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A NEW SPORTING CHANCE

The ASN Development Forum reveals sporting organisations' desire for mentoring

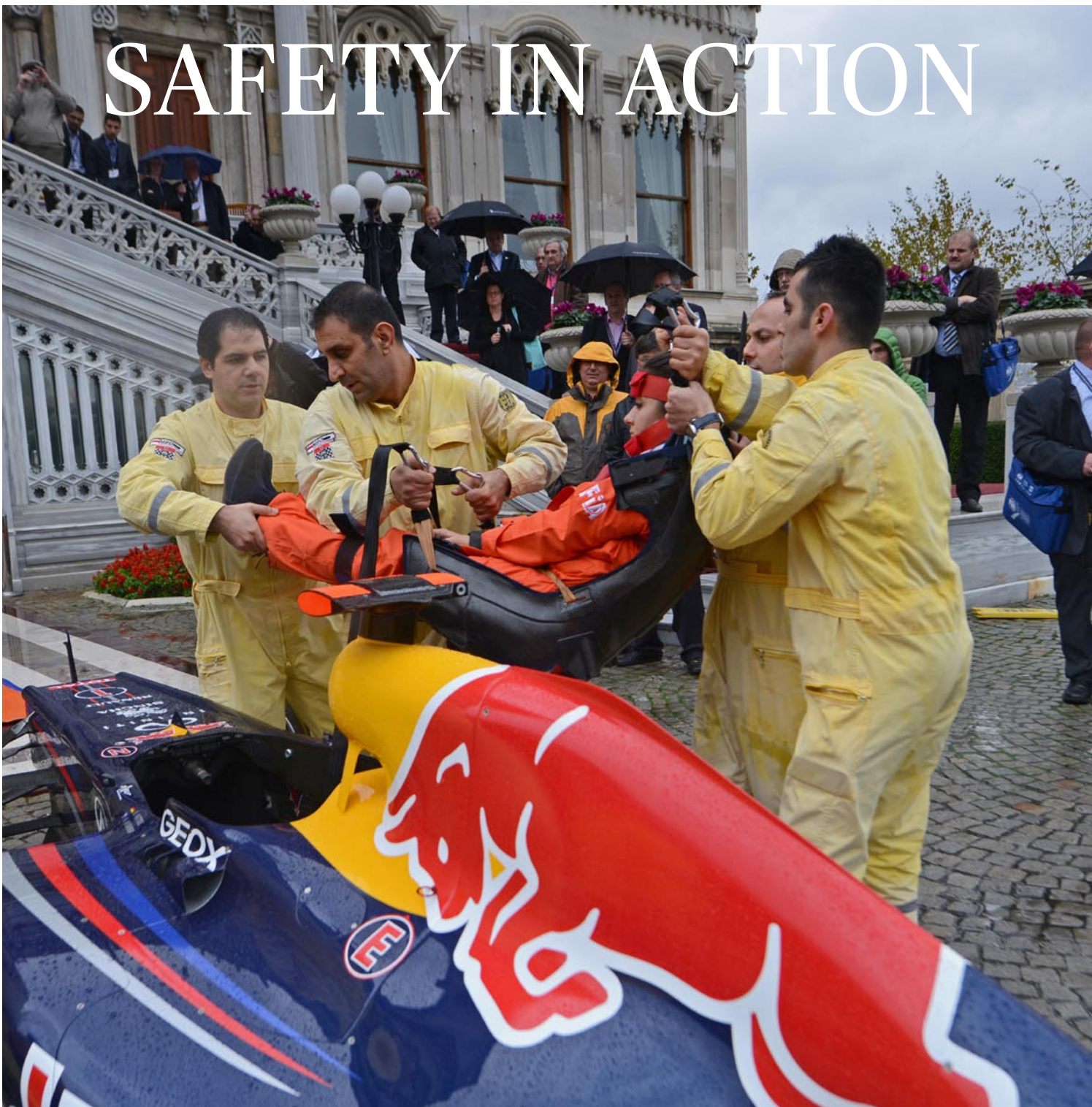
AN INTELLIGENT FUTURE

Region I discusses the FIA's role in the EU's new iMobility Challenge

MOBILITY ON THE MOVE

Gibbons tells WCAMT of department's 'journey of growth' over the past year

SAFETY IN ACTION





ASN Development Forum Guidance the key to making ASNs successful and sustainable

Mentoring and guidance towards building successful and sustainable organisations were the chief wish-list items to emerge from the first ASN Development Forum held yesterday in Istanbul.

