



WOMEN IN MOTORCYCLING

Editorial

Moving closer towards our 2020 Vision...

Welcome to the first issue of the FIM Women in Motorcycling Commission's Newsletter!

The introduction of this Newsletter - which will be published regularly - is a great achievement for our Commission, especially as it is being launched on **International Female Ride Day (4 May)**!

Our Newsletter provides us with the opportunity to showcase the achievements of female riders world-wide; to keep everyone informed regarding sporting and non-sporting activities and projects, and of course to encourage more women to become involved in motorcycling.

We are particularly proud to also introduce the newly created Women in Motorcycling Commission logo (and special colour code!). We are confident that the logo will increase

awareness as well as the recognition of women at all levels and in various roles in motorcycling.

It is our hope that our Newsletters will also encourage FMNs and CONUs, to commit to the advancement of women within their countries, to signing the Brighton Declaration and to introduce special projects and programmes for women to continue to increase the number of participants in the sport as well as non-sporting activities.



Beulah Schoeman
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2012 FIM Rally in Poland - Women's programme



The 67th edition of the FIM Rally will take place in Bydgoszcz (Poland) from 19 to 21 July 2012

Motorcyclists from all over the world will gather together in the outskirts of Bydgoszcz in Myślęcinek, Poland. This year, in addition to the many "traditional" activities and events there will also be a Women's Programme. This Women's Programme will be composed of a set of attractions and activities presented by women and geared to women. For example, the famous Polish biker and author,

Anna Jackowska, will share her stories of her incredible motorbike trips; Ewa Pieniakowska will perform a live stunt demonstration; and a Kart track training session will be organised for women. The Women's programme will culminate on Sunday 22 July with the Motocross Women's Cup of Poland in Człuchów. The FIM Women in Motorcycling Commission will also be represented at this event and warmly encourages you to attend it!

More information at: www.pzm.pl/fimrally

2012 FIM Rally Women's Programme

Wednesday 18 July: Karting training session

Saturday 21 July: Women's Zone in the Rally Centre, meeting with Ania Jackowska, stunt demonstration by Ewa Pieniakowska, Make-up lessons for active women

Sunday 22 July in Człuchów: Motocross Women's Cup of Poland

SPORT

CROSS COUNTRY_{news}



2nd victory for Camelia

Following her victory at the Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge, first stage of the FIM Cross Country Rally 2012 World Championship, Camelia Liparoti strengthens her leadership by securing the second competition stage in Qatar. With two wins in two rallies, Camelia is on the right path to secure the fourth championship world title! "This rally, staged in Qatar for the first time, was not too long - a prologue and four days of competition averaging 350 kilometres per day - but extremely physical because of the very rocky terrain that hurts the arms", she says. In charge of her Yamaha 700 Raptor, Camelia qualifies first in the women's motorbike-quad bike category, while occupying the third place in the overall category of the quad bike world championship standings.

More information at: www.fim-live.com and www.chamelix.com



ROAD RACING_{news}



Elena Rosell joins Moto2

The MotoGP series has gained the first woman rider since German rider Katja Poensgen left the 250cc ranks in 2003. Spanish rider Elena Rosell has joined the 2012 Moto2 World Championship with the Qatar Motor and Motorcycle Federation Team. Despite suffering a pelvis injury, Rosell managed to reach the finish line in 28th place at season opener GP in Qatar. In Jerez she retired after 13 laps. The girl from Spain made her début in the Moto2 Championship with the Aspar Team last year at Assen, at Aragon and at Valencia.

More information at: www.motogp.com





MXnews

The FIM Women's MX World Championship series had a really exciting start in Valkenswaard, Netherlands. Altogether 42 women riders entered the season opener that was held in pretty cold and rainy weather. The fight on the tough track between France's Livia Lancelot, Steffi Laier from Germany and Italy's Chiara Fontanesi really gave the spectators what they turned out to see.

Laier, who was racing on her Kawasaki for the first time, was ill over the whole weekend. Her results (2nd in race 1 and 3rd in race 2) are therefore a great achievement. "I really wanted to battle for second place, as Fontanesi was gone. But I really had no power in my body. So in the end I am happy to give the team a podium", she explains.

Fontanesi was naturally happy after the victory. "I am very satisfied, I won, so everything is now OK", she said.

While Fontanesi won the first two races in Valkenswaard, Lancelot went on to take the next two races held in Castelnau de Lévis, France. From this year, Laier will only be racing the three rounds that are held together with the MX1 (Netherlands, England and Germany), so Lancelot and Fontanesi were able to battle it out between them in France.

More information at:

www.motocrossmx1.com



Chiara Fontanesi



TRIALnews

German bicycle company UNIVEGA has confirmed its continuing and expanding relationship with the FIM. UNIVEGA will donate three of its state-of-the-art mountain bicycles to celebrate the special achievements of one male, one female and one youth rider.

UNIVEGA has enjoyed a long and rich association with the trial community, having backed the likes of Iris Kramer, Laia Sanz and Adam Raga through its athlete sponsorship programme.

The company sees celebrating the successes of those who are new to top-level Trial and in particular, new to the FIM Women's Trial World Championship, as vital to the future of the sport.

In 2010, UNIVEGA, in conjunction with the FIM created a new award entitled the FIM Women's Trial Rookie of the Year. This year the company will also provide a prize for the second-placed rider in this category.

