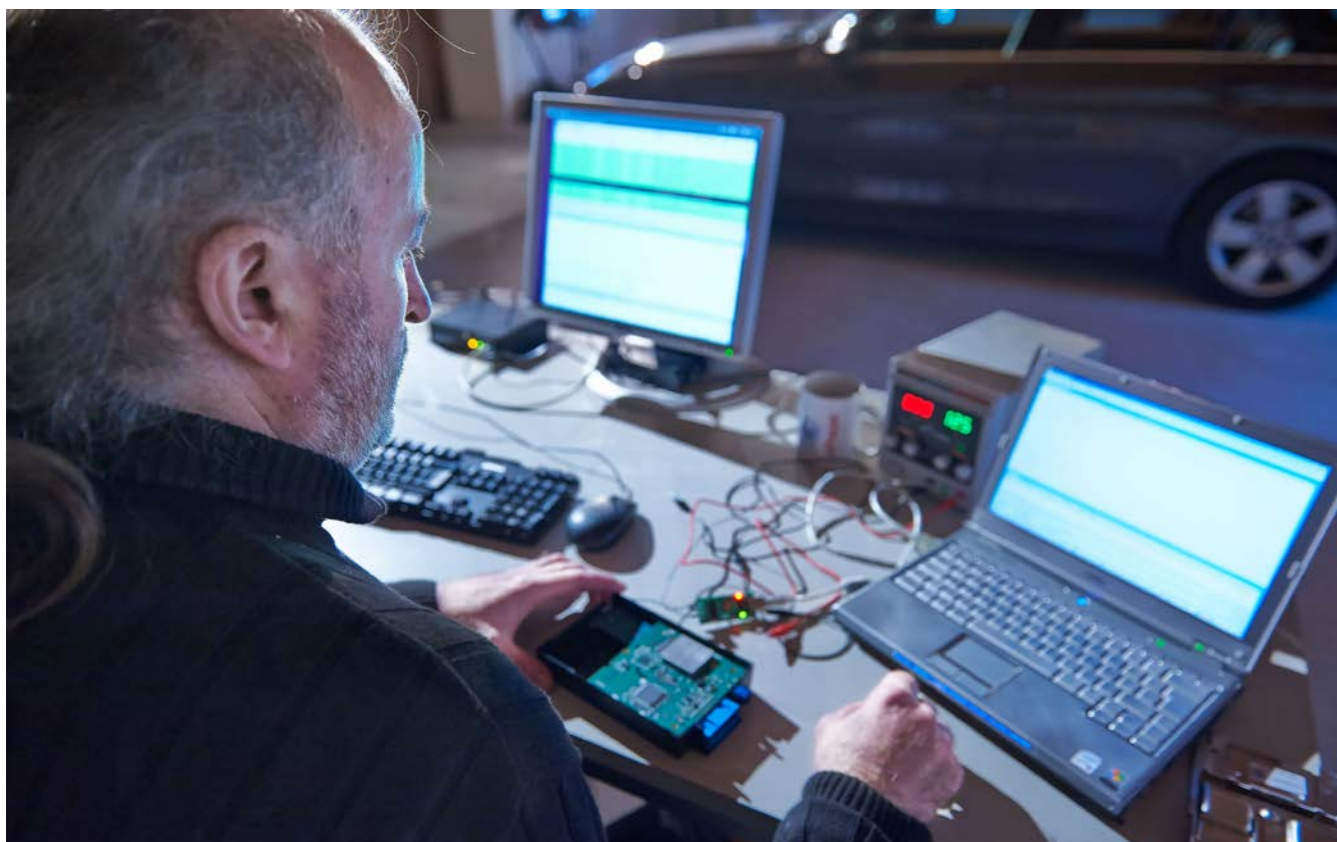
Following the discovery of the issue, ADAC informed the manufacturer of the problem and BMW swiftly moved to close the security loophole by activating encrypted communication with vehicles.

For owners, no workshop call or exchange of parts is required to close the loophole and the encryption updates have been running wirelessly in the background since December of last year.

