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Qatar welcomes the FIA Annual General Assembly to the Gulf for the first time



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'Exceptional' Doha welcomes delegates

2014 Annual General Assembly opened in informal style by FIA President Jean Todt and QMMF President Nasser Khalifa Al-Attiyah at evening cocktail reception

FIA President Jean Todt this evening welcomed delegates to the 2014 FIA Annual General Assembly and Prize Giving, telling delegates that Qatar had succeeded in providing “an exceptional setting” for this weekend’s meetings and events.

Thanking President of the Qatar Motor and Motorcycle Federation and Vice President of the World Motor Sport Council Nasser Khalifa Al-Attiyah for hosting the event, President Todt said it was fitting to be in a country that thanks to HH Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani, the Emir of Qatar, has “placed sport at the very heart its development”.

“There are a number of extremely high quality venues in Doha, which have been designed not only to host the greatest international competitions, but also in order to give all athletes, from the

youngest to those of world-class standard, the opportunity to train or to keep themselves in shape in the best possible conditions,” he said. “An example of this is the very impressive Aspire Academy and also the state-of-the-art Aspetar medical centre.

“Numerous motorsports events are hosted here in Qatar. Of course, at the top of this list is the motorcycle grand prix but we also have the Sealine Cross-Country Rally and, of course, Qatar wants to welcome even more high-profile races in the future.”

President Todt concluded by thanking delegates from around the world for making the trip to the Middle East for this year’s event.

President Al Attiyah, meanwhile, paid tribute to HH Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani, the Emir of Qatar, for his role

in facilitating the week-long series of meetings and the annual Prize-Giving awards ceremony.

“This is the first occasion that this prestigious event has been held in the Gulf and it was only made possible through the support of HH Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani for which we are most grateful,” he said.

The QMMF President added that he hoped delegates would enjoy the week in Qatar, and in particular the special events scheduled for this week.

“In celebration of the 110th anniversary of the FIA, on Wednesday we will host an extraordinary evening – Heritage Night, dedicated to the history of automobiles and motorsport,” he said. “This promises to be an opportunity to marvel at motor racing achievements and enjoy our famous Qatari hospitality.”



MEDICAL SUMMIT

Hybrids on the agenda for medics

The first day of the 2014 Medicine in Motor Sport Summit brought together over 150 medical professionals involved in motor sport across the world.

FIA President Jean Todt opened the event by welcoming the attendees and thanking them for their contribution to motor sport.

He said: "We know motor sport is dangerous and this is something we must never forget. This summit is very important because it allows you to make an assessment of events and what should be the next steps. These steps are essential and you will

have the opportunity to contribute to improvements in safety across the FIA, which is represented in 141 countries.

"The racing programmes of each of these countries are different but it is our responsibility to ensure that everybody has access to protection of the drivers, protection of the teams, and protection of the spectators. I look forward very much to seeing your conclusions."

Professor Gérard Saillant, President of the FIA Institute and FIA Medical Commission, then introduced the schedule for the first day of the summit, which involved a number of presentations and discussions.

The first presentation covered safety in electric and hybrid racing and was given by Dr Phil Rayner, FIA Medical Delegate for the Formula E Championship. He was then joined in discussion by Formula One Medical Rescue Co-ordinator Dr Ian Roberts and World Touring Car Championship Medical Delegate Dr Jacques Tropenat, who how revealed each series has

adapted medical care for these new technologies.

This was followed by round table discussions on rally safety and concussion before the Chief Medical Officers' Seminar took place in the afternoon, with FIA Medical Delegates from F1, the WRC and Formula E presenting their overview for the year. The first day of the summit culminated in presentations of papers covering a variety of topics ranging from reforming extrication teams to an in-depth look at the new FIA Accident Database.

Following today's activity, it was confirmed that Deutscher Motor Sport Bund (DMSB) and the Bahrain Motor Federation (BMF) have become FIA Institute-appointed Medical Regional Training Providers (RTPs).

Tomorrow, summit attendees will visit the Aspetar Hospital, the first specialised orthopaedic and sports medicine hospital in the Gulf, to undertake practical exercises related to motor sport safety and medicine.



REGION III

Shearman welcomes new FIA funding boost

New development finance will foster growth among member clubs, says region President

Region III President Tim Shearman believes a new regional development fund to be made available by the FIA will boost club growth in the area.

Shearman, President of the Canadian Automobile Club, told today's meeting of the region's representatives that the FIA is to set aside 1m euros to boost club development, with some 200,000 euros going to Region III.

"This new funding is very welcome," he said. "This will allow us look at how we can increase capacity in the region, helping some of the lesser developed clubs to become more integrated with the more developed clubs, in line with the goals of improving road safety, increasing membership in the region and developing new services."

He said that the chief benefits of the funding would be felt in an improved ability to meet, share ideas and map out the advancement of clubs' businesses.

"The funding will help to bring us together a couple of times a year, so that we can become a more cohesive unit," he said. "It's hard for clubs to learn from some of the more developed clubs when

they are using their own resources to travel. The funding will allow members of the FIA secretariat and from our region to travel to clubs more often and create more face-to-face interaction."

Shearman added that by increasing communication between clubs, projects that otherwise might be beyond a club's reach could be started.

"Some of the capacity shortfall within clubs is in simply getting programmes started. It's really about getting boots on the ground," he said.

"Many clubs have started as sporting clubs, but it's not as easy to transition to becoming a mobility club. To start with, you have to pick a core service you want to focus on – be it roadside assistance, insurance, travel service or rewards programmes.

"By working together we can help clubs identify what those core services are going to be and then help them formulate a plan by which they can get that off the ground. By creating a three-to five-year plan highlighting the goals we want to achieve, we'll be able to start on that thanks to this funding."

Tuesday's Events

08:30 - Region II Executive Committee Meeting, Amber Room

09:00 - Region I Presidential Board, Awabi Room

09:00 - Medical Summit, Aspetar Center

09:30 - Region II Plenary, Abalone Room

11:00 - Region I Management Council, Grand Ballroom 2

11:00 - Region IV Meeting, Awabi Room

12:30 - Region I Extraordinary Plenary Assembly, Grand Ballroom 3

13:30 - F1 Steward Meeting, Amber Room

14:30 - World Council for Automobile Mobility and Tourism, Grand Ballroom 2



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WELCOME COCKTAIL

Delegates pool their resources at traditional cocktail evening

What better way to start the Annual General Assembly week of meetings and discussions than with the now traditional welcome cocktail evening. And what better location than the beautiful Pool Terrace of the St Regis hotel here in Doha. With amazing views of the city and the Gulf, it was the perfect setting for a relaxed and informal get together with old friends and new. FIA President Jean Todt and QMMF President Nasser Al-Attiyah welcomed delegates to the week's events, the first time the Assembly and Prize-Giving have been staged in the region.





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