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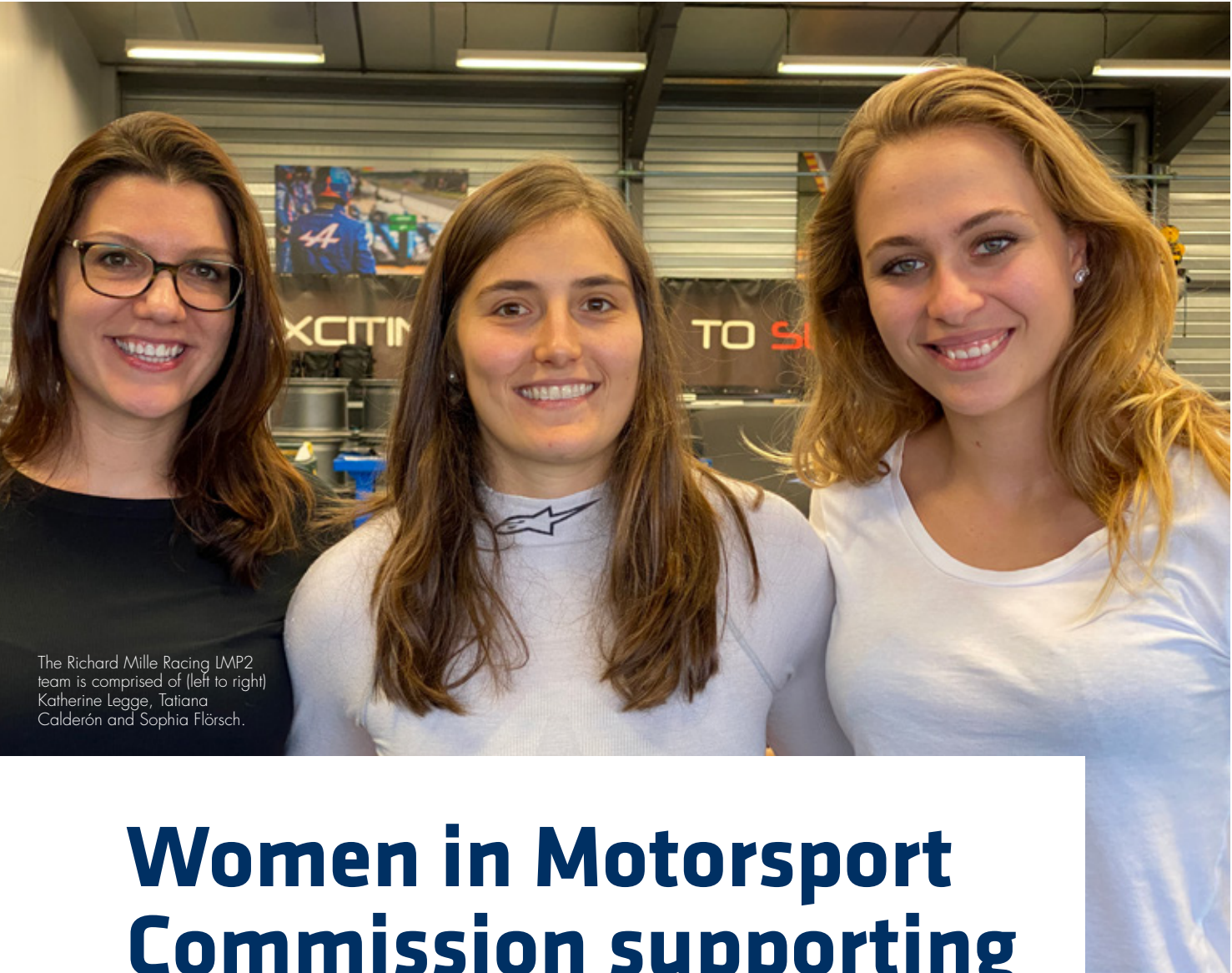
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The Richard Mille Racing LMP2 team is comprised of (left to right) Katherine Legge, Tatiana Calderón and Sophia Flörsch.

Women in Motorsport Commission supporting three female crews at Le Mans

ALL-FEMALE CREWS SET FOR LMP2 AND GT CLASS COMPETITION AT THE 24 HOURS OF LE MANS AS THE HIGHLIGHT OF MAJOR 2020 CAMPAIGNS IN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES

The world's top female racing talent will be competing at the 88th edition of the 24 Heures du Mans as three teams supported by the FIA Women in Motorsport Commission have secured coveted places on the 62-car grid of the world's most famous endurance race. Katherine Legge, Tatiana Calderón and Sophia Flörsch will spearhead the Richard Mille Racing Team's assault in an Oreca 07, Gibson-powered racecar run by Philippe Sinault's Signatech team, one of 24 entries in the LMP2 category. Twenty teams will line up in the LMGTE Am category, with the GEAR Racing team being headed by Denmark's Christina Nielsen. Meanwhile, The Iron Dames crew of Manuela Gostner, Rahel Frey and Michelle Gatting return to Le Mans for the second consecutive time, this year with the Iron Lynx team. Both crews will be piloting Ferrari 488 GTE Evo machinery.