"Being a responsible consumer advocate, we have delayed the publication of this security vulnerability to give the manufacturer the opportunity to deal with it before copycats try to jump on the bandwagon," said Thomas Burkhardt, ADAC Vice President Technical Services.

Having discovered the loophole, ADAC is calling upon automotive manufacturers worldwide to implement state-of-the-art protection of in-car computer technology against manipulation and illegal access. Such protection must be based on standards, as is already customary in other industries, such as the IT sector. Moreover, any safeguards put in place need to be confirmed by an impartial organisation.

To see how an ADAC expert detected the security loophole and for more technical information on the problem and its solution go to [www.adac.de/sicherheitsluecken](http://www.adac.de/sicherheitsluecken) where a full list of affected models and a video are available.



Germany's ADAC discovered a security loophole in some 2.2 million BMW, Mini and Rolls Royce models sold since 2010. The loophole allowed untraceable unauthorised access to be achieved in just minutes. BMW has since rectified the problem.

Touring and Automobile Club of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Present at the first phase of TACI's first 'Don't Drive Drowsy' campaign were (l-r): Mr Jafari, Member of the Board of Directors of TACI, Colonel Khosravi, Deputy Commander of Iran's Traffic Police, project adviser Dr, Esmaeili, TACI President Mr Iraj, TACI Director of International Affairs Mr Gholizadeh and Colonel Hashemi, Lecturer of the Trainers Workshop.



# TACI launches first phase of 'Don't Drive When Drowsy' project

Driver drowsiness is a serious problem and results in many thousands of road accidents each year. In the past 10 years alone some 30 per cent of accidents on Iran's roads were caused by drowsy driving.

In response to these figures the Touring and Automobile Club of Iran (TACI) has launched a new initiative, 'Don't Drive Drowsy'.

Supported by funding from the FIA Grant Programme, the aim of the project is to provide education to the country's transportation companies and to drivers at suburban bus terminals in order to improve their knowledge of the dangers of drowsy driving and to give them tips on how to reduce or avoid risk.

As a first step in the programme, professional instructors and trainers, including psychologists, medical doctors and traffic police commanders recently held a one-day briefing workshop in Tehran and Mashhad for 67 experienced lecturers.

A number of teaching aids targeted at public bus drivers were provided in this 'training the trainers' phase. A number of pamphlets, booklets, and training short clips will also be prepared for later phases.

The aim of the opening phase was to assist trainers in how to plan and deliver the most effective way to help a minimum of 3,000 public bus drivers to avoid accidents resulting from drowsiness or fatigue.

Selected provinces and areas of Iran will then be covered as the most vulnerable regions during the second and third phases of the project.



FIA Mobility

# FIA and clubs to take part in third World Collaborative Mobility Congress

Dr Joerg Beckmann,  
CEO Mobility Academy



In recent years, bike-share, car-share and ride-share programmes have taken off across the world, changing the way consumers experience and use transportation systems, particularly in cities. The number of people participating in shared mobility has steadily grown and the new phenomenon is rapidly moving up the agenda of many clubs.

‘Wocomoco’, the World Collaborative Mobility Congress is the international platform for all stakeholders working in the field of collaborative mobility and this year’s event, promoted by the Swiss Academy of the TCS and supported by the FIA, will take place in Innsbruck, Austria, on the 25-26 June.

The event has been designed to address the new trend of shared mobility and to advance a new mobility paradigm, one in which people share cars, journeys and infrastructure and in which clubs offer new, integrated solutions to their members.

The congress will offer a top-class programme with speakers from all over the world. A number of FIA clubs will be actively participating in the different sessions on offer across the two days.

Read more about the programme and the event:

<http://bit.ly/1G9XE5Y>



Touring and Automobile Club of Turkey

The Touring and Automobile Club of Turkey recently launched a project called the 10,000 Moto-Courier Education Project aimed at raising awareness of good road safety practice among motorcycle couriers. Some 2,000 riders have so far received safety training.



