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## PRIZE-GIVING CHALLENGE

# Kiss and Hertz take the honours at inaugural FIA Prize-Giving Challenge

FIA European Truck Racing Champion and event team-mate Dr Harald Hertz of Austria's OSK take top spot in Doha, as Esteban Ocon wins champions' kart race

The inaugural FIA Prize-Giving Challenge has been won by a team comprising FIA European Truck Racing champion Norbert Kiss and Dr Harald Hertz, the President of Austria's motor sport body, the Oberste Nationale Sportkommission für den Motorsport (OSK).

"It's awesome," said Kiss of the win. "To be honest I'm surprised. I'm not normally that good in go-karts but we did well in the other challenges so very happy."

Across four hotly contested challenges, the duo saw off strong competition from World Rally Cross Championship Touring Car category champion Daniel Lundh and Paolo Lonjomi. In the top karting sprint race, first place went to FIA F3 European Champion Esteban Ocon, who finished ahead of F1 star and three-time grand prix winner Daniel Ricciardo and FIA World Touring Car Champion Jose Maria Lopez.

Taking place on the eve of the FIA's glittering annual Prize-Giving ceremony, the unique competition brought together stars from across the FIA's championships to compete alongside FIA member club representatives attending this week's Annual General Assembly in Doha, Qatar.

The action-packed evening involved four challenges, with delegates and senior FIA figures teaming up with star drivers for two of the activities – a two-person go-karting event and a quiz involving motoring and motor sport knowledge. The third element featured a novel approach to a football penalty taking competition with the drivers having to 'kick' the ball to the net with a speeding go-kart.

That just left the go-kart sprint races, with a qualifying session leading to three races. FIA legal chief Sébastien Bernard took a comfortable victory in the race for

the slowest 12 qualifiers but race two was a more bruising encounter, with FIA World Rallycross champion Petter Solberg winning a race-long battle with FIA Asia-Pacific Rally champion Jan Kopecky.

And so to the final race for the 12 fastest qualifiers. On pole was Ocon, but the young Frenchman got away slowly at the start and the lead was seized by World Rallycross Championship star Reiniss Nitiss, with Ricciardo seizing third place. The three battled hard in the opening laps, but when Ricciardo and Nitiss ran wide, Ocon slipped past to take first place. He went on to build a solid lead over Ricciardo who finished second, with Lopez stealing third place.

However, it was Kiss and Hertz who took the overall prize ahead of Lundh and Lonjomi, with Le Mans legend Tom Kristensen and new FIA Secretary General for Mobility Andrew McKellar third.

## FIA FOUNDATION

# Foundation issues call to help save kids' lives

FIA member clubs today joined with the FIA Foundation in sending out a call to protect children's lives on the world's roads, responding to the launch earlier this month of the '#SaveKidsLives' initiative, the official campaign of the Third UN Global Road Safety Week, which will take place in May 2015.

Developed by the Foundation, the campaign is a call for world leaders to ensure that road safety is included as a global priority in the new agenda for global development currently being negotiated at the United Nations.

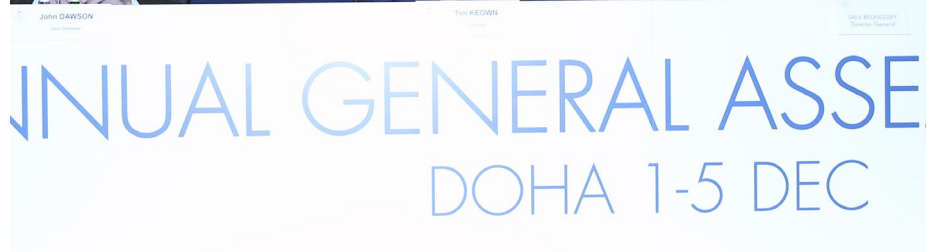
The campaign also calls for the national and local actions urgently needed to protect children around the world. As delegates heard, FIA clubs are often in a prime position to lead national advocacy for life-saving measures to be put in place.

