



# FIVA NEWSLETTER

PROVIDING YOU WITH AN UPDATE ON FIVA'S WORK AND INITIATIVES

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*A beautiful Alfa Romeo Giulia Sprint in the vineyards of the Desafio des Clasicos.*



## **Tiddo Bresters – President:**

In the first months of 2023, our focus was on international co-operation, particularly with FIA and FIM, who support the FIVA mission. Together, we produced a compact yet captivating publication to broaden support for our cause. Additionally, we achieved a significant milestone by renewing the Convention with FIM, solidifying our dedication to historic motorbikes. Through the initiative known as Working Industrial and Motoring Heritage (WIMH), we collaborated with heritage organizations to ensure the long-term presentation of our

mobile heritage, including road vehicles, trains, planes, and ships. This is especially important as policies aim to reduce fossil fuel usage. WIMH's primary goal is to highlight the immense social, economic, and cultural significance of the technical heritage sector.

Our recent Consultative Status in UNECE empowers us to influence global regulations for vehicles and components through the Legislation Commission. This influence extends far beyond Europe, impacting worldwide standards.

A symposium organized by Retro Albania in Tirana on 29<sup>th</sup> April revolved around the theme of ‘lobbying’. It reiterated the importance of engaging with legislators at international (EU), national, and local levels, as demonstrated by cases from various countries. However, on the same day, we were saddened by the loss of a prominent Ukrainian old-timer enthusiast in the fight for his country's freedom. This unfortunate event reminds us that peace, respect, and unity are fundamental in pursuing our shared passion.

*Meeting of the FIVA Culture Commission in Tirana, Albania.*



### **Mario Theissen – SVP, External Affairs:**

The cooperation with our Global Partners and Professional Members continues at full speed. In the first part of the year, we initiated a new communication project, inviting them to share content with our communication department to create collaborative social media posts.

This year, the election for college representatives will be conducted through an online procedure. Members from each of our three colleges, representing Global Companies, International Businesses, Museums, and Institutions, are encouraged to nominate candidates for the respective positions. The elected representatives will have three votes each at the FIVA General Assembly in Athens on 25<sup>th</sup> November.

FIVA Professional Membership continues to generate interest in different countries. This year, for the first time, we welcomed a university: the Technical University of Ostrava in the Czech Republic.

### **Peter Edqvist – SVP, Internal Affairs:**

On mission in Japan, in connection with the presentation of a posthumous FIVA Heritage Hall of Fame Award for Soichiro Honda, to his son Hirotoshi Honda, our Japan and East Asia Ambassador Masaki Shimuzu had arranged for the FIVA delegation, President Bresters and Senio Vice President Edqvist, among others, a meeting with the management of NISMO (Nissan Motorsports & Customizing Ltd) to discuss mutual interests, especially as NISMO in its Omori factory fully rebuilds Nissan Skyline GT-R series of cars. The rebuilding is to original specifications and all work is fully documented. A series of activities is ongoing to increase FIVA presence in North America and a few other countries.

### **Nataša Grom – VP, Culture & Youth Commission:**

The presentation of the Charter of Turin in cartoons received great feedback at the General Assembly in Sofia. This led to more countries joining the initiative and translating the cartoons. We now have translations in Spanish, French, Portuguese, German, Czech, and Slovene, which are being distributed at exhibitions and events. Thanks to the FIVA Youth working group for promoting the cartoons and the charter.

Our Culture Commission contributes articles to the FIVA webpage, including a captivating story about a pre-war FN motorcycle found in Serbia owned by photographer Mihajlo J. Krstic. We prioritized physical meetings this year, with gatherings in Paris, Tirana, and a planned meeting in Slovenia on 10<sup>th</sup> June. The Youth working group also meets monthly.

The Youth working group has developed the ‘FIVA Youth Cup’, a project designed by and for youth, ensuring its success. We have prepared guidelines for UNESCO Patronage, encouraging members to carefully prepare applications and contact our commission for guidance.

*The Mille Miglia 2023 team.*





An important event is the participation of a special team in Mille Miglia 2023, promoting automotive culture through a 2000 km itinerary. We actively participate in events like the International Gordon Bennet Rally and the Museum Night in Munich, both highlighting automotive culture.

Lastly, nominations for Culture Awards 2023 and the Youth International Day competition are open. For more information, please visit our webpage.