"Securing an entry to Le Mans is very difficult so to have three female crews on the grid is an immense achievement," said Michèle Mouton, President of the FIA Women in Motorsport Commission and herself a winner of the Prototype 2L category at the 1975 Le Mans. "There is a lot more hard work ahead but I am confident our crews will reward the belief everyone has placed in them as they embark on this great journey towards one of the most iconic races on the sportscar calendar."

A grid spot at the 24 Hours of Le Mans represents the highlight of an intensely busy year for all three crews.

In addition to Le Mans action, the Richard Mille Racing Team, in association with the Commission, will field the first-ever all-female line-up in the LMP2 category of the 2020 and 2021 European Le Mans Series. Legge will compete in all six rounds of the series,

starting at the 4 Hours of Barcelona on 5 April, supported by Calderón and Flörsch who will dovetail the programme alongside their Formula 1, Super Formula and Formula 3 campaigns. The crew will race at the wheel of the same Oreca 07, Gibson-powered Signatech car they'll take to Le Mans.

"This is an incredible opportunity with Richard Mille and his team," said Commission President Mouton. "Richard has a strong belief that access to our sport for women has its challenges, like it does for men, but he has taken concrete action with this project and shown belief in Katherine, Tatiana and Sophia. I can't wait to see how the team progresses on this incredible journey."

The GEAR Racing team, meanwhile, has already embarked on a full season of competition in the 2020 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, and Nielsen, alongside fellow IMSA



The Le Mans entry of the GEAR Racing team (pictured here ahead of the IMSA Daytona 24 Hours) will be led by Christina Nielsen (far right).



The Iron Dames crew of (left to right) Manuela Gostner, Michelle Gatting and Rahel Frey.

regular Legge, Calderón and Frey, put in an impressive performance at the famous 24 hour race at Daytona International Speedway in late January. Ten hours into the race the crew found themselves in a useful ninth place but then disaster struck when a fuel pump issue on their Lamborghini Huracán GT3 forced the team back to the pits. The lengthy repairs cost the crew a crippling 37 laps, but determined to finish the race, they headed back out on track and after a tough night hauled themselves back to 15th place. However, shortly before 9am on Sunday the crew's race ended when an engine fire forced Nielsen to quickly pull over at the side of the track and retire.

The GEAR Racing team's strong performance across the weekend was also hailed by Women in Motorsport Commission President Mouton.

"This was a very strong line-up for Daytona but luck just wasn't on their side," she said. "The programme provides another great opportunity for professional female drivers to prove themselves on a mixed grid and we all wish them success at the next round. They have a very successful team running the car and together there is great potential for some top results."

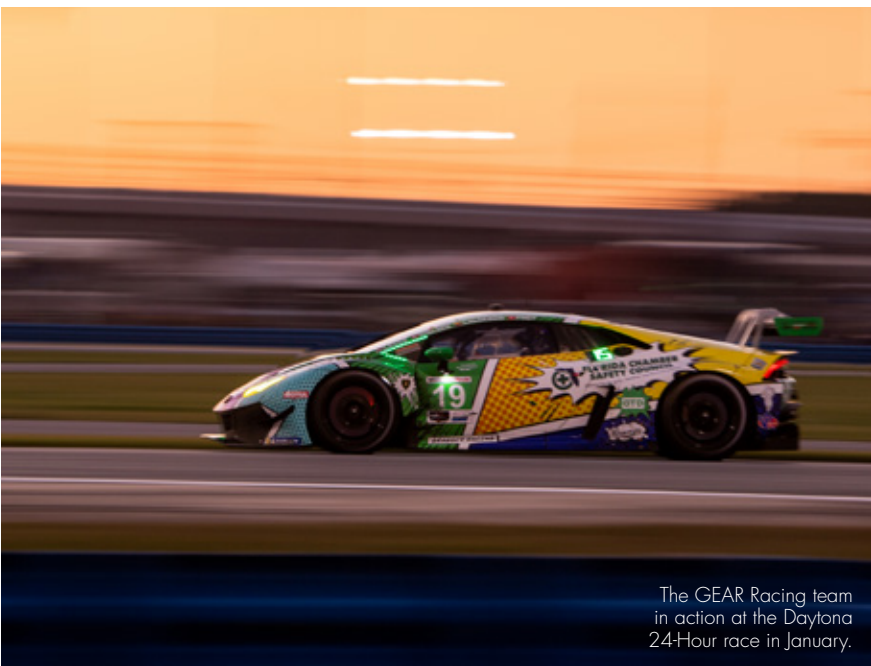
Nielsen and Legge's next event on the IMSA calendar is the 12 Hours of Sebring, from the 18-21 March.

