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## SET FOR THE NEW SEASON

## World Motor Sport Council

# FIA WORLD MOTOR SPORT COUNCIL MEETS FOR THE FINAL TIME IN 2019

Yesterday saw the FIA World Motor Sport Council gather in Paris for its final meeting of 2019, where some crucial decisions were taken and calendars approved, setting up another exciting year of motor sport in prospect for 2020.



The calendar for the FIA Formula One World Championship was confirmed and remains unchanged from the proposal at the October meeting of the WMSC in Cologne. 22 races are scheduled for the world's 20 top drivers, starting and ending in the same fashion as the 2019 campaign in Australia and Abu Dhabi respectively. There will be two new additions coming in the form of a first ever race in Hanoi, Vietnam, in April, as well as a return to the Netherlands with a race at Zandvoort in May.

Some minor changes to the Sporting and Technical regulations for the 2020 Formula 1 season were also agreed, as well as the confirmation of several single-suppliers for wheel rim and fuel system components for the 2021 campaign. As the exciting new era of Formula 1 begins, BBS will supply wheel rims, while Magneti Marelli were chosen for the fuel primer pump and Bosch selected to supply the high pressure fuel pump and piping. The decisions were taken following a consultation phase between all the key stakeholders under the arbitration of the FIA Technical Department.

The 2019-2020 FIA World Endurance Championship is already well underway, but looking further ahead the Council confirmed the nomenclature of the titles to be awarded when the new regulations come into effect for 2020-2021 and beyond, with driver and manufacturer laurels to be presented in both the Hypercar and LMGT E categories.

Technological innovations are also ensuring that future of the FIA World Rally Championship will be bright, with the Council confirming the key principles of the 2022 Technical Regulations for the new Rally1 class, which will replace the current WRC category. The world's premier off-road championship will see





the option to use a production-based bodyshell or a tubular structure, in both cases maintaining the current size guidelines, with a system of scaling to allow manufacturers to adapt their rally car from different models.

There will also be an introduction of hybrid technology, opening the door for a host of potential benefits – from driving on the road between stages in full-electric mode to reducing the environmental impact of the overall competition.

Keeping with the theme of progressive environmental practice, the Council approved GCK Energy as the energy supplier for the FIA World Rallycross Championship, which will go fully-electric from 2021. The 11-round calendar for 2020 was also ratified with two new events on the horizon – one in Germany which will incorporate a section of the Nurburgring Grand Prix Circuit, and the other bringing the thrilling rallycross discipline to Russia on a brand new circuit – Igora Drive – located to the north of Saint Petersburg.

There was big news in the FIA WTCR – World Touring Car Cup, with the approval of an extension of the promoter agreement with Eurosport Events for another three years ensuring that the doorhandle-to-doorhandle action will continue to prosper around the world. Ten rounds are on the horizon for next year beginning in Morocco and ending in Malaysia, with the Council also approving the creation of an award for

the top rookie driver in 2020. Finally a set of regulations was given the green light for a new 'Touring Car Lite' category, which will form the template for creating regional and national competitions, thus securing a pyramid of progression akin to that seen in other forms of motor sport.

Positive reports came back to the Council from the various sporting commissions, as well as from two of the cross-pillar commissions the Disability and Accessibility Commission and Environment and Sustainability Commission, both of which presented some exciting projects, some ongoing and some planned for next year.

The FIA Safety Department presented the findings of the investigation into the accident that occurred during the FIA Formula 2 race at Spa Francorchamps earlier this year, which sadly claimed the life of young French racer Anthoine Hubert. The key action points were explained, which are intended to take the findings of the study and use them to make motor sport safer in the future in a number of crucial ways. These points will be published publicly in more detail in the coming days.

Finally the host of other schedules on the 2020 International Sporting Calendar were confirmed by the Council, with hundreds of competitions set to play out across every continent in all of the various motor sport disciplines.



## Membership Benefits Forum

# BENEFITS FOR MANAGING TRANSFORMATION

Yesterday's Membership Benefits Forum presented delegates with a suite of opportunities designed to help them remain relevant in a changing mobility landscape.



FIA AGA Mobility Delegates were yesterday given a guided tour of a wide array of FIA initiatives designed to help position Clubs at the forefront of the revolution in Mobility and to assist in advocacy around safety. In addition, Clubs were updated on the results of Vision and Values surveys conducted across the FIA network over the past year.

Opening the Forum, FIA Secretary General for Automobile Mobility and Tourism Andrew McKellar detailed the overarching

strategy of the Federation's Mobility Division, which focuses on three pillars: Advocacy, Membership & Services, and Tourism.