The focal point of the campaign is a 'Child Declaration for Road Safety', which reflects the voices of children around the world and their demands for road safety. The campaign asks people to sign the declaration, to take a 'safie' photo with the campaign signboards to show support, and then in May 2015 to deliver the declaration to policy makers at all levels around the world.

As an immediate example of the measures needed, at the AGM, the State of Qatar made a commitment to eliminate high-risk roads across the country, launching a new project with the International Road Assessment Programme (iRAP).

Saul Billingsley, FIA Foundation Director General said: "This coming year represents a pivotal moment. It's a critical time to ensure that road safety is included in the UN's 'post-2015' Development Goals. Together with the FIA we can and must advance the agenda on safe and sustainable mobility – millions of lives depend on this work."

For more information on the project see: [www.fiafoundation.org](http://www.fiafoundation.org) and [www.savekidslives2015.org](http://www.savekidslives2015.org)



## Main decisions

- The meeting saw the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Qatar and the International Road Assessment Programme to undertake iRAP road infrastructure safety assessments in the Gulf state.
- New trustees were elected, with Lord Robertson of Port Ellen, Chairman of the Commission for Global Road Safety, Gus Lagman, President of the Automobile Association, and Miquel Nadal, Executive Director of the RACC Foundation, approved by the Foundation's members as new members of the charity's Board of Trustees.
- The AGA noted that major steps forward have been taken by the Global Fuel Efficiency Initiative (GFEI) such as the inclusion of the initiative in the G20 agenda, the highlighting of the GFEI at the UN Climate Summit by FIA Foundation Director General Saul Billingsley and the inclusion of the GFEI in the process to design the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals as an 'accelerator' for sustainable energy.

## FIA INSTITUTE

# A year of making progress on safety

The FIA Institute Annual General Assembly offered the opportunity to look back on some of its highlights in safety and sustainability during the year.

One of those highlights was the creation of the World Accident Database, which will help to greatly improve safety in motor sport. This project has now completed its test phase, in which a cross-section of National Sporting Authorities (ASNs), including all accredited FIA Institute Regional Training Providers, successfully participated.

The next phase will involve full deployment of the database with all ASNs able to contribute. This will have a huge safety benefit for motor sport worldwide and will allow the FIA Institute and the FIA to more accurately target critical safety issues and better inform research.

Other highlights included the launch of a Carbon Management Tool to help motor sport stakeholders reduce their impact on the environment; the continuation of safety research projects for the benefit of both international and grassroots

championships; and the creation of a new motor sport medical journal, AUTO+Medical.

In addition, the Institute has continued to expand its established programmes, including its Regional Training Provider network and its Young Driver Excellence Academy, with Academy participants assisting the FIA with a number of safety campaigns during the year.

Throughout 2014 the Institute continued to act as the FIA Foundation's agent for the management and distribution of the grants from the Motor Sport Safety Development Fund. After this final round of funding, it is expected that ASNs in 108 countries will have received over 23 million euros across 344 projects, with over 90,000 officials and young drivers trained.

During 2014, the FIA and the Institute co-operated on a number of activities, working together more closely than ever before. The highlights included providing extensive support for the roll-out of the FIA's new grants initiative; playing an active role in the newly established FIA Action for Environment Task Force; organising the inaugural regional meeting of the FIA's Serious Accident Study Group (SASG) in Singapore; and co-hosting the Medical Summit in Doha.

FIA Institute President Gérard Saillant said: "The Institute has broadened and deepened its remit to become a multi-disciplinary think-tank for innovation and excellence. It has pioneered a number of firsts, including life-saving technologies, deployed at all levels of the sport,

world-class training and development tools for our officials and drivers, as well as significant work in relation to environmental sustainability."

He added: "These achievements were all made possible by the Institute's dedicated team of staff and consultants. I would like to thank them all for their fantastic contribution this week and throughout the year. In particular, I would like to thank Christel Picot and Emma Hale for their excellent organisation of the Medical Summit this week in Doha."

During its AGA, the Institute announced that former F1 Team Principal Ross Brawn has been appointed to the jury of the Sid Watkins Scholarship prize. He will be joined by Michael Scholz, Medical Chairman of the Deutscher Motor Sport Bund and Laurent Mekies, FIA Safety Director and FIA Institute Director of Research.

