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Welcome to issue 4 of AUTO +,
the FIA's round-up of all that's
happening in the world of our
member clubs.

In this edition we look back at the
inaugural FIA Sport Conference
Week. Held at Goodwood House
in the UK, this landmark event
saw ASNs from around the world
gather to discuss the major issues
facing motor sport, exchange
ideas and learn from each other's
experiences. As we found out the
results were fascinating.

Elsewhere, we look at how clubs
from as far afield as Australia,
Sweden and Serbia are taking the
concerns of their members into
the political arena and bringing
about change and we focus on
pedestrian safety in Spain.

We hope you enjoy this issue
of AUTO + .

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Australian Automobile Association



AAA President Ross Herron, who says politicians cannot ignore Australia's seven million motor club members.

AAA helps drive political agenda

Ahead of national elections in September, the Australian Automobile Association is co-ordinating a major new campaign aimed at highlighting the need for any incoming government to invest in better transport infrastructure and to improve the rights of motorists.

Launched on April 21, the Demand Better Roads campaign is being managed by the Australian Automobile Association (AAA) on behalf of its constituent state clubs and identifies priority transport infrastructure projects designed to ease congestion in cities and to improve the safety and quality of national highways.

"Australia's motoring clubs represent more than seven million members – that's a huge slice of the 23 million people who live in Australia and is certainly a force too large for politicians to ignore," said AAA President Ross Herron.

A major focal point of the campaign is an interactive website, which the club says is an engagement tool for motoring club members to become involved and also for members of Australia's parliament.

The motoring community is encouraged to sign an online petition and send an email to their local member of parliament urging them to commit to better and safer roads.

"The petition has been extremely successful in getting the message out that motorists deserve better with thousands of emails already sent to politicians," Mr Herron concluded.

The campaign website can be visited at: www.demandbetterroads.com



Ústřední Automotoklub České Republiky

UAMK helps as floods devastate Czech Republic

As floods caused havoc in central Europe in June of this year and thousands were forced to flee their homes in the Czech Republic, the UAMK was one of the first organisations to respond to the crisis, making its call centre and 150 employees available to provide information on where affected people could access assistance across the country.

"We consider assistance, and not just road assistance, our most natural duty," said Dr Oldrich Vanicek, the UAMK President.

The club revealed that on the night of June 2, the UAMK call centre received more than 8,000 calls but as the weather worsened the figure climbed to as high as 13,000 on June 4.

Across the first six days of flooding in the Czech Republic some 45,780 people called the UAMK Call Centre seeking help. Even as the situation improved, the club was, on average, receiving more than 1,000 calls per day.

UAMK also gave a helping hand by providing vehicles and tow trucks of its own and from its partners. The assistance provided by UAMK was later praised by Prague's Mayor Tomas Hudecek but most of all by those in the affected areas.



UAMK vehicles, as well as those of partner organisations, were made available to aid people affected by June's flooding in central Europe.

Automobile Club Association (France)



The ACA's Responsible Mobility village will once again be at the heart of Rallye de France-Alsace.

Responsible Mobility village planned for Rallye de France

France's Automobile Club Association (ACA), in association with the Fédération Française du Sport Automobile (FFSA), is to set up a Village de la Mobilité Responsable (Village for Responsible Mobility) at the heart of the service area of the upcoming Rallye de France-Alsace.

The French round of the World Rally Championship takes place from October 3-6 and the mobility village will provide more than 25,000 visitors with the opportunity to combine motor sport action with awareness of road safety and green mobility issues. The village will feature an exhibition of natural gas and electric vehicles, éco-driving simulators, as well as information on car sharing networks, ITS demonstrations and educational and entertaining activities for children.

Elsewhere, the ACA recently launched a new club magazine. The first issue of the French Automobile Club

Association Club magazine was published in 1902 and in its early years the magazine published the very first road signs for its 95 club members.

Over the course of the following decades the magazine has always been close to club members chief concerns, such as breakdown services, tourism and legal advice and public policy issues.

The new magazine is available in paper and electronic versions and features consumer tests, legal advice, surveys, news, car testing and member advantages. It is also linked to the Club's internet and social media outlets.

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Auto-Moto Society of Latvia

LAMB trains senior drivers

Latvia's Mobility club LAMB recently put the spotlight on older road users via a special project entitled 'Safety for Senior Drivers in Latvia' that aimed to raise awareness of problems affecting drivers as they age.

Supported by the FIA Road Safety Grant Programme and the Latvian Auto Insurance Fund, the campaign was run from April 26 to May 31 during which time the general public was invited to pay greater attention to the problems encountered by senior drivers. The seniors, too, were encouraged to tackle the issues facing them by attending practical and theoretical driving courses designed with their needs in mind.

Taking the wheel with a driving school instructor onboard, the trainees not only refreshed their skills, but also learned about safe driving techniques and about technologies available in modern cars that can help them.

To highlight the issue, LAMB built an extensive publicity campaign around the initiative in the local mass media, thus reaching a large number of seniors. All project participants received a certificate of participation and a car windscreen identification sticker detailing their successful participation.