## Keeping couriers safe on Turkey’s roads

With increased urbanisation comes higher car use and as a consequence rising levels of congestion. The simple answer for many is to abandon their cars and take to two wheels.

The benefits are obvious, with the manoeuvrability of motorcycles leading to reduced journey times, simpler parking, as well as lowered fuel bills and, of course, the lower purchase price of motorcycles and mopeds.

The downside, however, lies in the risks two-wheeled road users are exposed to. To minimise these dangers, the best option is, of course, to invest in proper safety clothing and a good helmet. However, despite laws in Turkey mandating the obligatory use of crash helmets, a large number of motorcyclists do not obey the law.

A large proportion of these riders are motorcycle couriers and to help this sector the Touring and Automobile Club of Turkey has launched a project called the 10,000 Moto-Courier Education Project. The aim of the scheme is to educate all couriers in Turkey about road safety techniques and the proper use of the motorcycle safety gear.

With Turkish Minister of Interior Efkân Ala in attendance

the opening ceremony of the 600,000 euro project took place at the Touring and Automobile Club of Turkey’s headquarters in Istanbul last December 2014. During the lifetime of the project 10,000 couriers will receive safety training, at no cost. Two daily sessions are held during which 40 couriers receive training in each session. Each participant receives a testimonial, an ECE 22.05 certificated crash helmet and a hi-vis jackets at the end of the session.

During his opening ceremony speech, Ala congratulated the club for instigating the programme saying: “If you want to learn about traffic, ask Touring.”

Addressing the couriers who attended the programme’s pilot session, he added: “If you are going to make a living by riding a motorcycle, you need to obey the traffic rules and wear your crash helmets. Otherwise, just don’t do it.”

Since the start of the project, 2,000 couriers have received training.





# LONDON CALLING

*This year's FIA Mobility Conference is a truly collaborative event, with a range of Britain's most important motoring organisation and charities joining forces to host delegates from around the world*



LONDON  
15 - 18 SEPT



## “ THE CONFERENCE HAS ADOPTED THE VERY BRITISH THEME OF ‘KEEP CALM AND STAY CONNECTED’ ”



Following last year's successful FIA Mobility Conference in Melbourne, Australia, this year's conference moves to the other side of the world and will take place in one of the cradles of motoring development and innovation, the UK's capital, London.

Britain has the largest number of FIA member clubs in any one country and this year's conference will be jointly hosted by a broad range of Britain's most important motoring organisations and campaign bodies, including some of the world's oldest and most well known motoring clubs, including the Royal Automobile Club, a founding member clubs of the FIA, and the Automobile Association.

The group's invitation to host this year's event in London provides the perfect location in which to debate and discuss the challenges facing mobility clubs today. A blend of the traditional and the relentlessly modern, London's constantly evolving state in some ways mirrors the world of mobility, where clubs are striving to maintain the traditional values that have served them so well in the past, while at the same time attempting to adapt to a period of huge change in the world of motoring.

With that in mind, FIA Mobility Conference 2015 has adopted the very British theme of 'Keep Calm and Stay Connected', around which it will focus on a smart future for motoring in the connected cities of the coming years and examine how the role of clubs may be affected by the motoring and business trends taking shape globally.

In order to full explore the issues confronting clubs, the conference will not only examine the big picture outlook for clubs but will also take an in-depth look at how those change will shape the motoring landscape of our cities and towns and how those will in turn affect clubs and the people that work for them.

Beginning on Tuesday 15 September, FIA Mobility Conference 2015 will launch with a keynote address looking at the megatrends shaping the way we live and move now and how these are set to evolve over the coming decades, particular as the world of motoring deals with the rise of the connected car, autonomous

vehicles and changing population demographics and demands.

Wednesday will see the focus narrow to examine how these trends might affect the motoring landscape of the cities and towns in which clubs operate, giving an insight into the developments that will both challenge them and offer new and exciting opportunities.