The Iron Dames crew of Frey, Gostner and Gatting will compete in ELMS, taking on their second campaign in the series, this time in an Iron Lynx Ferrari 488 in the LMGTE Am category.

Last year the crew reached the podium twice, with second-place finishes at Le Castellet and Silverstone. Those results, allied to two fourth places, saw them finish fourth overall from 20 registered crews.

Now, with a year of experience racing together the Dames are focused on raising their game even further.

"It is really exciting to have two successful podium-fighting all-female crews on the grid at each ELMS race," said Mouton. "I don't remember a time when this has happened and it is



The GEAR Racing team in action at the Daytona 24-Hour race in January.



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evidence of the progress being made for, and by women in our sport."

This renewed participation has been possible thanks to Iron Dames project leader Deborah Mayer, entrepreneur and GT driver and a supporter of women in the sport. She will join Gatting in a second Ferrari for the Michelin Le Mans Cup.

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Michèle Mouton

Newly-elected Commission
VP Tiina Lehmonen (left)
with Commission President
Michèle Mouton.

Tiina Lehmonen becomes Vice President of the FIA Women in Motorsport Commission

LONG-TERM COMMISSION MEMBER AND HIGHLY
SUCCESSFUL RALLY ORGANISER AND TV
EXECUTIVE HOPES TO BRING EXPERIENCE OF
“DIFFERENT SIDES OF THE TABLE” TO NEW ROLE

Tiina Lehmonen, the former managing director of Rally Finland organisers AKK Sports and current Head of Motorsport for TV production company NEP Finland, is taking on the role of Vice President of the FIA Women in Motorsport Commission.

A longtime Commission Member, Lehmonen will replace outgoing Vice President Randa Nabulsi of the Royal Automobile Club of Jordan (RACJ).

“I am very proud to take on the role of Vice President and highly respect the work the Commission has done over the past years; I am delighted to be part of it,” Tiina says. “Long-term plans were made and the Commission has been very consistent on its work and nowadays we have amazing, concrete projects going on around the world. All this is thanks to Michèle, for her hard work and for being relentless regarding the aims of our Commission. Also, Randa has done a fantastic job and continues to do great work, now also as our regional representative in the Middle East.”

During her time as Managing Director of AKK Sports Lehmonen was responsible for the organisation and promotion of Rally Finland, the Finnish round of the FIA World Rally Championship, as well as the Finnish round of the FIA World Rallycross Championship in 2014. During her time with AKK Sports she not only managed the PR, media relations and various marketing initiatives involved in each rally but also worked as administrative director of the company and earlier as Event Secretary, getting involved with the technical aspects of the event. “I’ve been a Commission member since 2012,” added

Tiina. *“I was working at AKK Sports at the time (the marketing company owned by Finnish ASN AKK-Motorsport) and the ASN considered it very important to have a Member in the Commission. We have a lot of females in Finland within motor sports, especially officials.”*

After more than 10 years with AKK Sports, Tiina switched to the competition side of the FIA World Rally Championship, taking on the role of Head of PR and Marketing at the Toyota GAZOO Racing team. Working with Toyota’s head office in Japan and alongside Toyota Motor Europe she was involved in the preparations for the team’s entry to the FIA World Rally Championship in 2017.

However, midway through 2017 she made her most recent switch, to the media production side of motor sport as Head of Motorsport Operations at NEP Finland, where she works within the TV Production team for the World Rally Championship and also for the World Rallycross Championship.

And she believes that the experience gained across the spectrum of motor sport activity will help in pursuit of the Commission’s goals.

“When talking about my career in motor sport, one thing I am really happy about is that I have been able to be on ‘different sides of the table’,” she concludes. “As a result, I have learned to understand and appreciate the work of others in so many different areas.”

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Girls on Track makes its mark on new Formula E season

EXPANDED PROGRAMME INTRODUCES MOTOR SPORT PARTICIPATION TO MORE THAN 800 YOUNG GIRLS AT E-PRIX IN SAUDI ARABIA AND CHILE

More than 800 young girls between the ages of eight and 18 years of age have been given a taste of what a career in motor sport has to offer thanks to FIA Girls on Track activations at the opening two rounds of the 2019/2020 Formula E season, in Saudi Arabia and Chile.

"Young girls need to know that a career in motor sport is attainable."

Tatiana Calderón

An expansion of the original Girls on Track Karting Challenge central to the FIA's successful European Young

Women Programme, the latest Girls on Track initiative features karting sessions, a pit-stop challenge, media tutorials, practical STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) activities as well as fitness and well-being workshops, and had been designed to engage and motivate young girls to open their minds to the possibility of a career in the motor sport industry.

The initiative featured at the Mexico City and Berlin rounds of the 2018/2019 Formula E season, and has returned for Season 6 of the all-electric championship

with events in Diriyah, Saudi Arabia, where female motor sport competition is in its infancy, and in Santiago, Chile. Following the historic lifting of Saudi Arabia's ban on women being allowed to drive in June 2018, Formula E's opening round in Diriyah in November 2019 offered a unique opportunity to inspire young girls. The January 2020 event in Chile, meanwhile, was the first Girls on Track activation to be held in South America.