The club also gave people the chance to take a free eye test. Many of the programme participants availed of the opportunity and learned how impaired vision is a problem area for many older drivers.

Traffic accident statistics in EU member states and in Latvia show that senior drivers are actually among the most responsible road users, carefully observing traffic rules, rarely breaking the speed limit and possessing a high level of awareness of the importance of road safety.

However, old age does present a particular set of driving difficulties, including reduced reaction times, greater levels of tiredness and poorer situation evaluation. Participation in projects such as that instigated by LAMB helps seniors to be at the forefront of road safety.



LAMB's recent campaign aimed to boost the driving skills of Latvian seniors.

Allgemeiner Deutscher Automobil-Club e.V.

Heading towards cycling safety

As city traffic congestion worsens, parking becomes more restricted and health consciousness increases, cycling is becoming ever more fashionable. However, despite the obvious benefits of two-wheel transport, cycling is not without its hazards.

New research undertaken by ADAC shows that in Germany alone 75,000 cyclists were involved in accidents in 2012, with over 400 of those incidents resulting in fatalities. And in severe and fatal injuries it is the head that is most vulnerable.

The ADAC Accident Research Team analysed 1,560 accidents involving cyclists and found that 54% of all severe injuries in bicycling affect the head. This is twice as many as in accidents involving motorcyclists and 30% more than in pedestrian accidents. The team analysed collisions with cars and other vehicles as well as single bicycle accidents.

The findings make a strong case for wearing a helmet and ADAC's most recent Bicycle Helmet Test shows protective headgear is a worthwhile investment. Nearly all the bicycle helmets tested received a 'good' overall ADAC rating and only one was rated as 'satisfactory'. All of the helmets tested ensure a high level of safety, and at a reasonable cost of approximately €20 each.

ADAC



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Magyar Autóklub



MAK's road safety programme aimed at university towns has been a success in recent months.

MAK co-operates with Hungarian universities on road safety

Last November, Hungary's MAK launched a favourably priced junior membership card which nevertheless entitles young people to a wide range of club services. To complement the launch the club also initiated a programme of co-operation with universities and colleges across the country in order to present the activities of the Club to young motorists and to highlight the importance of road safety.

Over the past six months the club has organised road safety education events in a number of university towns, featuring both theoretical and practical exercises, as well as demonstrations using a roll-over simulator, drunk-driving glasses and a seat belt simulator.

MAK believes it is essential to draw the attention of young people to the importance of road safety and traffic rules and to highlight recurring problem areas. The club found that the students who participated in the events were enthusiastic about the programmes on offer and as such MAK has been invited to organise further events contributing to the safety of young people in Hungary.



Automobile Club Din Moldova

ACM mobilises for 'Long Short Walk'

As part of UN Global Road Safety Week in May, Moldova's ACM was involved in a number of 'Long Short Walk' projects, designed to highlight pedestrian safety.

Firstly, club members attended a conference dedicated to the event entitled 'The Dialogue Regarding Road Safety Policies', which took place at the Ministry of Health in the capital Chisinau. As part of the conference around 50 attendees, including the head of the World Health Organisation office in Moldova, Mr Jarno Habicht, representatives of the National Patrol Inspectorate and members of the ACM, staged a walk and called for better roads, pedestrian safety and more responsible drivers.

Elsewhere in Chisinau, approximately 100 pupils from the 'Universul' Lyceum, together with their teachers and the ACM carried out a 'Long Short Walk' in order to promote road safety for children and safe areas near the school. At the city's Europe Day celebration, politicians and representatives of international organisations expressed their support for road safety in Moldova and the 'Long Short Walk' project by writing their demands on placards bearing the phrase 'I'm Walking For...'

A similar event took place in Tiraspol, where the Automobile Club of Transnistria, together with UNDP and ACM, held road safety promotion events. Racing drivers who participated in the National Championship Auto Slalom held on May 18 also voiced their support.

Meanwhile, the British Ambassador to Moldova, Philip Batson, British actor Tony Hawks (whose book 'Playing the Moldovans at Tennis' provided funds to establish the Tony Hawks Center for chronically ill children in the country) and the ACM held a road safety event for children with disabilities. Children were given reflective devices donated by the World Health Organisation and booklets of traffic rules. [For more information see: saferoads.md/index](http://saferoads.md/index).



Pupils from the 'Universul' Lyceum in Chisinau, Moldova, take part in a 'Long Short Walk' organised by the Automobile Club Din Moldova as part of the second UN Global Road Safety Week.

Automobile and Motorcycle Association of Serbia



Serbia's AMSS has signed an agreement with state agencies, which it says will lead to improved road safety.

Joining forces for road safety

The AMSS has announced that it has signed an agreement with a number of Serbian Government agencies, which it says will pave the way for improved road safety in the country.