The forum, attended by 40 delegates from 35 countries, grew out of the formation of the provisionally titled ASN Development Working Group at the last meeting of the World Motor Sport Council in September of this year. The group, initiated by Deputy President Sport Graham Stoker, was established to help ASNs with training and development and growing motor sport in the regions.

Yesterday's discussion, the first step on the way to formulating a programme for the working group, raised a number of issues, largely centering on the ASNs' need for guidance from the FIA, based on ASN best practice. While it was acknowledged that sporting bodies need to consult each other, it was also suggested that the FIA could draw up a manual detailing organisational and structural guidelines for ASNs, a 'handbook' to help them grow in an affordable and sustainable manner.

As an extension of this idea it was suggested that the exchange of information between ASNs could be improved and that this could be facilitated by the establishment of a 'web shop' on the FIA internet platform in which ASNs could find the guidance needed to improve their organisations. The ASNs might then adopt the system to provide local organisers with similar information. Also mooted is the need for an FIA action plan on growing motor sport at grassroots level.

The forum also saw delegates suggest that the FIA should establish an internationally recognised licence for officials that would allow them greater recognition. It was also acknowledged that the development group would collaborate with all branches of the FIA family, including the FIA Institute and FIA University.

"If we have strong clubs and ASNs, we will have strong motor sport," said Mr Stoker of the working group's goals.

Commenting on the discussions, forum President Andrew Papadopoulos said: "[Vice President] Colin Hilton and I are very enthusiastic about this initiative, we can see clear benefits to ASNs and increased participation in our sport

"Today represents a first step on the road to identifying the training and development needs of ASNs and the resources available to facilitate that," he added. "In this regard we will be sending a questionnaire out to all ASNs asking them to outline their real needs."

As part of the development programme's future, the first sports conference week will take place next year and ASN development will be a prominent part of this exciting new initiative.

Region II Plenary Meeting

Herron welcomed as new President of Region II

At a well-attended meeting of Region II of the FIA, delegates welcomed the election of Ross Herron of the Australian Automobile Association as the region's new president. Mr Herron will take up the post following the General Assembly in Istanbul.

The Region II Executive Committee also welcomed Mr T K Malhotra, of the AAUI, as Region II Vice President and the impending appointment of Takayoshi Yashiro as the new vice-president of the Japan Automobile Federation.

As part of its member clubs' commitment to the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety and FIA Action for Road safety, Region II yesterday also reported that it is continuing with its programme of Driver's Instructor Training.

The latest round of the programme, again hosted by the Japan Automobile Federation, took place in early October at JAF's Tokyo Regional Headquarters and at the Japan Automobile College in Narita. Six delegates from member clubs in five countries took part in the three-day course, which was supported by Japan's National Police Agency.

Day one saw the participants – from Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India, Indonesia and Singapore – inspect the traffic situation in Tokyo to get an overview of the problems faced by road users and the solutions present to deal with those difficulties.

The second day featured a presentation by JAF on the club's activities in relation to improving road safety in Japan. The participants were then afforded the opportunity to make presentations on the situation in their own country.

This was followed by demonstrations of several devices used in JAF's training programmes, including the Driver's Dock, aimed at providing an understanding of the visual acuity needed when driving, and the Seat Belt Slide, which simulates a 5kph impact.

Day three took the participants out of the realm of the theoretical and onto the roads, with driving experiences that demonstrated ABS operation, how to steer smoothly, incident avoidance and a sampling of a number of safety technologies.

Afterwards the trainees reported that the course had been a revealing experience, with the representative from Singapore saying that the demonstration showed that "it is possible to conduct driver training in populated areas, away from racing circuits".

"We will look into possibilities to conduct similar training in Singapore to encourage road safety," he added. Others added that they would also consider introducing elements of the course to members of their own clubs.



Region I Presidential Board

Preparing for an intelligent future

Jacob Bangsgaard, Director General of Region I of the FIA, yesterday revealed plans of how the office will assist member clubs in participating in the EU's new iMobility Challenge, in which the FIA is a project partner.

The initiative is a two-year programme aimed at demonstrating the benefits of safe, smart and clean mobility through new Intelligent Transport System (ITS) solutions. Intelligent mobility is characterised by efforts to better integrate and connect drivers, intelligent cars and intelligent infrastructures through communications technologies.