The scholarship was established to honour the career and achievements of the Institute's founding President Professor Sid Watkins. The objective of the scholarship is to encourage the next generation of medical and safety experts.

The Scholarship will come in the form of an annual financial award (60,000 euros, funded equally by the FIA, FIA Foundation and Institute) to be granted to new research in the field of motor sport safety, aligned to the areas defined as research priorities by the Institute and the FIA. The Institute will start calling for applications for this scholarship for the jury to consider in the first quarter of 2015.





## ASN FORUM

# Keeping track of accident data

The FIA's new Safety Director Laurent Mekies outlines the importance of the federation's new World Accident Database

**Q: What is the ultimate goal of the database?**

**A:** To improve our safety research capability. In order to understand and reconstruct an accident properly you need to have good data or else you are just making endless hypotheses.

It is relatively easy now to get good data from the top categories of motor sport – we have made good progress in F1 with the Accident Data Recorder (ADR) onboard and the in-ear accelerometers and this will cascade slowly through other categories and ultimately to the grassroots of motor sport – but at the moment it is far more complicated to get data from national championships and less exposed series.

This is what has led to the development of the database. We want one single place where it will be possible to input data

concerning every single fatal or serious accident so that we have a very strong statistical base on which to improve our research work.

**Q: What kind of information are you seeking from ASNs?**

**A:** The driving principle is that any information is good information. There is a easy-to-understand form to be filled in by the race director or the clerk of the course and the information is either sent to the ASN or to the FIA in the case of the FIA's championships. The ASN will fill in the information into the online system.

**Q: Can you upload video to it?**

**A:** Yes, it includes a facility for that and it also includes a medical part, which is obviously treated in a very different matter, taking into account issues of confidentiality. This part is dealt with by the Chief Medical Officer of the country. All through the medical chain that aspect is only for use by doctors and hopefully we can then link the dynamics of the accident with the type of injuries sustained.

**Q: How important is it to motor sport safety to get this information from lower formulas?**

**A:** It is absolutely essential for the FIA's safety activities. We are here this week to engage with ASNs and to present the project to them because they are a key part of the success of this project. Today, a large majority of the accidents are happening in less exposed championships and this is where we want to focus a lot of research and push on with our safety effort. Therefore it's crucial that we get as much data as possible. The database has been running as a pilot project with several ASNs for the past two years and we know it is working and now we want to get everyone involved. We want to get as much feedback as we can on the database, too, in order to make the process as easy as possible for all the ASNs.

**Q: How will the information be used?**

**A:** The ideal thing is for us to get the data and we'll start a research project around that specific accident case – we'll say 'OK, we have good data for this crash and it is interesting for us because it was that speed, that equipment and that type of injury, let's try to understand the dynamics and reconstruct'.

From there maybe we can see if there are mitigations applicable for that case and if we conclude that there are mitigations, through different types of equipment or protections on the car, then we will engage with either the constructors or the manufacturers through the various FIA commissions to attempt to find solutions for this particular type of incident.