Club Secretary General, Aleksandar Nikacevic, signed an agreement on business and technical co-operation with the Ministries of Transport and Public Enterprise, the National Road Safety Agency, the Faculty of Transport and Traffic Engineering of the University of Belgrade, the Faculty of Technical Sciences at Novi Sad University and the Academy of Criminal and Police Studies from Belgrade.

According to the AMSS the signing of the agreement will lead to much greater co-operation on road safety initiatives by all major stakeholders in the country.

Elsewhere, on May 11 and 24-25 in Belgrade, the club held the 44th edition of a project called 'What Do You Know About Traffic?' Aimed at school children, this national competition brought together 108 7-15 year-old finalists from 27 districts of Serbia. The main objective of the competition was to educate and prepare the youngest members of the population to use the nation's roads safely. A final team of four has now qualified for the FIA European Education Contest to be held in Bar, Montenegro, in September.

As in previous years, the AMSS awarded the most successful

contestants with bikes, helmets and other prizes. The awards were handed over by Transport Minister Milutin Mrkonjic, and AMSS Secretary General Nikacevic. Minister Mrkonjic congratulated the AMSS on the successful organisation of the competition and for its commitment to safety education. In addition, the Minister also presented tablet computers to the team of boys and girls who have qualified for the FIA ETEC.

On May 12, the club marked the second UN Global Road Safety Week with an event called 'Walking Safely' in Belgrade. Despite heavy rain, participants collected signatures in support of safe roads and distributed promotional and educational materials created by the AMSS with the aim of ensuring pedestrian safety.

Finally, at the end of May, the AMSS launched a permanent traffic demonstration entitled 'Minicity' aimed at children aged between three and 12 years of age. Through gaming, bicycle and scooter riding, the facility simulates situations from everyday life in order to give children a good grounding in safe road usage.



Koninklijke Nederlandse Toeristenbond

ANWB launches scheme to save one billion litres of fuel by 2020

The Koninklijke Nederlandse Toeristenbond (Royal Dutch Touring Club – ANWB) has launched a new initiative aimed at saving 1 billion litres of fuel between now and 2020.

To help achieve the goal the club has launched a website, www.anwb.nl/auto/besparen, where ANWB members can find information and clever advice enabling them to save both money and the environment.

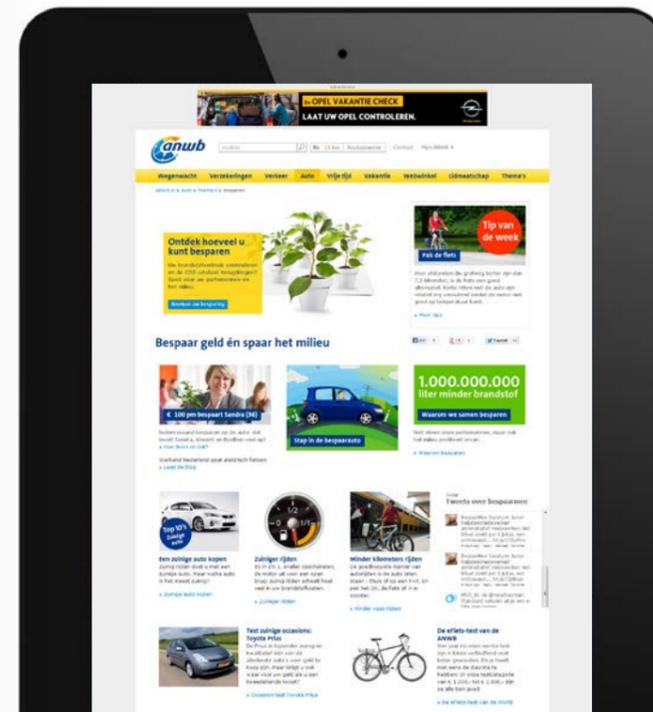
In addition to general tips, the website also offers a special tool for personalised advice. Visitors can enter information about how they usually commute to and from work and the website tool calculates exactly how many euros and how many litres of fuel can be saved in a year by making small adjustments to driving behaviour.

The first phase of the online platform focuses primarily on the use of a car and related savings. In the future, public transport and alternative means of transport, such as electric bikes, scooters and car-sharing will be included in calculations.

The ANWB website area also includes a list of its Top 10 most economical cars and information about how to save money by adjusting driving style, checking tyre pressure or travelling to work by bus, bike or on foot.



The ANWB is aiming to save 1bn litres of fuel by 2020.



Touring Club Suisse



Switzerland's TCS has bolstered its airborne services with the addition of a Cessna jet.

TCS gets its wings

Switzerland's TCS has announced that to complement its array of helicopters and land ambulances, it has added an Alpine Air Ambulance plane to its fleet flying the TCS colours and bearing the inscription 'TCS Ambulance'.

The Cessna Citation Bravo entered service last June and, based at Zurich's Kloten airport, the jet ambulance will repatriate patients and carry organs.

Over the past two years, the TCS has repatriated 352 holders of the European Travel Insurance (ETI) booklet by air ambulance (164 in 2011 and 188 in 2012). In eight out of 10 cases, repatriations were carried out from the European continent or the 'Maghreb' region of North Africa.