Following these macro views, Day Three will then look at clubs themselves, examining how motoring organisations can respond to the evolving demands of their members. Day Three will not only zoom in on clubs as businesses but will also examine the role of the people who make up the clubs, exploring the challenges of servicing the needs of an increasingly diverse member base. The day will also feature discussion focused on improving the 'club life' of employees, looking at improving their capabilities as 'self-starters' through training and education.

There will also be a special FIA University course aimed at club Presidents, CEOs and board members, which will be devoted to club governance, strategy and leadership.

Staying connected is not simply about learning about how the

business of mobility clubs might evolve in the future, however. As ever, the key to the week's importance for clubs is in the opportunity it affords delegates to renew connections with colleagues from around the world, to meet and discuss the issues of the day in an informal environment that ideally promotes the exchange of ideas, information and experience.

In order to do this there will be plenty of break-out time across the week to both renew friendships and to explore the fascinating city of London.

From Day One's traditional welcome cocktail in the historic surrounds of the Royal Automobile Club on Pall Mall, to a very special Gala Dinner, which will this year be held in the beautiful Victoria and Albert Museum, the world's largest museum of the decorative arts and design, FIA Mobility Conference 2015 will give delegates a unique taste of London life.

In all, FIA Mobility Conference 2015 promises to be a fascinating (and fun) few days in one of the world's great cities.

To register for FIA Mobility Conference 2015 click on [mcregistration.fia.com](http://mcregistration.fia.com)



The FIA's Mobility Conference gives delegates from around the world an opportunity to work together to address the motoring challenges facing all clubs in an environment tailor-made for effective collaboration.

Social events at FIA Mobility Conference 2015 will kick off with the traditional Welcome Cockatil, which will this year take place in the historic surrounds of the Royal Automobile Club on Pall Mall.



## THE AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION



The AA was founded in 1905 and bases its mission on service and loyalty. It aims to increase roadside membership through leading service and loyalty, by evolving its insurance business model to drive profitable growth, growing B2B service offers through greater integration with partners and via the delivery of a step-change in digital capability. It also seeks to invest in home services to drive further scale, to leverage the brand to capture the opportunity in the broader motoring sector, to further strengthen management capability throughout the group and to capitalise on the energy of people as the AA enters public markets.

## THE CAMPING AND CARAVANNING CLUB



Founded in 1901 as the Association of Cycle Campers, the Camping and Caravanning Club has a current membership of 500,000. The club's travel service sends over 65,000 people a year to its 145 summer campsites in 12 different countries, along with its 16 Winter Sun sites and rallies. It also offers tours to European and worldwide destinations including Turkey, Greece, Iceland, the USA, Canada, New Zealand and Argentina.

## THE CARAVAN CLUB



The Caravan Club is an organisation representing caravanners in the United Kingdom and Ireland. It was founded in 1907 and now represents nearly 1 million members. The Club operates around 200 main Caravan Club sites and 2,500 smaller certificated 'five-van' sites, known as CLs (Certificated Locations). The Club offers caravan insurance and other insurance services. It provides overseas ferry and pitch bookings, recovery/breakdown services, branded as Red Pennant, and a range of technical advice services. It is also active in lobbying on behalf of its members.

## THE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS



The Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) is a charity based in the United Kingdom and serving nine countries whose objective is to improve car driving and motorcycle-riding standards, and so enhance road safety. The IAM supports and represents motorists, motorcyclists and cyclists through practical driving and riding programmes and urges all road users to act more responsibly and safely. The IAM also aims to inform and influence government and decision-makers to ensure that road safety remains a relevant topic and receives the focus and investment that it requires. Founded in 1956, it now has more than 100,000 members.

## ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB



Founded in 1897, the Royal Automobile Club is the oldest motoring institution in the UK and was a founding member of the FIA. As such, it seeks to promote the best interests of motorists and motor sport. Additionally, its purpose is to maintain and conduct a private members' club offering high quality accommodation, including dining, recreational and sporting facilities for the benefit of its members and their guests.