## Friday's Events

**08:00** - Annual General Assembly  
Registration  
Grand Ballroom Lobby

**09:00** - Annual General Assembly  
Grand Ballroom 2 & 3

**13:00** - Press conference of the FIA  
Champions

Abalone Room

**15:00** - Prize-Giving Part 1  
Prize-Giving Arena

**17:00** - Prize-Giving Part 2  
Prize-Giving Village

**22:00** - Gala Dinner around the pool



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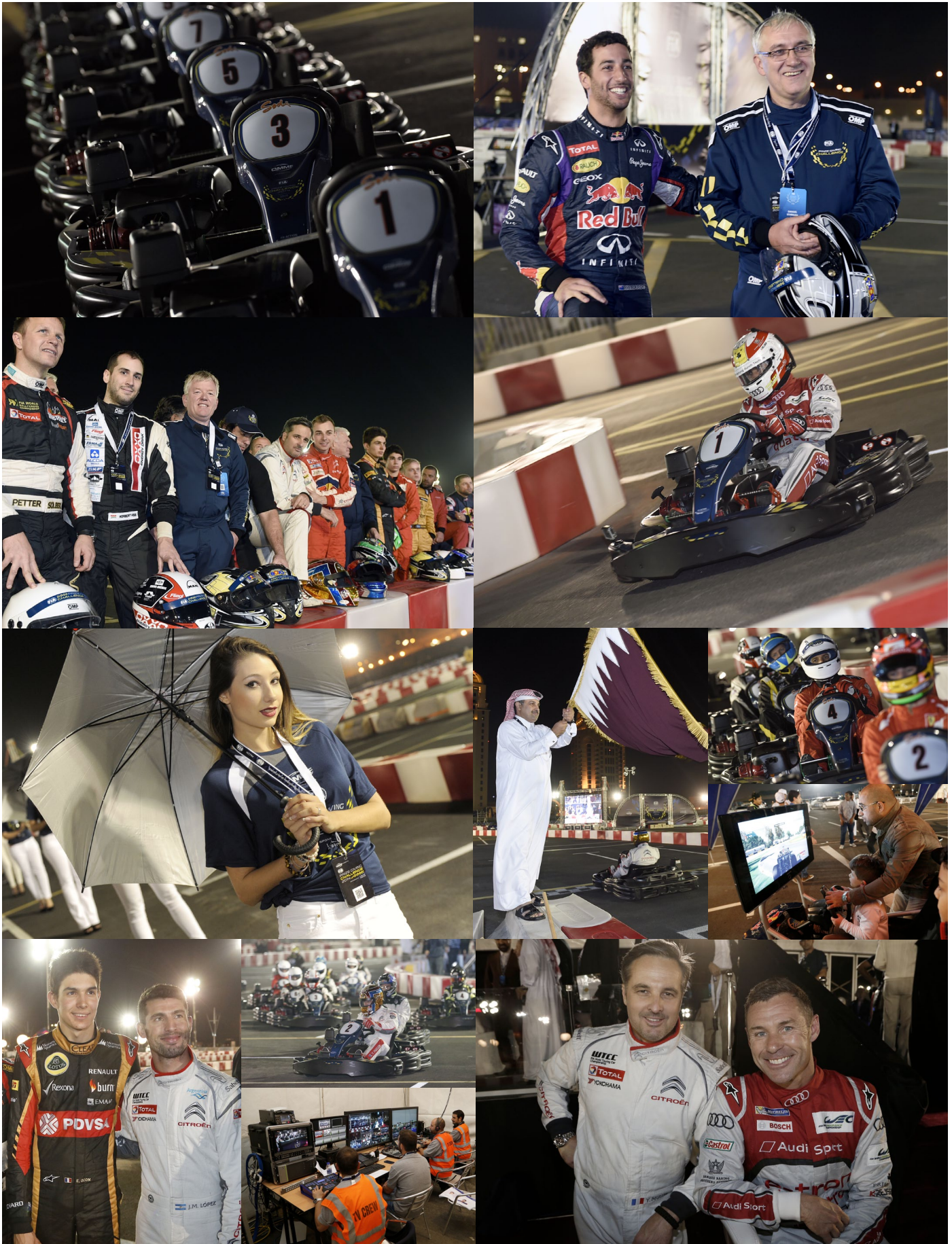
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## PRIZE-GIVING CHALLENGE

# Champions and delegates enjoy a challenging evening

It's not often that you get to see motor sport's champions compete in the same machinery, so last night's spectacular Prize-Giving Challenge, in which the champions' final test was to race each in identical go-karts, was the perfect opportunity to find just who really is top dog. With the evening divided into four challenges, the champions were first partnered with an Annual General Assembly delegate in a two-seater kart competition. The second test was game of penalties, with each champion having to score a goal using only a go-kart. The third challenge, again accompanied, by a delegate was a fiercely contested motor sport and motoring quiz. Then it was down to the main event – the champions' facing off in a series of sprint races. The winning champ and team-mate? FIA European Truck Racing champion Norbert Kiss and Dr Harald Hertz of Austria's OSK.







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