ENDUROnews

The Women's Enduro World Cup season will kick off tomorrow 5 May in Spain. The battle for the 2012 championship will be close. France's Ludivine Puy won the Cup in 2010 and 2011 while Spain's Laia Sanz was hot on her wheels last year. Now the women face a new situation as they will be riding with the same Gas Gas Factory Team.

"The goal for this year is to try to win, says Sanz. Last year I was so close to LuLu (Puy), so this year I know if I work hard I can fight for the victory! I'm happy to be in a factory team. I'll have much better assistance than last year when I was alone, and I feel so good with my new bike, a 250 cc 4-stroke!"

Sanz did not have the easiest of starts this year, as she suffered an injury to her knee. "But now I feel much better and confident!"





AMA International Women & Motorcycling Conference in Nevada

Nowhere is the passion and dedication of women motorcyclists more apparent than at an AMA International Women & Motorcycling Conference. The popular international event returns July 26-29, 2012, this time in Carson City, Nevada - one of the American West's premier motorcycling destinations.

The Conference focuses on educating, encouraging, inspiring and mentoring women in the lifestyle and sport of motorcycling.

"Regardless of bike brand, riding preference or background, women motorcyclists are bound together by their common passion for life on two wheels," said AMA Marketing Manager Tigra Tsujikawa. "The Conference provides all of us with the opportunity to connect with, and learn from, other women riders. Through seminars, activities, training classes and organized rides, we'll work together to gain knowledge and skills to better navigate where the road or trail leads next."

Previous AMA International Women & Motorcycling conferences have been held in

Keystone, Colorado; Athens, Georgia; Buckhannon, West Virginia; Athens, Ohio; and Westerville, Ohio. They have featured targeted attractions for women motorcyclists such as seminars, workshops, speeches, product and motorcycle displays and demo rides, recreational riding and networking.

"Motorcyclists are known for their welcoming attitudes, and this conference is no exception," Tsujikawa said. "Women are encouraged to register their spouses, partners and friends, who can attend all the activities".

The FIM Women in Motorcycling Commission will also be represented at this event and encourages you to join in!

More information at:

www.womenandmotorcycling.com

PORTRAIT: Jolandie Rust

Jolandie Rust from Johannesburg is a real adventurer. At the moment she is travelling around Africa with a BMW motorcycle. The launch for her solo epic trip took place in the beginning of April, when she set off from Cape Agulhas (the southernmost tip of Africa). She will be travelling through 32 countries before returning to South Africa, aiming to get there by mid/end August.

One of Jolandie's main aims is to promote women in motorcycling and also motorcycling as a means of transport and leisure riding, as well as FIM AFRICA. While she is in the cities and towns, she will meet as many ladies as possible to show them that women can, and do, have tremendous fun riding!

Jolandie's first adventure cycling trip took place in 2004, when she cycled through Israel

with a friend, and in 2008, she cycled solo from Johannesburg to Cape Town. In 2010, she became the first person to circumnavigate South Africa solo on a bicycle.

More information at: www.jorust.com



ABOUT: LNWIS - Lausanne Network for Women in International Sport

Through its Women in Motorcycling Commission, the FIM is an active member of the Lausanne Network for Women in International Sport (LNWIS).

This Network was born after the International Working Group on Women and Sport (IWG) conference held in Kumamoto, Japan in 2006. The purpose of LNWIS is to keep alive the motto of Japan Conference "*Commitment to Collaboration*" through links and networking among women inside International Sport Federations.

Its vision: to increase the contribution, visibility and influence of women within international sport.

Its mission: to promote the exchange of ideas and provide a forum for reflection, collaboration and mentoring as well as opportunities for women to assume leadership roles in sport.



A meeting of LNWIS at the FIM Headquarters

Participants inside LNWIS:

- FIA - Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (Motorsport)
- FIH - Fédération Internationale de Hockey (Grass Hockey)
- FIM - Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme (Motorcycling)
- FITA - Fédération Internationale de Tir à l'Arc (Archery)
- ITTF - International Table Tennis Federation
- UCI - Union Cycliste Internationale (Cycling)

More information at: www.lnwis.org

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2012 Events Calendar

COMPETITIONS

FIM Women's Motocross World Championship

20 May	Italy, Arco di Trento
03 Jun	Croatia, Mladina
10 Jun	Slovenia, Orehova Vas
01 Jul	Slovakia, Senkvice
19 Aug	Great Britain, Matterley Basin
23 Sep	Germany, Teutschenthal

FIM Women's Trial World Championship*

23-24 Jun	Andorra, St Julia
22-23 Sep	Switzerland, Tramelan
28 Sep	Switzerland, Moutier

*In 2012 FIM Women's Trial World Championship rounds are over two days for the first time

FIM Women's Trial Des Nations

29 Sep	Switzerland, Moutier
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FIM Women's Enduro World Cup

05-06 May	Munitibar, Spain
12-13 May	Torres Vedras, Portugal
30 Jun-01 Jul	Castiglion Fiorentino, Italy
20-21 Oct	Brignoles, France

NON SPORTING EVENTS

19-21 Jul	2012 FIM Rally, Poland
26-29 Jul	AMA Women and Motorcycling Conference, Nevada

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We are happy to hear your comments!