### **Malcolm Grubb – VP, Events Commission:**

In 2023, we have received a total of 94 event applications as of the end of May. These events involve 40 countries, showcasing the global reach of our organization. Three of these events have been designated as FIVA World Events, namely Austria (Motorcycles), Mexico, and Portugal (both Cars). Additionally, a fourth World Event is scheduled to take place in July in the Netherlands, specifically for Utilitarian vehicles.

Out of the total events, there have been 24 international events and 66 national events planned for this year—as of 31<sup>st</sup> May, 44 of these events have already taken place, with more event applications expected to arrive in the coming months.

In other noteworthy updates, we have introduced a new practice of providing event organizers with personal certificates of Event Registration, signed by me. This initiative aims to recognize and appreciate their efforts in organizing these events. Furthermore, our social media promotion efforts across multiple platforms have proven successful in reaching a wider and younger audience, expanding the reach of FIVA. Lastly, the awards for BPV, Spirit of FIVA, and FIVA International have been well-received by organizers, generating additional publicity and press coverage for FIVA and the events we support.

### **Lars Genild – VP, Legislation Commission:**

Currently, activities related to climate neutrality and emission control have a significant impact on EU legislation and our overall hobby. Every country is facing substantial demands to reduce the carbon footprint of our activities and ensure climate-neutral transportation within a short timeframe.

In Europe, the majority of countries have made commitments to cease selling internal combustion engines by 2035. Additionally, there is a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to a maximum of 55% of the levels recorded in 1990 by 2030. The ultimate objective is for the EU to achieve climate neutrality by 2050.

The transport sector is a major contributor, responsible for approximately 25% of emissions in the EU. Consequently, it has become a key target for emission reduction efforts.

In anticipation of significant changes, we should prepare for a dramatic increase in Low Emission Zones (LeZs) and Zero Emission Zones (ZeZs) throughout Europe. For instance, France plans to expand from 11 LeZs to 55 within a few years. Moreover, every city with a population above 10,000 is expected to implement LeZs.

Activities with the MEP Historic Vehicle Group in Brussels are now back on track, and we recently held our second physical meeting in early June. In addition to the aforementioned focus areas, we are also working on revising the End of Life Directive. The HV definition fits perfectly into the new phrase 'Reuse, Rework, and Recycle', which has already influenced some scrapping activities. Our aim is to incorporate the HV definition into the ELV Directive for the future.

The Roadworthiness Directive is also up for revision, and minimal changes are desired in general. We have been informed that the HV definition will be retained.

Regarding the revision of the Drivers License Directive, we have proposed accepting HV as a suitable category for the A1 Motorcycle drivers license. Despite their larger capacity, these vehicles are designed for slow driving.

In our efforts to achieve the goals outlined in the Cross-border Enforcement Directive, we will recommend adopting a definition of HV. This would simplify the handling of rules and ensure cross-border mobility by avoiding excessive independent local regulations for emission zones.

These tasks will keep us occupied throughout the year, both in terms of taking action and monitoring changes. Additionally, the Legislation Commission has been working intensively on shaping the FIVA Sustainability Strategy.

*A spectacular moment during the LESPA FIPA Rally in Cyprus.*



*The Convoy of Liberty, Pilsen (CZ), 2023.*



### **Laurent Hériou, VP Technical:**

At the FIVA General Assembly in November 2022, Laurent Hériou was elected as the new Vice President of the FIVA Technical Commission. The Technical Commission mainly focuses on the technical aspects of historic vehicles, specifically the FIVA Identity Card system.

The system went digital a few years ago, allowing online applications processed by the national ANF and stored in a database. To improve it, a highly qualified programmer developed a new state-of-the-art system compatible with the current operating system. The new system maintains core features but offers improved user-friendliness, functionality, and design for FIVA Identity Cards and FIVA Youngtimer Registration Cards. It is currently in the final testing phase before going live.

The Technical Commission held monthly video meetings and a live meeting in Munich in February 2023. Discussions revolved around current issues, particularly the configuration and requirements of the new system. The Commission also addressed FIVA Identity Card applications that required scrutiny. Final decisions were made after thorough examination by Commission members.

Additionally, efforts were made to establish scrutineer and ANF structures in the USA to promote FIVA's presence in North America.