At both events participants had the opportunity to learn about a wide variety of motor sport roles and activities including journalism, with motor sport reporters demonstrating how to report from a race meeting and prepare a news story, as well as presenting a piece to camera. The girls also got involved in technical workshops to develop their Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) skills as well as being guided through first aid training. A simulator session took participants through essential driving practices alongside an instructor. And finally the girls had the opportunity to experience karting first hand, with a practice lap being followed by two timed laps that gave the participants an exciting introduction to racing competition.

During the Saudi Arabia event participants had the opportunity to visit the Formula E paddock and to meet with motor sport figures such as Venturi Formula E Team Principal and Dare to be Different founder Susie Wolff as well as female Saudi Arabian motor sport pioneers Aseel Al Hamad and Reema Juffali, both of whom are helping to advance gender equality in motor sport. The Chile event also gave participants the opportunity to get close to the Formula E action and to meet role models from the sport.

Commenting on the Santiago event FIA Women in Motorsport ambassador Tatiana Calderón said: "Initiatives such as Girls on Track are key to inspiring, empowering and educating girls with both the skills and the mindset to consider a future in motor sport. It is exciting to see this event come to Chile, helping to raise awareness and grow female participation in the sport in South America."

Silvia Bellot, FIA Race Director and another FIA Women in Motorsport Commission ambassador, added: "Young girls need to know that a career in motor sport, as a driver, a marshal or an engineer, is attainable and FIA Girls On Track is inspiring a new generation of girls to follow their dreams."

Meanwhile, Venturi Formula E Team driver and former F1 star Felipe Massa said: "It's very good that the FIA is helping the girls to think about motor sport, helping them learn how to drive and race, and it's really good to be part of it. All the best for all the girls."

The next Girls on Track events will be in Berlin (29/30 May) and London (23-25 July)

Elsewhere, the FIA Women in Motorsport Commission has launched an FIA Girls on Track Toolkit designed to give to ASNs all the tools required to implement the programme at national level.

The toolkit guides ASNs through planning activations, event formats and relevant activities, as well as providing help with visual identity, strategy and identity and financing possibilities.

[Download the toolkit.](#)



Venturi Formula E Team Principal Susie Wolff and Saudi Arabia's Aseel Al-Hamad.



Porsche's Simona de Silvestro adds ADAC GT Masters campaign to Formula E role

GERMAN MARQUE'S FIRST FEMALE WORKS DRIVER WILL RACE FOR TEAM75 BERNHARD IN PRESTIGIOUS GT SERIES

Porsche's first female works driver Simona de Silvestro will take on a full season of sports car racing in the ADAC GT Masters championship in addition to her commitments as test and development driver for the German marque's Formula E squad.

De Silvestro, supporting the Women in Motorsport Commission, will replace retiring driver and two-time Le Mans winner Timo Bernhard at Team75 Bernhard and will team up with Klaus Bachler in the squad's #17 Porsche GT3 R.

"It is an honour for me to be able to contest my first GT season with Porsche in the KÜS Team75 Bernhard," she said. "The fact that I take over Timo's seat makes the whole thing even more special. Timo had an incredibly successful career with Porsche and I am proud that he has given me the opportunity to drive for his team. I can't wait to work with everyone. I'll be sharing the cockpit with Klaus [Bachler], who knows the car inside out and I am sure that we will be a strong combination. My learning curve is steep, but with Timo as a mentor, I am convinced that we'll quickly be on the right track."

De Silvestro's first challenge with her new team will come in late April at the ADAC GT Masters season-opener at Oschersleben. She'll then head to rounds at Most in the Czech Republic, Austria's Red Bull Ring, Germany's Nürburgring and the Netherlands' Zandvoort before returning to Germany for final rounds at Hockenheim and the Sachsenring.

The Swiss driver, who last year raced for the Kelly Racing team in the Australian Supercars Championship, was announced as a Formula E tester last September, joining Thomas Preining in the support role.

No stranger to Formula E, she first gained experience in the series after taking part in the final two races of the inaugural season in 2014/15. She then raced for the Andretti squad during the 2015/16 campaign before taking on a test role with the Venturi team during the 2018/19 season. She now moves to Porsche as part of its assault on the electric championship.

"It is a great honour to work for this prestigious brand," she said. "I am really looking forward to my new role as test and development driver for the TAG Heuer Porsche Formula E Team. Over the last few years, I have gained a lot of experience from my previous involvements in Formula E. I will do my best to help Porsche on the road to success."

Alongside Thomas Preining, De Silvestro will work with Porsche's regular race pairing of Andre Lotterer and Neel Jani to develop the car across the course of the 2019/2020 campaign.