The new jet has an operational radius of 2,500 km and can reach 80% of sites without stopover. In the standard configuration, the aircraft has two beds for patients requiring intensive care. As well as the medical team, consisting of an intensive care specialist and a specialist doctor, the aircraft can also accommodate up to two auxiliaries or a second medical team. As with the TCS' helicopter crews, the teams will be co-ordinated by the Hirslanden Clinic in Zurich.

The fleet extension is a new stage in the development of both Alpine Air Ambulance and the TCS. The recent growth in air capability enhances coverage in terms of medical assistance and complements the ETI-Med telephone assistance service, land ambulance and medical helicopters. Thanks to its minority holding in AAA, the TCS can offer ETI booklet holders all-round personal assistance as a single service provider.



Autoliitto

Finnish club launches new rescue sheet

When emergency services arrive at the scene of a serious road accident every second counts. All too often, however, rescue efforts are hampered by the very devices that prevent loss of life in the accident itself. Reinforced roof structures and pillars, airbag gas generators and internal batteries can all make passenger extraction difficult.

Finnish club Autoliitto is the latest to join the FIA Foundation's Rescue Sheet programme in which car owners display a simple A4 sheet indicating the location of potential hazards within the car and optimum cutting points should rescue crews need to remove sections of a crashed car.

Many car owners in Finland have already printed a rescue sheet and placed it in their car. From June of this year, however, Autoliitto has also introduced an additional sticker than can be placed very visibly on the car windscreen.

Finland's importer of Mazda cars has embraced the initiative and all new Mazdas sold in the country will come with a rescue sheet and a sticker. Autoliitto now intends to further promote the concept among car importers, the media and, of course, to emergency response units across the country.

"The idea of a rescue sheet is brilliant. We hope other car importers learn from the example of Mazda and start to add the rescue sheet and a sticker to all new cars," said Jukka Tolvanen, Head of Communications of Autoliitto.

Rescue Sheet stickers are now available in Autoliitto service centers and through some partner companies.



A vehicle rescue sheet can aid emergency crews in crash extractions.

Sveriges Motorcycklister



Motorcycle day at Swedish Parliament

On May 21, the Swedish Parliament spent almost a full day dealing with motorcycle issues, with the Swedish Motorcyclists' Association (SMC) heavily involved in the activities.

The day began with a seminar dealing with headline motorcycle issues such as driving licence concerns, reckless driving and the road environment from a motorcycling perspective.

The SMC asked members of parliament for help regarding specific questions that impact on road safety, including reducing the cost of riding tests, as the club says the test in Sweden is the most expensive in Europe. The SMC also asked for a new riding test that treats men and women equally. The organisation pointed out that as female riders are more prone to falls than male counterparts, the test criteria should be adjusted to compensate. The club also pointed out that high VAT levels of 25% on all education in traffic schools leads to high training costs for aspiring motorcyclists.

In the afternoon the first meeting of a new motorcycle society of the Swedish Parliament was held. The society is headed up by two members of parliament, one from each political block. The SMC will be a partner at events, seminars and workshops where motorcycle-related political issues will be discussed.

"This is a unique opportunity for SMC to discuss our issues," said SMC members Maria Nordqvist and Jesper Christen. "Through statistics, facts and our expertise in motorcycles we can point out problems and inaccuracies and also ask for help to solve them."

When parliament closed at 6pm, a vintage bus took 16 parliament members to Arlanda Test Track where 30 motorcycles and mopeds waited to be tested. Each guest was aided by an instructor who helped with gear, clothing and advice about the different bikes available. A traffic school helped inexperienced riders before they took to the track. Before the end of the evening, everyone had tested a PTW (Powered Two-Wheeler).

"This is the best evening during the four-year mandate period," said Transport Committee President Anders Ygeman. While he doesn't have an A licence, Ygeman tried a number of different bikes during the evening.



Smiggen Motorcyklister

Real Automóvil Club de España

RACE warns of roadside dangers

Spanish club RACE and tyre manufacturer Goodyear have warned of the dangers faced by motorists who exit their vehicles while roadside repairs are being conducted.

In a bid to raise awareness of the perils faced by pedestrians and by those who leave their cars while at the roadside, the club and the company conducted a simulation of the injuries suffered when involved in accident at just 40 km/h.

The results showed that collisions at this speed typically result in severe injuries and often death. When the collision occurs at a speed lower than 40 km/h, the probability of death is kept under 22%, but at 50 km/h it increases massively to 71% and if the crash occurs over 60 km/h the probability rises to 95%.

The club then pointed out that the most dangerous accidents are those involving pedestrians, with the fatality rate four times higher than in motorcycle accidents, and seven times greater than in a car accident.

Most fatal accidents occur when the pedestrian attempts to cross the road, followed by those who walk along roads but not in the direction of oncoming traffic and finally by those trying to fix their vehicles at the road side. The latter behaviour was deemed the most dangerous, with four in ten victims of such collisions dying.

