



# THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER AUGUST 2013

Dear President, *dear Friend,*

As it is time for summer holidays in the Northern hemisphere, our federation remains active at every level.

At the global level, we have reached an agreement with the Commercial Rights Holder of Formula One setting out the framework for the implementation of the 2013 Concorde Agreement. This agreement will benefit the FIA in several ways. Details will become available once it has been approved by the World Motor Sport Council, the Senate and the Formula 1 Group's governing bodies.

At the regional level, the Automobile Club of Argentina, presided by Jorge Rosales, hosted the annual American Congress in Buenos Aires at the beginning of August, under the auspices of Regions III and IV and their presidents Tim Shearman and Jorge Tomasi, Sport Vice-President and NACAM President José Abed and CODASUR President Hugo Mersan.

Thanks to their strong leadership, the relations between both regions' clubs have been greatly strengthened over the past few years, as have the synergies between sport and mobility. As a result our clubs are now more dynamic than ever.

One of the high points of the Congress was a road safety forum organized jointly by the FIA and the Inter American Development Bank (IADB). Attended by the Argentinian Interior and Transport Minister, IADB President Luis Alberto Moreno and representatives of the World Bank, the forum focused on Argentina's recent success in reducing fatalities by more than 20%, how to build on it and the lessons learned from their experience. The country is an example of how countries can make a difference through collaborative effort at national, regional and international levels.

At the club level, I would like to put a particular focus on Belize, Guyana and Honduras. We welcomed at the last General Assembly clubs from these three countries who took the visit of José Abed and myself this month as an opportunity to introduce themselves and present their latest projects and progress.

The Guyana Motor Racing and Sports Club and its president, John Carpenter, are hoping to develop road safety activities through the 9 major sporting events they host every year at the South Dakota Circuit.

The Honduras Association of Motor Sport, headed by Sebastian Pastor Mejia, is already involved in the promotion of road safety, focusing on the education of children through a successful drawing contest.



## FIA AMERICAS MEET IN BUENOS AIRES

The XV FIA American Congress was hosted this year by Jorge Rosales' Automobile Club of Argentina.



## SAFER ROADS: THE ARGENTINIAN MODEL

The IADB and the FIA held a road safety forum with the involvement of the Argentinian government.



## MOBILITY CONFERENCE WEEK: 25 DAYS TO GO

Register now at [www.fia.com/events/0/2013-fia-mobility-conference-week](http://www.fia.com/events/0/2013-fia-mobility-conference-week) and see you in The Hague!

The Belize Automobile Club will soon be celebrating its first anniversary. While their main objective remains the promotion of motor sport in the country, club presidents, Grant Millensted and Rhon Lecky, also intend to set up road safety programs.

Our visit allowed all three clubs to have their message and the FIA's message heard both by high political figures and by the media.

Finally I would like remind you that a call for expressions of interest to host the 2014 Annual General Assembly and Prize-Giving has been launched and I invite you to submit an application by 30 October to become our next Host Club.

I look forward to seeing some of you at the African ASNs meeting at the end of the month.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



**Jean Todt,**  
President of the FIA



**Nick Crow,**  
President of the  
FIA Senate



**Brian Gibbons,**  
FIA Deputy President  
for Mobility



**Graham Stoker,**  
FIA Deputy President  
for Sport

## THIS MONTH: AUGUST 2013

**F1:** Grand Prix of Belgium (24-25.08)

**WRC:** Rally Deutschland (22-25.08)

**F3:** Nürburing, Germany (18.08)

**Regions:** American Congress, Argentina (1-2.08)

Confederation of African Countries in Motorsport (CACMS) Meeting, Bostwana (29-30.08)

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### OGIER CLAIMS VICTORY IN FINLAND

The Volkswagen Motorsport crew of Sébastien Ogier and Julien Ingrassia won a thrilling Nestle Oil Rally Finland.



### SECURING THE FUTURE OF FORMULA ONE

A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed over the implementation of the 2013 Concorde Agreement.



### HAMILTON TAKES A CONVINCING WIN

Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton powers to dominant win at the Hungarian Grand Prix, the first of the season.