The first aims to position the FIA as a global road safety authority, while also supporting Member Clubs in their pursuit of safe and sustainable mobility for all. Under the heading of Membership & Services, he said the FIA's clear goal is to empower Clubs through bodies such as the FIA University, and regular Club gatherings, as well as to foster growth through the FIA Club Development Programme. In the Tourism sector, the Federation aims to maintain and improve tourism documents through its work on International Driving Permits and *Carnets de Passages en Douane*, and offer enhanced access to tourism data through redevelopment of the OTA (Organisation Mondiale du Tourisme et de l'Automobile).

In order to focus its ambitions in an even more targeted manner, the Federation this year embarked on a comprehensive survey of Member Clubs in order to define the Vision and Values of the FIA and, yesterday the results were presented to the delegates.

Matthew Wilson of The Sports Consultancy detailed how a global survey of Clubs borne out of workshops at the FIA Conference in South Africa had elicited responses from 120 Member Organisations from across the Mobility Regions. Following





analysis of the feedback, the proposed overall mission statement for the FIA as a Federation could be 'Safe and Sustainable Motor Sport and Mobility for all'.

More specifically in the sphere of Mobility, the goal of giving access to safe, affordable and sustainable mobility was the key aim voiced by the majority of Clubs. The desire for the FIA to provide funding to enable Members to deliver road safety campaigns was identified as the next most popular mission for the FIA.

The result was that the proposed mission statement for the Mobility arm of the FIA could be: "To empower our Members to be relevant for the future of connected mobility through collaboration, knowledge sharing and advocacy."

Defining the values of the FIA, Clubs focused on the Federation being Member-oriented, trusted, innovative, collaborative, sustainable, and focused on excellence.

Luis Figueiredo, President of the FIA Mobility Services Commission and ACP Général Manager, reminded the audience of the support the Commission brings to Club initiatives and presented the main projects for 2020.

Delegates were then given a presentation of the 'One Road' project also detailed at Tuesday's meeting of the World Council for Automobile Mobility and Tourism. Aimed at harnessing the collective power of Member Clubs in order to secure discounts for their members with global brands, research conducted for the programme revealed that 55% of Clubs surveyed are interested in a tailored discounts platform and that partnerships with hospitality and tourism companies, such as hotel chains and airlines, would be most preferred. Entertainment providers, such as theme parks, were the next most popular partnership proposition.

Under the heading of 'remaining relevant for the future of connected Mobility' delegates were then given presentations on two initiatives covering urban mobility.

Karen Giese, Smart Cities Program Manager at Siemens, detailed work on the second pillar of the new FIA's Innovative Urban Mobility Platform based on modelling and simulation. The project aims to develop an innovative traffic management advocacy tool to assist cities in assessing future policy measures and empower Member Clubs to evaluate and address traffic related issues through the development of evidence-based advocacy programmes designed to advance their ambitions.

The simulation platform would allow Clubs to input data harvested around an issue, model a range of scenarios and outcomes, and then develop strategies to be used in the lobbying of Municipalities or governments.

Miquel Roca, Director of Innovation Programmes at the Reial Automòbil Club de Catalunya (RACC) then presented the Club's integrated mobility app, City Trips.

Developed to bring together multiple urban mobility options into a single app covering comparison, booking and payment City Trips was launched in Barcelona by the RACC in 2018. It now boasts 60,000 users, aggregates more than 25 service providers across four cities and recently expanded internationally by launching in Santiago, Chile.

RACC is proposing to develop the app jointly with the FIA and FIA Mobility Clubs, believing that the global nature of the FIA network and the ability to gather a broad range of services would give the project an added value beyond that of the 'walled garden' approach of other MaaS app providers.

Mr Roca also pointed to a further advantage being the app's position as a straightforward entry point to MaaS for Clubs who could brand the platform, benefit from its potential for data acquisition and act as a shop window for core Club business offerings.

FIA Deputy President for Automobile Mobility and Tourism, Thierry Willemarck then took delegates through the Federation's networking and best practice sharing opportunities for 2020, detailing the expansion of Regional meetings in place of the FIA Mobility Conference, with the Region I Spring Meeting taking place in Naples, Italy, from 21-24 April, the Region II Roundtable being staged in Hanoi, Vietnam, from 28-30 September, and the Region III & IV's Congress of Americas for Sport and Mobility being held in Cartagena, Colombia, from 5-7 August.

He added that it is proposed to initiate support for a series of lateral peer-to-peer meetings to enhance expertise-gathering and experience-sharing. These meetings would bring together Clubs of similar levels of capability and facing comparable challenges to develop common perspectives.

Finally, Clubs were given a walk through of the FIA's new Movism brand that will be launched to generate funding for the UN Road Safety Trust Fund (UNRSTF) through engagement with the private sector. The Forum was also the occasion to present the FIA Schools Assessment toolkit that allows Clubs to work with schools in identifying problematic traffic areas and generating data for use in advocacy around tackling these issues.



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