The key tasks of the FIVA Technical Commission include developing a user-friendly data administration system for FIVA ID Cards and FIVA Youngtimer Registration Cards, reviewing and deciding on complex application cases for FIVA ID Cards, and assisting ANFs in improving national FIVA structures.

### **Keith Gibbins, Director Motorcycles:**

First and foremost, I'm pleased to announce the signing of the updated FIVA-FIM agreement at the World Super Bike event held in Assen. This agreement will serve as the foundation for our on-going relationship over the next five years. It includes collaborative events and knowledge sharing, particularly in the area of sustainability, such as FIM's 'Ride Green' initiative, as well as the activities of the FIVA Culture Commission. Additionally, FIM is exploring the realm of heritage racing machine originality, and we have agreed to support this endeavor, especially concerning older motorcycles.

In the month of May, the motorcycle event season kicked off in Europe. One notable event was our World Event, which celebrated the centenary of the TT Austria.

Over 100 motorcyclists participated, making it a truly fantastic occasion. If you're interested, you can browse through a selection of over 500 photos from the FIVA Motorcycle Rallye 2023 on Flickr: [FIVA Motorcycle Rallye 2023 | Flickr](https://www.flickr.com/photos/fiva-motorcycle-rallye-2023/)

We also have a video capturing some highlights, including a young lady from Iran, which you can watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-7IHfOCLWTQ>

Furthermore, the 20<sup>th</sup> ASI Motor Show took place at the Ricardo Paletti circuit in Varano de 'Melegari, Italy.

This premier event showcased a wide range of road and racing machines dating back to the early days of motorcycling. The bikes took to the track in different eras, exhibiting a variety of speeds, from the leisurely pace of pre-1914 machines to the thrilling power of two-strokes from the 1970s and 80s. The event even featured parades of mopeds! If you're curious, you can find a collection of photos from the event in this Google Drive gallery: [FOTO 2023 - Google Drive](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1F0T0233-Googledrive)

Lastly, I'm excited to inform you that the FIVA Motorcycle Week event for 2023 has successfully concluded. This year, we had participation from over 20 countries, spanning from America to Australia. This significant expansion in our reach will undoubtedly contribute to increased awareness of FIVA and its role in the preservation and future use of historic vehicles.

Overall, these recent happenings reflect our on-going dedication to the world of motorcycles and our commitment to promoting the rich heritage they represent.

### **Timo Vuortio, Director Utilitarian:**

Our focus and energy have primarily been directed towards planning and organizing our participation in a significant event taking place in the Netherlands on 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July: the Internationaal Historisch Festival in Panningen (<https://ihf-festival.nl>). This event marks the inaugural FIVA Utilitarian World Event and is expected to draw 25,000 visitors who will have the opportunity to admire a remarkable display of



2,500 tractors, 500 machines, as well as trucks and buses. FIVA will have a dedicated information spot at the festival, complete with tents and two exhibition areas. We are collaborating with two other FIVA instances, FEHAC and FEHAMEC, both esteemed members of our organization.

Another crucial aspect of our work revolves around enhancing the visibility of the Utilitarian Commission (UC). We have actively represented the Utilitarian Commission in various events, rallies, and exhibitions, showcasing the invaluable work carried out by FIVA. For instance, we had a presence at Retromobile in Paris, Retro Classics in Stuttgart, Tatra Rallye in Bratislava, and Convoy of Liberty in Plzeň, where we provided information about FIVA's initiatives. To aid our presentations, we have created flyers in four languages, as well as beach flags and roll-ups for use in such gatherings. Additionally, we have developed a short informational film about our commission during the spring, which can be shared on social media platforms and utilized for several occasions.

Establishing personal connections with influential individuals, clubs, and decision-makers is an ongoing aspect of our work. Throughout the winter and spring months, we dedicated considerable effort to building relationships in numerous countries. Notably, in Germany, we have fostered strong connections with bus and tractor communities, enabling us to engage and collaborate effectively with these groups.

By engaging in these diverse activities and initiatives, we aim to strengthen the presence and impact of the Utilitarian Commission while promoting the essential work of FIVA worldwide.