## EURORAP



In partnership with national motoring organisations and local authorities, EuroRAP assesses roads in Europe to show how well they protect life in the event of a crash. It is a sister programme to EuroNCAP, the European New Car Assessment Programme. In a handful of years, EuroRAP has grown from a four-country pilot scheme to become a major force for change, with active programmes currently running in over 30 countries. EuroRAP's success is being replicated across the world with Road Assessment Programmes in more than 70 countries spanning Europe, the Asia-Pacific region, North, Central and South America, the Caribbean and Africa.

## IRAP



The International Road Assessment Programme (iRAP) is a registered charity dedicated to preventing the more than 3,500 road deaths that occur every day worldwide. The organisation provides tools and training to help automobile associations, governments, funding agencies, research institutes and other non-government organisations in more than 70 countries make roads safe. iRAP's activities include inspecting high-risk roads and developing star ratings, formulating safer roads investment plans and risk maps, providing training, technology and support that will build and sustain national, regional and local capability and tracking road safety performance so that funding agencies can assess the benefits of their investments. The body is a member of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration.

## THE ROAD SAFETY FUND



Supporting the implementation of the United Nations' Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020, the Road Safety Fund facilitates alliances between private sector donors and NGOs to support road injury prevention programmes in countries and communities working to defeat this growing epidemic of road death and injury. Managed by the FIA Foundation, in partnership with the World Health Organisation, the Fund is working with some of the world's leading companies and road safety NGOs to design and deliver evidence-based capacity building projects and injury prevention pilot programmes in Africa, Asia and South America.

## FIA FOUNDATION



Part of the FIA family, the FIA Foundation is an independent UK registered charity that supports an international programme of activities promoting road safety, the environment and sustainable mobility, as well as funding motor sport safety research. The Foundation has an international membership of motoring and road safety organisations and national motorsport associations. It has 152 founding members and 14 members from 103 countries.

Automobile and Touring Club for United Arab Emirates

## ATCUAE's Ben Sulayem takes centre stages to support rallying in UAE

FIA Vice President and ATCUAE President Mohammed Ben Sulayem and General Manager Ronan Morgan recently come out of retirement from sporting competition to support rallying in the UAE, with the pair taking part in this year's Sharjah Rally, which forms part of the UAE National Rally Championship.

Ben Sulayem won the FIA Middle East Rally Championship 14 times as a driver, including 10 with Morgan as Co-Driver. Ben Sulayem eventually retired from rallying at the end of 2002 but this February the duo signed up for the Sharjah event organised by the Emirates Motorsport Club (EMC).

Driving their 20-year-old Ford Escort WRC, the pair were narrowly beaten into second place by friend and EMC President Sheikh Abdullah Al Qassimi and co-driver Khoury Gaby.

Ben Sulayem competed at the invitation of Sheikh Al Qassimi, who hopes that the participation of the ATCUAE President will help increase interest in rallying among a new generation of drivers, especially as rallying must now compete with karting and circuit racing for their attention of young competitors, a choice drivers of Ben Sulayem's and Al Qassimi's generation never had the good fortune to be faced with.



ATCUAE President Mohammed Ben Sulayem (left) and General Manager Ronan Morgan who came out of retirement from competition to finish second in this year's Sharjah Rally.

Österreichische Automobil-, Motorrad- und Touringclub

Dr Walter Huber Medical presents a lecture on medical care and treatment in motor sport at OEAMTC-OSK Motorsport's first training initiative, held at Austria's Red Bull Ring



## Austria launches new motor sport training initiative

Austrian ASN OEAMTC-OSK Motorsport has launched a new nationwide training initiative with the goal of facilitating the exchange of experience and knowledge of motor sport management and safety issues among officials in the country.

The new programme targets doctors, technical and sporting delegates, secretaries of meetings, clerks of the course, as well as drivers and event organisers.

During the start-up event, held at the Red Bull Ring in Spielberg, home of the revitalised Formula One Austrian Grand Prix, participants were treated to a presentation on medical care and treatment in motor sport, a topic that had been highlighted as of interest by many participants during a preliminary feedback process.

To promote information exchange, the main part of the event focused on personal interviews with motor sport officials who spoke of their experiences of the main issues facing motor sport nationally.