RACE pointed out that the simplest solution to the problem is for roads users to correctly maintain their vehicles; if there is no breakdown, there is no risk.

According to a data collected from more than 400,000 roadside assistance cases attended to by RACE operations



RACE found that accidents involving pedestrians are seven times as deadly as those involving car passengers.

centres in 2012, the major cause of breakdowns is electrical failure, at 39%, followed by engine failure (17%), and with 11% being caused by poorly maintained tyres.

A further survey carried out in Spanish provinces showed that the largest number of fatalities occur in the La Coruña region (14), followed by Madrid and Valencia (12 each). Teruel, Zaragoza, La Coruña y Lugo were revealed to be the cities with the biggest risk of dying from this cause. The profile of those killed while crossing the road or making roadside repairs was largely male and aged 64 or over.



RACE Pedestrian Safety Tips

- Know how to see and be seen. RACE always recommends wearing reflective material.
- Avoid sudden movements and unpredictable reactions. In conditions that slightly reduce visibility, it is mandatory to carry a light element visible from a distance of 150 metres.

While crossing the road

- Make sure you can cross without impeding traffic.
- Always use crossing points.
- Move away from curves, dips, and road elements that restrict driver vision.

While walking

- If available, always use a pedestrian zone.
- In its absence, use the sidewalk or pavement.
- Transit on your left to see vehicles in front.

Tips for drivers

In case of a car failure, you should try to move the vehicle off the road, closer to the verge. If that isn't possible and it obstructs the roadway, you should:

- Turn on the emergency signal and if there is restricted visibility the lights as well.
- Exit the vehicle with a reflective vest on, taking extreme caution when opening the door.
- Mark the vehicle out with emergency triangles, placing them 50 metres away and visible from at least 100 metres.
- Call your roadside assistance centre and wait outside the vehicle in a safe area.
- Use extreme caution in sections frequented by pedestrians (i.e. sidewalks, bus stops etc).
- Take great care of seniors. They can react slowly and with less agility. They may suffer from hearing and/or visual impairment. They may also poorly estimate speeds and distances.
- In general, do not wave to pedestrians to cross the road as other drivers may not be aware of their presence.



Before and after: A recent safety demonstration by the AMZS shows how to make way in the event of a motorway emergency.



Avto-Moto Zveza Slovenije

AMZS shows how to make way in an emergency

In May of this year, Slovenia's AMZS, in association with the Slovenian Traffic Safety Agency, the Administration for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief, and the Motorway Company of the Republic of Slovenia (DARS) staged a demonstration of how motorway drivers can correctly make way for emergency vehicles in the event of a crash.

Held at the club's Safe Driving Centre in Vransko, the press conference and demonstration revealed that in the event of an incident (in left-hand drive territories), drivers in the fast lane should make room for emergency vehicles by moving to as far to the left as possible. Drivers in the right lane should move as far to the right as they can.

Drivers who are not involved in the road crash should remain inside their vehicles for the duration of the traffic jam to allow firefighters, emergency responders, police officers and maintenance vehicles to quickly access to the scene of the crash. This is important, as it not only ensures that the

emergency services can operate freely, but also increases the chances of survival of those involved in the crash.

The event also showed that it is important to keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front. Even after properly making room for emergency vehicles, drivers may have to move their vehicle, which will be harder to do if they have not kept an adequate distance from the vehicle in front.

The club is now confident that the event will increase road user awareness of correct motorway emergency techniques and thus improve road safety on Slovenian motorways. The AMZS will also be offering further education and training opportunities in the future, and will be supporting the establishment of a motorway police unit.



Automobil Clubul Roman

ACR receives quality award

Romania's ACR has been presented with a major award for quality, the club has revealed.

In May the club was awarded the prestigious 'First Trophy of Quality in Romania' prize by mass media concern Flacara Publications. The award has been handed out for the past 16 years to private or state companies and to outstanding personalities from scientific, cultural, business and sporting life. The presentation to the ACR is the first time that a civil organisation has been given the accolade.

The award jury made the presentation in light of the fact that the ACR is this year celebrating 11 decades of existence and is recognised as a major national brand with a proven history of assisting motorists, protecting their interests, promoting road safety education and developing motor sport as a member of the FIA.



ACR President Constantin Niculescu accepts the 'First Trophy of Quality in Romania' prize.

Fédération Française du Sport Automobile

FFSA launches rally eco app

The Fédération Française du Sport Automobile has always viewed the Rallye de France-Alsace as a showcase for its expertise and objectives and as such the FFSA is this year launching an experimental eco-responsible mobile application to aid spectators.

The club, in association with the French Hiking Federation and the Vosges General Council will, in time for the event, offer the new RandoMobile® app as a free download to allow rally fans to access public zones, in total safety and in an environmentally respectful manner.

The mobile application will enable spectators to view rally layouts, use signposted footpaths and to locate car parks, refreshment stalls, and points of interest such as hiking trails.