The goals of the project include a 30 per cent reduction in the number of fatalities across Europe; a 15 per cent reduction of road traffic related congestion; a 20 per cent improvement in energy-efficiency and a 50 per cent increase in the availability of real time traffic and travel information.

Speaking about how the FIA will involve member clubs in the project, Mr Bangsgaard said: "The Region I office will produce a short report on ITS services to clubs and we will host an event in Barcelona on the ITS services and invite clubs to this. It will show them how they can work with manufacturers and suppliers in regard to these services."

Mr Bangsgaard also encouraged delegates to attend Friday afternoon's launch of the project, which will feature an eco-driving competition contested by a number of racing champions.

Elsewhere, attention was focused on a future of diminishing car ownership, with the promotion of car-sharing schemes put forward as a means of keeping clubs involved in future forms of mobility.

Maria Spetz of Sweden's Motormännens Riksförbund acknowledged a declining interest in vehicle ownership and said clubs must remain involved in providing transport for all. "There is a quite substantial shift in attitudes and car manufactures and us have challenges to address in this regard," she said.



Medicine in Motor Sport Safe removal men

As part of the Medicine in Motor Sport Summit at the FIA Annual General Assembly, the FIA Institute yesterday staged an extrication demonstration at the Ciragan Palace using this year's double championship-winning Red Bull Racing Formula One car.

Under the direction of FIA extrication expert Jean-Jacques Isserman, a team from Istanbul Circuit performed a full extrication of a driver, showing how to remove him safely and place him in an ambulance.

The demonstration brought the curtain down on the two-day conference on motor sports medicine.





WCAMT Meeting

Gibbons highlights 'journey of growth' for Mobility

Deputy President Mobility Brian Gibbons yesterday said that the federation's Mobility arm has begun a "journey of growth" over the past 12 months that will provide "a springboard for real value in the years to come".

Speaking following yesterday's meeting of the World Council for Automobile Mobility and Tourism he said: "I'm in no doubt that over the last year Mobility has started a journey of growth and has gained a level of input at a pace that shows real signs of development.

"The strategies we have adopted will benefit Mobility and help in the establishment of two commissions – policy and services – that today presented their work plans for the next few years," he added. "In particular, the council was unanimously behind the FIA having a strong role in securing Rights to Repair in terms of access to vehicle data, to enable clubs' mobility assistance to continue to support club members' needs."

Gibbons also pointed to work undertaken on Statutes Review, particularly in relation to new definitions for Mobility clubs, which he said would "flow into the regions over the next four months".

"This is a broad service definition that will in future require clubs to have activities in three key areas: mobility assistance, tourism which could include campaign work, and an advocacy role," he said. "The working group will continue its work and focus on that subject."

The Deputy President continued by saying that another key recommendation concerned the roles of the African Council of Tourism and Automobile Clubs (ACTA) and the Arab Council of Touring and Automobile Clubs (ACTAC) within the FIA.

"It is about enabling those clubs to continue working as part of Region I to have the right, at a future date, to become regions in their own right. In the meantime, the decision is now that the chairmen of ACTA and ACTAC will become automatic members of the World Council for Automobile Mobility and tourism as Vice Presidents with effect from the 2013 General Assembly."

Finally, he confirmed the council's recommendations that Ross Heron of the Australian Automobile Association replace Ray Grigg (AAA) on the World Council and that T K Malhotra of the Federation of Automobile Clubs of India replace Gus Lagman of the Automobile Association Philippines. Other appointments approved were the co-opting of Takayoshi Yashiro (Japan Automobile Federation) in place of Setsuo Tanaka, who has retired from JAF.



GOLDEN RULES
I WANT TO BE SAFE
I PROMISE TO:

BELT UP

all passengers are my responsibility

RESPECT THE HIGHWAY CODE

rules are there to protect us all

OBEY THE SPEED LIMIT

my car is made of metal, pedestrians and children are not

CHECK MY TYRES

both for wear and for correct inflation, including the spare

DRIVE SOBER

when I am drunk or on drugs, I am a danger on the road

PROTECT MY CHILDREN

keep them safe in car seats

PAY ATTENTION

calling and texting make me dangerous

STOP WHEN I'M TIRED

getting there late is better than not at all

WEAR A HELMET

motorbikes and bicycles don't protect my head

BE COURTEOUS AND CONSIDERATE

respect other drivers