Following a feedback process after the event, the chief issues highlighted for further exploration were enhanced training and the development of a network that will allow all national motor sport stakeholders to coordinate their efforts. OEAMTC-OSK Motorsport has confirmed that it will organise further events in the future.



Dansk Automobil Sports Union

## Jokinen spearheads Danish race camps

Former Formula 2 and Formula 3 Euroseries frontrunner Johan Jokinen is to take charge of the DASU Race Academy, the Danish national motor sport association's educational programme for young kart racers.

Jokinen (pictured below) will be in charge of at least three race camps for kart racers aged 8-14 years. At the race camps the young drivers and their parents will be able to pick up useful knowledge about training, operational techniques and the complex process of go-kart set-up.

After a successful time in single-seater racing Jokinen has most recently been working as a mechanic and coach for a Danish kart racer in combination with his studies.

"When I started racing karts 15 years ago, there were only very few ways of getting the right help and as a newcomer to this sport there are a lot of things to learn," said Jokinen. "That's why I'm thrilled to be able to help in an area in which my dad and I needed help when we embarked on what was to be the most exciting time of our lives. I have followed this project from the pit lane and I am now looking forward to contributing to it."

The DASU Race Academy is supported by FIA Institute.



FIA Sport Regional Congress



## Asia-Pacific Sport Regional Congress

The inaugural FIA Asia-Pacific Sport Regional Congress was scheduled to take place from 23 to 25 April 2015 in Kathmandu, Nepal.

The meeting was the first of its kind in the region, and was hosted by the Nepal Auto Sports Association (NASA). In an effort to coordinate the action of National Sporting Authorities on the ground, the FIA established Regional Congresses for delegates to exchange views and experiences pertaining to the development of motor sport.

The event was attended by 45 delegates from 14 countries in the region, as well as FIA officials including President Jean Todt, Road Safety Ambassador Michelle Yeoh, FIA Vice President Morrie Chandler, and Deputy President for Sport, Graham Stoker. Nepalese dignitaries attended the opening ceremony, including Nepal Government Minister for Youth and Sports Hon. Purushottam Paudel, Former Deputy Prime Minister of Nepal Mr Narayan Kaji Shrestha and Vice President of Nepal Rt Hon. Parmananda Jha.

During the running of the Congress the country of Nepal, including its capital Kathmandu, was subjected to a massive earthquake that has taken a shocking toll on the country.

All members of the FIA party and Congress delegates were safe and accounted for, thanks in no small part to the efforts of the local National Sporting Authority, the Nepal Auto Sports Association (NASA). In a statement shortly after the earthquake, the FIA expressed its support for the country as it deals with a devastating scale of human loss.

"Jean Todt, on behalf of the broader motor sport community, wishes to convey its most heartfelt condolences to the Nepal people – our collective thoughts are with them as they deal with this tragedy.

"The recovery and reparation efforts will be immense for the country."

Jean Todt also announced that it will investigate the establishment of a fund for charitable donations to be made to the people of Nepal.

Hong Kong Automobile Association

## HKAA 'drivathon' boosts awareness of green motoring

In November of last year, the Hong Kong Automobile Association (HKAA) hosted the second HKAA Eco Drivathon in order to bring together motor sport and sustainability.

Supported by official fuel sponsor Caltex, the event saw 234 vehicles compete in a variety of categories including private cars, car owners' club, media and local car dealers. Participants had to complete the prescribed course within five hours, in as short a time as possible and with the lowest possible fuel consumption.

The drivathon not only proved to be an enjoyable ride for the competitors but also gave them the chance to learn more about cars, road safety and how to drive in an environmentally friendly manner.

While contestants were navigating the city, motoring enthusiasts were enjoying a carnival held at a local vocational education institute, IVE (Shatin), which featured talks and activities on road safety and healthcare for drivers.

The record breaking number of participants and spectators in attendance at the event is proof of the popularity of mobility and awareness of environmental protection in Hong Kong.