“This new tool is part of the objectives of the FFSA, to always aim for innovation and to make our sport eco-responsible,” said FFSA President Nicolas Deschaux.



The RandoMobile app launch by the Vosges General Council, the French Hiking Federation and the FFSA. ©Claude Saulnier S Presse

Motor Sports Association (UK)



The MSA's new CEO Nick Bunting.

New CEO takes over at UK ASN

The UK's Motor Sports Association (MSA) has a new Chief Executive, Nick Bunting, who took over from his predecessor Colin Hilton on May 20 this year.

Most recently Chief Executive of the Prince's Initiative for Mature Enterprise (PRIME) and an advisor to the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games during the 2012 Olympics, Bunting hopes to bring a fresh perspective to motor sport in the country.

“It's a real privilege to take the helm of one of the FIA's most respected National Sporting Authorities,” he said. “During my first weeks in the post I have been struck by the great work that the MSA is involved with both domestically and internationally.

“Arriving at the MSA from outside motor sport means that I bring a fresh perspective, as well as a knowledge and experience of other sports at the top level. I am looking forward to the challenge of establishing the MSA's position as a world-leading ASN.”

Alan Gow, MSA Chairman, who led a working group that oversaw Bunting's appointment commented: “Nick brings with him a wealth of sporting experience, which will be of great value to the sport. He has some very big shoes to fill and I would like to pay tribute to the extraordinary achievements of Colin Hilton over the past 12 years.”



Fédération Française du Sport Automobile

FFSA and FASC co-operate on training young racers

The French Motor Sport Federation (FFSA) and the Republic of China Motor Sport Federation (FASC) have begun a new co-operative training programme for young racing drivers.

The signing of the agreement by the two organisations was followed in July by a first training programme at the Auto Sport Academy at Le Mans. The Academy, the FFSA's training centre, is well known in motor sport circles, enjoying national and international prestige via its training courses aimed at top-level sportsmen.

During the Le Mans programme, which runs from July 22-26, eight Chinese racing drivers selected by the FASC were overseen by a group of monitors and given expert advice and tuition in physical fitness training, stress management and relaxation techniques, driving skills and the correct setting up of a kart.

“The FFSA is delighted to have reached an agreement with our Chinese colleagues,” said Nicolas Deschaux, President of the French Motor Sport Federation. “This collaboration again shows the international renown of France and its drivers at the highest level of motor sport. Inaugurated a year ago, the National Centre of Expertise and Physical Fitness Training allows us to provide young drivers with the best possible training environment.

“Today, there are four French drivers in Formula One and this is the fruit of the Federation's *Parcours d'Excellence*” he concluded. “This expertise is acknowledged and praised by numerous players in motor sport as proved today.”



The Auto Sport Academy, the FFSA's training centre. ©DPPI

Confederation of Australian Motor Sport



Sri Lankan youngsters get safe driving tips from a CAMS Ignition instructor.

CAMS Ignition goes global

The Confederation of Australian Motor Sport has taken Ignition, its young driver road safety initiative, global starting with a bid to help Sri Lanka promote its mission for 'Safe Roads for All' and the FIA's Action for Road Safety campaign.

On June 8 and 9, with the help of partner ASN the Ceylon Motor Sports Club and local motor sport groups and marshals, CAMS Ignition visited Colombo to inform 20 Sri Lankans about the programme. The FIA-backed scheme aims to educating pre-licensed drivers on attitudes and behaviour, awareness and hazard perception.

CAMS Ignition presenter Samantha Reid said it is important that road safety education in Sri Lanka starts early. "Sri Lankans battle it all, with poor education on road safety,

poor roads, inefficient public transport systems, a growing number of cars and bikes on the road," she said. "[There's also] negligence of road rules, un-roadworthy cars operating with no brake lights... poor tyres and brake condition, and of course overcrowding of all transport."

Continuing its international tour, CAMS Ignition also visited Korea on June 15 and 16 in association with the Korea Automobile Racing Association. Twenty university students were taken through the programme at the Korea International Circuit – home of Korea's Formula One Grand Prix.



Deutscher Motor Sport Bund

Germany Achieves Excellence

The Deutsche Motor Sport Bund (DMSB) received the FIA Institute's Officials' Award for the Achievement of Excellence after demonstrating the highest standards of motor sport marshalling and training.

The award opened the way for DMSB to become an official Regional Training Provider (RTP), joining the UK's MSA and Spain's RFEDA as one of three training providers from Europe.

RTPs are National Sporting Authorities (ASNs) that have been accredited at the highest level in the FIA Institute's Officials Safety Training Programme and then appointed to help other ASNs achieve this standard worldwide for the whole FIA community. DMSB is now eligible to train ASNs around the world, with financial support from the Motor Sport Safety Development Fund.

"Germany is one of the world's leading motor sport markets and it is right that it should be at the forefront of motor sport training," said FIA President Jean Todt. "We are very pleased to recognise the DMSB's excellent work in this area and for them to help others achieve this standard."