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Simona de Silvestro

Closing conference reveals positive outcomes of FIA European Young Women programme

SOCIOLOGICAL SURVEY CONDUCTED DURING FIA GIRLS ON TRACK KARTING CHALLENGE SHOWS WIDESPREAD SATISFACTION WITH EVENTS AND WITH MOTOR SPORT EXPERIENCE

The FIA's two yearlong European Young Women Programme, 'The Girls on Track Karting Challenge', concluded in October 2019 with a closing conference at the headquarters of the EU Institutions in Brussels where the key outcomes of the EU Erasmus+ supported initiative were presented.

The conference was opened by FIA Women in Motorsport Commission President and former Vice World Rally Champion, Michèle Mouton, with FIA President Jean Todt and European Commissioner for Transport Violeta Bulc, present for an opening session held in the presence of executives from national, public and European institutions, as

well as stakeholders from the world of motor sport. European Commissioner for Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Tibor Navracsics concluded the morning session.

Thanks to funding from the Erasmus+ programme, the FIA Women in Motorsport Commission launched the FIA Girls on Track Karting Challenge, supported by Yokohama, in March 2018. The programme – partnered by eight European national sporting authorities and CDES-PROGESPORT at the University of Limoges – welcomed girls between the ages of 13 and 18 to urban karting slalom events and across 22 events in nine countries more than





1200 girls gained firsthand experience of motor sport. At the end of the 22 events a six-strong European Team was selected at the final in the famous surroundings of Le Mans. From here, the team attended two Driver Training Camps to help enhance their careers in the intense world of motor sport.

Participants reported a 96.4% satisfaction rate for the 22 national karting events.

As part of the project the FIA partnered with CDES-PROGESPORT to conduct a detailed analysis of the programme's impact, most notably through a sociological survey, as well as through the development of a set of recommendations to the sport's stakeholders and public institutions on how to challenge gender stereotypes around sport.

The central survey revealed positive feedback from participants who

reported a 96.4% satisfaction rate for the 22 national karting challenge events organised by the FIA and the initiative's nine national sporting organisation partners. An impressive 97.4% also believed events such as those organised had strong potential to encourage more girls to take up motor sport.

However, the survey also revealed the influence of an early acquaintance with motor sport in order to overcome the gender stereotypes surrounding it. It also noted a lack of adaptation within motor sport, such as in the provision of facilities and equipment specifically for females. Communication and the promotion of female role models was another key factor to help encourage young girls to the sport.

As such, the challenges to be met in order to encourage effective gender equality refer to the conditions of access, to the environment surrounding the practice at grassroots level, and

more generally to the establishment of sustainable proactive female-friendly policies and initiatives, such as the FIA European Young Women Programme.

The morning session at the conference was followed by a karting demonstration by the six-strong FIA Girls on Track Karting Challenge European Team. Then, in the afternoon, two panel discussions brought the conference to a close.

The first, focusing on the topic of making motor sport more accessible for women at grassroots level featured Anssi Kannas, Secretary General of Finland's AKK-Motorsport, Milja Kukkonen, a member of the Girls on Track Karting Challenge European Team, Tatiana Calderón, test driver for the Alfa Romeo Racing F1 team and an ambassador to the programme, and Margarita Torres Diez, Trackside Formula One Power Unit Engineer for the Mercedes F1 team.

The final panel session looked at how sport can foster gender equality, leading to discussion between Brianna Salvatore, UNESCO Sport for Development, Sylvia Poll, Olympic medallist and member of Peace for Sport, Kirsten Hasenpusch, ENGSO Youth Committee Member and Marijke Fleuren, President of the European Hockey Federation.

The sociological survey, finalised in March 2020, can be downloaded in English. It includes an executive summary.

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(Left to right) FIA President Jean Todt, FIA Women in Motorsport President Michèle Mouton and European Commissioner for Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Tibor Navracsics.

Leena Gade appointed President of FIA GT Commission

MULTIPLE LE MANS-WINNING RACE ENGINEER AND MULTIMATIC VEHICLE DYNAMICS MANAGER BECOMES FIA'S FOURTH FEMALE COMMISSION PRESIDENT

Triple Le Mans-winning race engineer Leena Gade has been named as the new President of the FIA's GT Commission. The Commission, comprised of 17 members, is responsible for GT racing around the world and the GT3 category in particular.

Leena, who is also an ambassador for the FIA Women in Motorsport Commission, is best known for her three Le Mans 24 Hours victories as a race engineer for Audi Sport Team Joest, taking top honours in 2011, 2012 and 2014. She also helped the team to the 2012 FIA World Endurance Drivers' and Manufacturers' Championships. She is currently dovetailing a role as a race engineer with the Mazda Team Joest DPi outfit with work as Vehicle Dynamics Centre Manager at Multimatic, which she joined in 2018.

With Mazda Team Joest, Leena is responsible for the #77 car of Tristan Nunez, Oliver Jarvis, Olivier Pla and most recently guided the trio to second place overall at the Daytona 24-hour race, the opening round of the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship.