The third HKAA Eco Drivathon will be held in December 2015. For more details refer to [www.hkaa.com.hk](http://www.hkaa.com.hk).



Ústřední automotoklub České republiky



UAMK President Dr Oldrich Vanicek on the road to Dakar.

## UAMK celebrates 30th anniversary of Czech truck's Dakar debut

In the fall of 1984, a crew driving a Czech-built LIAZ truck headed out to start the famous Paris-Dakar Rally and to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the vehicle's first appearance in the legendary event the restored LIAZ truck recently returned to retrace the route from Paris to the Senegalese capital of Dakar.

The historic occasion was marked by UAMK, with club President Dr. Oldrich Vanicek in attendance along the route from Prague to Paris, via Nador, Dakhla and Saint Louis to Lake Retba, also known as Lac Rose, near Dakar. The club also sent along its Škoda Yeti assistance vehicle.

This time the crew of Jiří Moskal, Jaroslav Joklík and Radek Fencel arrived at Rose Lake on January 22, finishing in 13th position in a field of 55 participating trucks.

On the way to Dakar the Czech expedition also visited a number of nature reserves, parks and cities. In Dakar, the expedition members paid a visit to the Czech Embassy, schools, and a local orphanage. They also participated in the closing ceremony of the Africa Eco Race 2015, in which Czech representative Tomas Tomecek, driving a Tatra truck, finished in third place.



Motor Sports Association UK

## MSA UK launches 2015 road safety film competition

The Motor Sports Association (MSA) UK has launched the 2015 MSA/FIA Action for Road Safety Film Studies Competition, supported by the FIA Road Safety Grant Programme. The competition invites young Britons aged 16-24 to submit short films highlighting one of the FIA's 10 Golden Rules for Safer Motoring.

Building on the success of the 2014 contest, which saw 12 prize winners travel to the Italian Grand Prix at Monza to meet FIA President Jean Todt and soon-to-be-crowned F1 One world champion Lewis Hamilton, the 2015 competition will feature two incredible top prizes for young people who capture the key message of road safety most effectively.

In association with Allianz, two teams of up to five students will get an amazing experience as they travel to a

Formula One Grand Prix to enjoy prime grandstand seats. What's more, each winning team will receive STG£4,000 to spend on filming equipment.

Statistics confirm that road accidents are still the biggest killer among 16-24 year-olds in the UK. Working closely with the FIA, the MSA has expanded 2014's competition making it open to all young people in the high-risk age group. The films will focus on one of the FIA's 10 Golden Rules for Safer Motoring. More information can be found on the MSA website at [www.msauk.org/Resource-Centre/MSA/FIA-Road-Safety-Film-Competition](http://www.msauk.org/Resource-Centre/MSA/FIA-Road-Safety-Film-Competition)



A meeting with Formula One World Champion Lewis Hamilton at the 2014 Italian Grand Prix was the top prize in last year's MSA UK's road safety film competition.

FIA Institute

# Watkins Scholarship Open to Applications

The FIA Institute is now inviting applications for the Sid Watkins Scholarship, a fully funded internship that will enable the successful individual to contribute to important motor sport safety research. The FIA, FIA Foundation and the FIA Institute are jointly funding the scholarship, which is open to candidates currently studying engineering or medicine.