The RTP initiative is the cornerstone of the Officials Safety Training Programme. As part of this programme, ASNs can apply for grants that seek to raise the standards of motor sport marshalling in their country, and in many cases these projects can be carried out with support from an RTP. This is particularly important in developing countries where the motor sport infrastructure at grass roots level needs guidance and support.

"This accreditation by the FIA Institute represents a major milestone in the development of the DMSB," said DMSB President Hans-Joachim Stuck. "Education and training are of significant importance for our association and we are looking forward to helping other organisations in this area so that we may jointly improve safety standards across motor sport."

Prospective ASNs looking for RTP support now have a choice of six accredited providers, with DMSB joining the ASNs of Australia, Mexico, Spain, United Arab Emirates and United Kingdom.



DMSB Secretary General Christian Schacht is awarded with the FIA Institute's Officials' Award for the Achievement of Excellence.

Fédération Ivoirienne de Sport Automobile



A FISA First Intervention Vehicle at the 2013 edition of the Rallye Bandama Côte d'Ivoire.

FISA already hard at work on 2014 Rally

Just four months after local hero Eric Pages won the 39th Rallye Bandama Côte d'Ivoire, the Fédération Ivoirienne de Sport Automobile (FISA) has revealed it is already hard at work on the 2014 edition of the event.

This year's rally was the first event on the eight-round African Rally Championship and since its March running the series has staged rallies in South Africa, Zambia, Tanzania and Kenya. With just three rounds remains – in Uganda, Rwanda and Madagascar – FISA is not resting on its laurels and its crews are already cruising through the heart of the country to draft the road 2014 book, meet local village authorities and most importantly to start training designated partners in villages that in nine months' time will become an essential part of the carefully orchestrated safety system of the rally.

Based in the country's political and administrative capital Yamoussoukro, the Rallye Bandama Côte d'Ivoire is a two-day event which sees upwards of 30 crews battle the heat and dust of the country's central savannah region of lakes, plains, mountains and dense forest.



FIA Institute



The FIA Institute Young Driver Excellence Academy event helps drivers develop their motor sport careers, whilst increasing safety skills.

ASNs Integral to Academy Selection

The FIA Institute is encouraging all ASNs to nominate one driver for the selection events of its latest Young Driver Excellence Academy.

This year, the Academy expanded its selection process with five qualifying events across the world. The new format provides the opportunity for many more young drivers to apply for the Academy, which offers a fully-funded training programme to help develop their motor sport careers whilst increasing safety skills and promoting fairness and responsibility on and off the track.

Already, the European event has attracted 25 drivers that meet the required standard and will be pitted against each other in Austria on 21-24 July. This event will be run by Academy training partners ESP and TTI and will become the model for others to follow.

The next event, for the Middle East and Mediterranean region, will be hosted by the ATCUAE on 22-25 September. Nominations for the event will open on 1st August.

Each of the qualifiers will produce one winner to go forward to the 2013/14 Young Driver Excellence Academy. Further drivers will be selected using a wildcard system, making a total of eight participants in the final Academy group.

Those drivers not selected will still benefit from the selection process with each one receiving driver training as part of a three-day workshop.

The Academy itself will be a similar format to previous years, with drivers again benefitting from the expert tutelage of Alex Wurz, former Formula One driver and two-time Le Mans winner, alongside Robert Reid, former World Rally Champion. "We

now have a truly global platform to welcome the most worthy drivers," said Wurz. "Successful applicants will not just be those with the most skill but with the right approach and, most importantly, the right attitudes towards safety."

REGIONAL SELECTION EVENTS

EUROPE

Austria, 21-24 July
Nominations closed

MIDDLE EAST AND MEDITERRANEAN

Abu Dhabi, 22-25 September
Nominations open 1 August

AFRICA

South Africa, 29 Sept – 2 Oct
Nominations open 8 August (TBC)

AMERICAS

Mexico, 14-17 October
Nominations open 23 August (TBC)

ASIA-PACIFIC

Sydney, 20-23 October
Nominations open September (TBC)

FIA Institute

Institute Engages MENA Region

The FIA Institute continued its 2013 Outreach Programme in Larnaca, Cyprus on 27-28 May with a series of presentations and workshops with National Sporting Authorities (ASNs) from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

The Institute sessions formed part of a two-day Officials Safety Training Programme Seminar which was hosted in Cyprus by the Automobile and Touring Club of Lebanon (ATCL) in conjunction with the Automobile and Touring Club for the United Arab Emirates (ATCUAE) working as their Regional Training Provider and funded in part by a grant from the Motor Sport Safety Development Fund.

In her presentation to the meeting, Kate Robson, FIA Institute Fund Programme Manager, outlined the Institute's main strategies for 2013, including unifying the Education Programme, maximising ASN engagement with the Fund and the enhancement of the Institute's accreditation initiative to encourage more ASNs to apply.