Meanwhile, at the Multimatic Technical Centre Europe (MTCE), she is in charge of the centre's activities on the 6-post rig (for suspension and chassis characterisation) and Driver-in-the-Loop (DIL) simulator, which both help customers to set up cars for optimal racing and performance.

She now adds another string to her bow in becoming the fourth female FIA Commission President alongside Women in Motorsport Commission President Michèle Mouton, Cross Country Rally Commission President Jutta Kleinschmidt and Nathalie McGloin, President of the Disability and Accessibility Commission.

"This was unexpected and I feel very honoured to have been considered for the position," said Leena. "From a technical point of view, I'm really looking forward to being exposed to how everything works and what the manufacturers are looking for; that's going to be particularly interesting in this rapidly changing environment."

"GT3 racing is incredibly broad; it is across all continents with a lot of manufacturers involved, and each series is doing things differently," she added. "Understanding what all those stakeholders need to succeed, and potentially sharing knowledge and best practices, is going to be fascinating and it will be good to be exposed to a few events outside what I'm used to."

Leena's appointment was confirmed at the 2019 FIA Annual General Assembly in Paris, and she takes over the Presidency from Christian Schacht who filled the role for the last 10 years.

Rallying has featured a number of successful female competitors in recent years such as Molly Taylor (right, bottom right), who in 2016 became the only woman to win the Australian National Rally Championship.



FIA targets female talent with Rally Star young driver search

AS PART OF AN INNOVATIVE PROGRAMME TO UNCOVER THE NEXT GENERATION OF RALLY CHAMPIONS, THE FIA IS RESERVING ONE OF FOUR COVETED JUNIOR WRC SEATS FOR A FEMALE DRIVER

The FIA is aiming to discover a potential female rally champion by keeping one of four top prizes in its new FIA Rally Star initiative for the world's most promising young woman driver.

Launched last month and supported by the FIA Innovation Fund, the FIA Rally Star programme seeks to detect, train and develop talented young drivers, starting at grassroots level. The FIA's 144 member National Sporting Authorities (ASNs) will be encouraged to organise detection events, offered to young boys and girls between the ages of 17 and 25. In order to make these selections accessible to as many people as possible, the detection events will focus on two grassroots disciplines - Digital Motorsport, using driving simulators and the FIA Rally Star partner video game and Motorkhana, which involves manoeuvring a production vehicle through a handling course.

The second phase of the programme will see six regional finals being organised by the FIA, in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa, Africa, Asia-Pacific, South America and North America. At each event candidates selected by ASNs will compete against the clock at the wheel of XC Cross Cars to win one of seven seats: one per region, plus one for the best woman driver. The seven finalists will then benefit from an intensive season of training, including personal coaching, testing sessions and participation in a minimum of six rallies at the wheel of Rally3 cars. This development programme will identify the four most promising drivers, including at least one female competitor, who will then join the FIA Junior WRC.

Over the following two seasons, the future stars will need to demonstrate that they can compete for victories and then for the title, as a full season in FIA WRC 3 will be the ultimate reward for a FIA Rally Star driver winning the championship.

The official launch of FIA Rally Stars is scheduled for mid-June, during the FIA Sport Conference in Thailand. ASNs will then be able to deploy the first selections.

Commenting on the launch of the initiative, FIA President Jean Todt said: "When we talk about the detection of rally drivers, we obviously think of Rallye Jeunes, which enabled the FFSA to identify the potential of Sébastien Loeb and Sébastien Ogier with the success that we know. Thanks to the support of the FIA's Innovation Fund, we are embarking on an extremely ambitious and innovative programme, made available to our 144 ASNs for worldwide deployment and amplification. FIA Rally Star is a great opportunity for those who dream of becoming rally drivers."

Yves Matton, FIA Rally Director added: "At a time when the World Rally Championship is exploring new territories, FIA Rally Star will encourage the emergence of a new generation of drivers. By using grassroots disciplines such as Digital Motorsport and Motorkhana, we will be able to give many young enthusiasts their chance. The most promising will then benefit from a tailor-made development programme, ultimately enabling them to join the WRC. With FIA Rally Star, we hope to find a future World Champion, wherever they are, whoever he or she is."



Janette Tan with FIA
President Jean Todt.
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Janette Tan wins inaugural FIA Charlie Whiting Award

SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX DEPUTY CLERK OF THE
COURSE WILL RECEIVE MENTORING BY FIA WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP RACE DIRECTORS

Janette Tan, Deputy Clerk of the Course for F1's Singapore Grand Prix and Women in Motorsport representative of Motor Sports Singapore, has been presented with the inaugural FIA Charlie Whiting Award.

Created in memory of the late Formula 1 Race Director to celebrate the achievements of up and coming race directors, the inaugural award was presented to the Singaporean official at the fourth annual FIA Race Director Seminar held last month in Geneva.