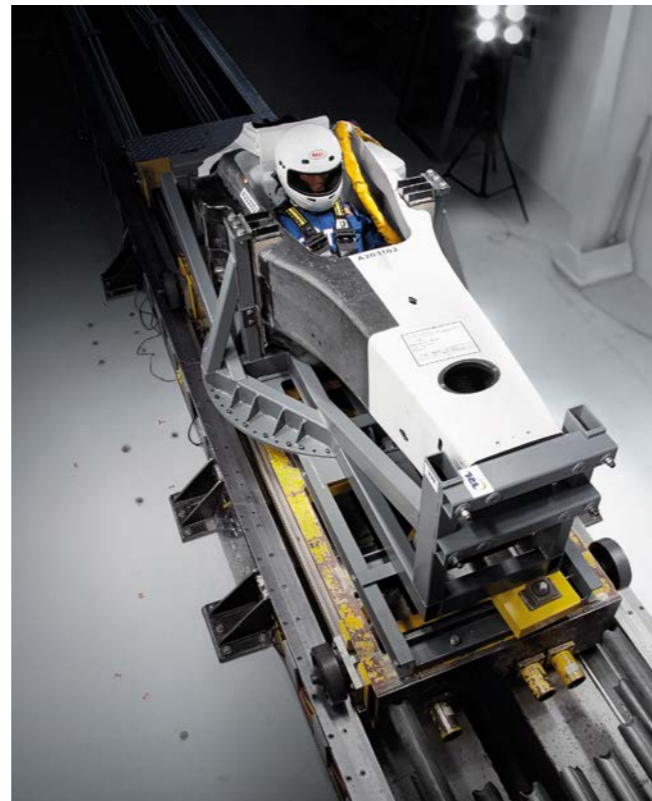
Former FIA Institute President Professor Sid Watkins OBE, who passed away in September 2012, is regarded as one of the leading pioneers of safety in motor racing. His efforts to implement higher standards saved multiple lives and have had a lasting impact at all levels of the sport.

The scholarship pays tribute to his vision and philosophy, rewarding the successful applicant with a paid internship to pursue a range of relevant medical or technical research projects. They will work with the Institute's research partner, the Global Institute of Motor Sport Safety (GIMMS), and will be expected to dedicate a minimum of three days a week to the role over a span of nine to 18 months, depending on the project.

"Motor sport safety and Professor Sid Watkins have become synonymous in recent decades, as the goal of optimum safety became the focus of my husband's life and work," said Susan Watkins. "Never give up" was his battle cry, an attitude adopted by the team of medical and engineering experts working under his guidance at the FIA Institute. But as racing vehicles and circuits continue to evolve, the endeavour becomes never-ending, requiring ongoing research. It is especially important to have fresh approaches to research, which is why Sid would be particularly pleased – and touched – that the Institute is offering this scholarship in his name."

Candidates must submit a one-page summary of a proposed piece of research along with an overview of previously undertaken research and their academic achievements. The winner of the scholarship will be selected by a panel of experts that consists of former Formula One Team Principal Ross Brawn; Medical Chairman of the German Motor Sport Federation Michael Scholz; and GIMSS General Manager Research Laurent Mekies, with final approval being provided by the FIA Institute's Executive Committee.

Professor Gérard Saillant, Watkins' successor as President of the FIA Institute, added: "It is with great pride that we are able to honour our late colleague's memory with such an initiative. The Institute is a leader in the field of safety in motor sport, with initiatives that also have a direct impact on road safety. It is of great importance that we strive to encourage the next generation of doctors, scientists and engineers to continue to find ways to innovate and lead in safety research. We hope that the successful candidate will be inspired by Professor Watkins' memory and make a fitting contribution to the legacy of



Former FIA Institute President Professor Sid Watkins OBE

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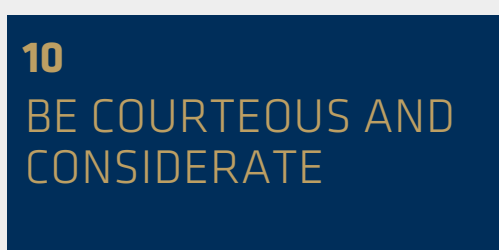
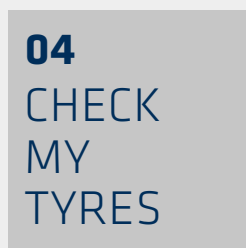
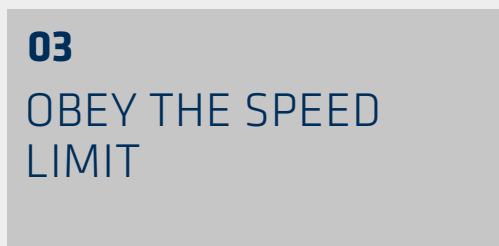
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