This was followed by a presentation by Ronan Morgan from the ATCUAE, which will be hosting the Young Driver Excellence Academy selection event for the MENA region in September. Even Wiger, the Institute's Sustainability

Advisor, then presented the main priorities of the Institute's Sustainability Programme for 2013, concentrating on accreditation against the Institute's Environmental Certification Framework and the Institute's carbon offsetting scheme, as well as work to develop a universal noise measurement system.

The remainder of the seminar covered a number of topics relating to Senior Rally Officials Safety Training, with an emphasis on improving standards. Sessions included presentations on event safety setup by WRC Safety Delegate, Jacek Bartos, as well as on best practice medical protocols and on protocols for Clerks of the Course, Stewards and FIA Observers.

Also present during the two-day seminar were FIA Rally Director Jarmo Mahonen and Head of the FIA Sporting Department Arnaud Crepin, both of whom were able to provide valuable expert advice to the delegates on many important aspects of event safety.

"The presence of officials from the FIA and FIA Institute was a huge benefit to this event," said ATCL consultant Jacques Salha. "Their contribution and open discussion on safety issues in motor sport were very valuable."



In Cyprus, ATCL hosts safety seminar participants in conjunction with the ATCUAE (FIA Institute appointed Regional Training Provider).

Club Profile

Autoliitto: The Automobile and Touring Club of Finland

Autoliitto is the only nationwide association for private motoring and mobility in Finland. The club was established in 1919 to look after the interests, services and hobbies of individual motorists. Autoliitto now has approximately 112,000 members and is still growing. The club offers information, safety and money-saving benefits to its members.

Autoliitto is strongly involved in lobbying for better mobility in Finland. The club plays an active role in trying to create a traffic environment that takes into consideration all parties' needs. To this effect, the club puts forward proposals and suggestions to various state authorities and the police.

The club also acts for the benefit of all road users in the areas of taxation, traffic legislation, touring, road building and maintenance and car insurance. At the moment its

lobbying activities are focused on better road maintenance, car and energy taxation and GPS-based road taxation plans.

The club is also a respected authority across the media and is frequently called upon to give advice on car maintenance, safety issues, ecodriving, and touring. Autoliitto is also involved in a number of international test programmes, such as EuroTest, Euro NCAP, EcoTest and also conducts assessments in collaboration with sister clubs. A test of child restraint seats has consistently proven to be the most popular assessment undertaken by the club. Finally, the club is putting much effort into improving member benefits and services. It has already opened the first Autoliitto Service Centre near Tampere and the Autoliitto Shop in Jyväskylä with a partner company. More service centres are being opened in a few months.



Jos Roder with his Hyundai Excel. "It's a great little car."

Me and My Car Photo Project

Not fast or furious, just excellent

Following the last AUTO+ we asked you to send us pictures of the cars you drive every day and to explain what they mean to you. In the first of a new series **CAMS' Jos Roder** explains how a temporary affair with a Hyundai Excel turned into a long-term relationship.

AUTO+: What's your role at CAMS?

Jos Roder: Motor Sport Co-ordinator (Rally and Off-Road).

AUTO+: Do you compete yourself?

JR: I compete as a driver in drifting. I'm also a defensive and stunt driving instructor on weekends and enjoy riding motocross for something different. I enjoy all motor sport and rally and circuit racing will be my next step.

AUTO+: What's the car you're pictured with?

JR: It's a 1999 Hyundai Excel.

AUTO+: Why did you choose this particular model?

JR: I had returned from overseas and needed an affordable, reliable car. Hyundai Excels are common, so parts are very cheap and the small engine means it's very economical.

AUTO+: How long have you had your Excel?

JR: Too long! I've owned it for five years now, but it's now for sale. I'm happy to ship overseas for prospective buyers!

AUTO+: What do you like about the car, what are its best features?

JR: It's only since I recently upgraded to a newer car (a Hyundai i-30) that I've started to appreciate the charm of the Excel and what a great little car it is. It has a great

turning circle, a nice engine and it has been economical. The car has incredible boot space when the rear seats are folded. I have transported everything from engine cranes to furniture and it can fit eight wheels with tyres fitted, which is handy as I drift, so I need to change tyres regularly.

AUTO+: What have been your most memorable experiences with your car?

JR: Driving up a famous mountain pass on a beautiful morning was both refreshing and frustrating. Frustrating in the sense that an Excel isn't the sportiest vehicle ever made. Once the alternator died on the way home from work in peak traffic, resulting in the car stopping. I also locked my keys in the car regularly, and one time in frustration I punched the C-pillar and dented the panel! Looking back those defining moments give the car a character of its own which reminds you that motoring is a journey and that taking the good with the bad is all part of the adventure!

The Car's the Star!

We're looking for more pictures of you and the cars you use. It could be your everyday driving car, a classic you own, or a competition car (but not in a racing context).. From Ferraris to Formula Fords, Karts to Kias and Protons to Porsches we want to see how you indulge your passion for motoring. Just tell us how you got it, where it's taken you and why you love it. Send high resolution images of you with your car to: fiaphotoproject@gmail.com

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