"I am very humbled to be accorded the inaugural Charlie Whiting Award," said Janette. "It is a big honour for me and I would like to thank the FIA President and the Selection Committee for the award, as well as my ASN for the nomination. I will take this opportunity to learn as much as I can from the experienced FIA Race Directors of the different series and, at the same time, honour Charlie's memories at all the events that I will be given the opportunity to attend throughout this season. Through this award, I hope to promote and inspire more women officials to join the sport."

The event gathered over 100 race directors, as well as stewards, driver stewards, FIA category managers and clerks of the course from a wide variety of championships to share best practices and experiences.

The new award is open to FIA/International Series Race Directors or Clerks of the Course, with candidates judged via an online assessment of their knowledge and competency at national and international level, and two hypothetical case studies through which they demonstrated their ability to manage real-life situations. The case study submissions of the highest-scoring candidates from the assessment were then anonymously compared and contrasted and following review by the Selection Committee, Tan was unanimously voted as the winner.

The Singapore GP Deputy Clerk of the Course, who is a member of the Women in Motorsport Commission and the FIA Volunteers and Officials Commission, will now undergo training and mentoring by FIA World Championship Race Directors, as part of a bespoke development plan.

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Janette Tan

Clockwise from top left:
Vicki O'Connor, Hellen
Kagendo Muchiri, Nathalie
Moutet, Janette Tan, Randa
Nabulsi, and Tiina
Lehmonen.



Commission appoints six regional representatives

EXPERIENCE IS AT THE HEART OF CO-ORDINATION OF COMMISSION ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNICATION AROUND THE WORLD

The FIA Women in Motorsport Commission last month appointed six experienced regional representatives from within its membership to liaise with national officials from across the world of FIA motor sport.

Tiina Lehmonen, the newly elected Commission Vice-President and Head of Motorsport Operations for the WRC and WRX at Finnish TV production company NEP, will act as Europe's regional representative. The Africa region will be represented by WIM Kenya Chairperson and founder Hellen Kagendo Muchiri. As well as her roles as a member of the Kenya Motor Sports Federation Motorsport Council and of Rallies Commission Kenya, Hellen will also act as event secretary at this year WRC Safari Rally Kenya.

The Middle East will be represented by the Royal Automobile Club of Jordan's Randa Nabulsi. As well as acting as Chairperson of the Stewards for her country's national rally championship, she also served as Vice-President of the Women in Motorsport Commission from 2010 until last year.

The Asia-Pacific region will be overseen by Janette Tan of Motor Sports Singapore. Recently presented with the FIA Charlie Whiting Award for her work as Deputy Clerk of the Course at the Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix, Janette also acts as Treasurer of MSS, as Chairperson of

the ASN's Volunteers and Officials Commission and as its Women in Motorsport Representative. She is also a member of the FIA Volunteers and Officials Commission.

Latin America will be looked after by Nathalie Moutet. A recent recruit to the Commission, Nathalie currently works as Executive Director of the Organización Mexicana De Automovilismo Internacional (OMDAI) and also acts a Project Manager for FIA Americas.

Finally, Vicki O'Connor, a long-standing member of the Commission with an impressive history in motor sport, will take the lead in North America.

In addition to operating the successful Atlantic Championship for 24 years, Vicki is an honorary member of the Road Racing Drivers Club and a board member of the Lyn St. James Foundation.

The new representatives are charged with informing all national representatives within their region of projects and decisions undertaken at Commission meetings. They are also charged with gathering key information from national officials on projects taking place within each territory. The six new representatives will also present updates on activity within their region and act as an ambassador for the commission and for their region in advancing gender equality in sport.



The second FIA Women in Motorsport Seminar was held in Lisbon four years ago.

Iceland to host third FIA WIM International Seminar

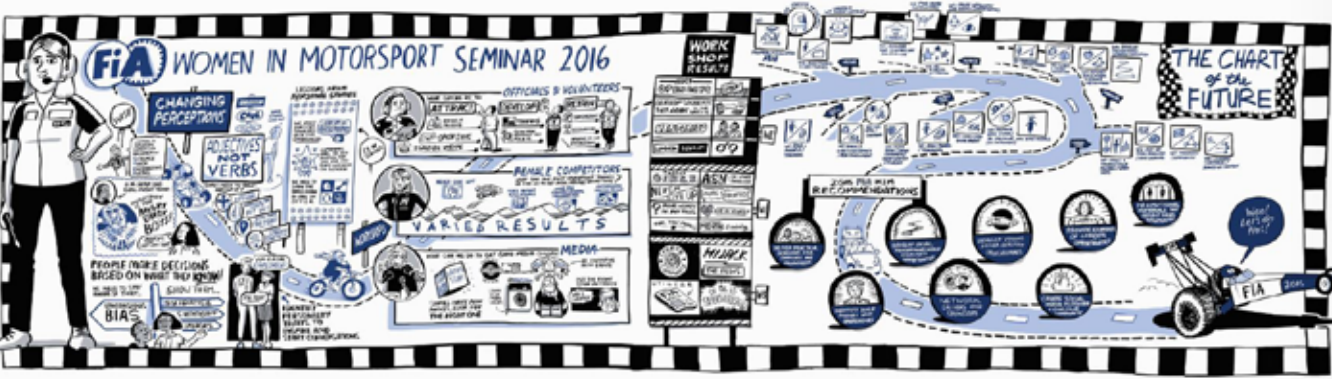
THE CITY OF REYKJAVÍK WILL HOST ASNs AND THEIR WOMEN IN MOTORSPORT REPRESENTATIVES IN OCTOBER

Reykjavík, Iceland will host the 2020 FIA Women in Motorsport International Seminar from 14-15 October this year, providing National Sporting Authorities (ASNs), their Women in Motorsport representatives and international motor sport experts with an opportunity to network, debate and discuss the challenges affecting women entering the sport at all levels and in all areas.

The Women in Motorsport Commission's International Seminars take place every four years and the Reykjavík event, the third in the Commission's history, follows gatherings in Paris, France in 2012 and Lisbon, Portugal in 2016.

Featuring an array of plenary sessions as well as breakout talks and workshops, the seminar is designed to act as a forum for the exchange of ideas and best practice and to help progress efforts to boost female involvement, and success, in motor sport.

The Chart for the Future designed during the FIA Women in Motorsport Seminar in Portugal in 2016.



The last edition of the seminar, in Lisbon, proved particularly successful with delegates helping the Commission to define eight key priorities in a 'Chart of the Future' from 2016 to 2020. Focused around driver detection, raising awareness of the variety of career opportunities available in motor sport and the development of local programmes to encourage participation, the seminar provided the Commission with direction that has since led to the creation of the FIA European Young Women Programme, the Girls on Track initiative and the development of assets such as the 'Engineer Your Career – A World of Opportunity in Motor Sport' and 'Your Career in Motor Sport' brochures.

The 2020 edition will help set the agenda for the next four years of Commission activity and is sure to prove as creative, engaging and proactive as its predecessors.



Commission launches motor sport careers brochure

TITLED 'YOUR CAREER IN MOTOR SPORT', THE BOOKLET FEATURES FIRST-HAND TALES OF RACING LIFE FROM WOMEN INVOLVED IN ALL AREAS OF COMPETITION

The FIA Women in Motorsport Commission has launched a new booklet designed to make young women aware of the diversity of career opportunities available in motor sport.

Titled 'Your Career in Motor Sport', the booklet features the career stories of 22 women active in motor sport in their own words, with each detailing their passion for racing, their academic qualifications, how they utilised them (or not) to pursue their dreams and finally revealing how their career has progressed.

Behind the wheel, the booklet features single-seater and sportscar drivers Tatiana Calderón and Sophia Flörsch and rally star Molly Taylor. But it's not just in the cockpit that careers in motor sport are made. There are also interviews with women with careers as diverse as F1 marketing director, team logistics operator, race director, F1 strategy engineer, photographer, TV presenter, reporter, and communications officer.



[Download the FIA Women in Motorsport careers brochure.](#)



Somaschini aiming to rally support for cystic fibrosis research

ITALIAN RALLY DRIVER RACHELE SOMASCHINI'S 2020 FIA EUROPEAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP CAMPAIGN WILL HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR HER #CORREREPERUNRESPIRO (RACING FOR A BREATH) CAMPAIGN

Rachele Somaschini's assault on the 2020 FIA European Rally Championship is not only the Italian driver's biggest motor sport challenge to date, it's also the most important for her personally – as she'll use the platform of the season's events to raise awareness of the disease she battles against every day, cystic fibrosis.

The 25-year-old from Milan has been competing in motor sport since 2014 and in 2018 made her rallying debut in the Italian Rally Championship. Since then she has married her developing motor sport career with a drive to increase awareness of cystic fibrosis and to raise funds for the Italian Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation (Fondazione Ricerca Fibrosi Cistica Onlus).

Launching the #CorrerrePerUnRespiro (Racing for a Breath) campaign she has so far raised more than €150,000 for the Foundation. Now she plans to

take the campaign even further as she embarks on her first FIA European Rally Championship campaign.

Rachele will compete in seven of the championship's eight rounds, starting with the Azores Rallye at the end of March, and throughout she'll be supported in her awareness-raising efforts by the Women in Motorsport Commission, with the Commission's logo featured on her RS Team Citroen DS3 R3T.

Commenting on her upcoming ERC campaign, Rachele said: "My dream is coming true! I've always thought about racing abroad and taking part in the European Rally Championship and now it's only a month away. I'm getting ready to obtain good results, not only with my driving skills, but also for my physical strength. I know it won't be easy for me but I'm going to do my best. Another really important thing is also to spread awareness about my disease, not only for raising funds for the Scientific Research but also to prevent the occurrence of new cases, sometimes caused by not knowing about it."