A short summary of our activities in the first part of 2023 includes planning for our participation in the International Historisch Festival in Panningen, Netherlands, as well as preparing for the World Events in 2024 and 2025. We have created informative materials, such as a short film, to promote the work of the FIVA UC. Additionally, we have distributed FIVA UC Flyers at events and translated them into

multiple languages for wider accessibility. Through lobbying efforts and establishing important contacts, we have worked to strengthen our advocacy. Lastly, we have proudly represented FIVA at various events, furthering our commitment to preserving and promoting utilitarian vehicle heritage.

### **Gabriella Magureanu – VP, Membership:**

We are proud to have over 100 clubs and federations as our members, bringing together more than a million and a half enthusiasts who share our values. It is truly an extraordinary community, diverse in its composition yet united in purpose. At the beginning of the year, members from all corners of the globe gathered for the annual Rétromobile Show in Paris, followed by a symposium on legislation concerning Historic Vehicles (HVs) in Tirana. The presence of such a diverse group in various locations demonstrates solidarity and points us towards the path of progress.

The VP Membership's primary focus lies in sustaining existing relationships and forging new ones. In recent months, we have successfully established new connections in Armenia, Vietnam, and Indonesia, and if all goes well, we will welcome them as new members before the year concludes. Our community is expanding, and timing plays a crucial role in this growth.

### **Jos Theuns – VP, Finance Commission:**

Membership payments have been received promptly from virtually all members. However, for those that are still overdue, we strongly recommend reading article 4.6.2 of the Statutes and article 6.1 of the Internal Rules. While additional income in the form of interest is always welcome, we would prefer to collect it from our bank rather than from our members. Therefore, please check with your treasurer to ensure your fees have been paid and the invoice is not pending on your side, so we can avoid invoking the aforementioned articles.

Other sources of income, such as the shop, FIVA-Cards, and Events, are progressing as projected, and we anticipate a boost once the new FIVA-Card system is in place and available for everyone.

On the expenses front, everything is on track as planned, although some funds have been redirected to increase FIVA's presence on various social media platforms. This strategy has proven successful, given the increased number of subscribers to newsletters, Facebook, and other social media channels.

*A moment at the FIVA Symposium in Tirana.*



Lastly, our income is significantly supported by Global Partners and Professional Members. Hence, it is crucial that FIVA continues to be recognized as a Federation with primarily 'institutional income', as categorizing all income as 'commercial income' could subject us to the Italian 22% VAT. Such a situation would require adding the 22% VAT to your membership fees, which is clearly undesirable. We are currently consulting with financial advisors to identify a legally compliant approach to maintain our status within the existing tax regime. You will receive further updates on this matter once we have a clear understanding of the situation and our chosen course of action.

### Gautam Sen – VP, Communication Commission:

Over from last year, we remain very active on the Communication front with several activities. Most of these activities have received very favourable responses from different corners of the historic vehicle movement. One noteworthy activity is the FIVA Chat Room, held on the last Friday of every month. The Chat Room covers various topics and the discussion on the way concours events are conducted (**Concours d'Élégances: Have we got it all wrong?**) held on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023, was a massive success. Leading members of top-level concours jury members, including Ed Gilbertson, Nigel Mathews, Patrick Rollet, and Mathias Doutreleau, participated in the online debate that lasted over 100 minutes, exceeding the usual one-hour time limit. Due to its success, a second discussion was held on Friday, the 28<sup>th</sup> of April. However, a couple of the Chat Rooms involving Commission heads did not pan out well, and we are looking to rework those.

Meanwhile, FIVA has made excellent progress on social media platforms such as Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn since February 2023. Rather than focusing on numbers, we are now prioritizing promoting better substance and greater involvement from enthusiasts worldwide. Commissions,

*Logo of the FIVA Cup.*



*One of the beautiful motorcycles displayed in Tirana.*



particularly the Events Commission, have been collaborating with Alizée Glavieux and her team at Cesalya to promote events globally. Additionally, our members, including ANFs, clubs, and Professional Members, have been collaborating productively with our social media consultants, yielding encouraging results.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of April 2023, FIVA supported the organization of the first global symposium on **Partnerships & Cooperations with Governments & Institutions** in Tirana, Albania. Hosted by FIVA's recently appointed ANF, Retro Albania, the event provided stakeholders with insights into legal issues and restrictions concerning historic vehicles. Delegates from 10 nations, including Denmark, France, India, Italy, Morocco, Spain, the US, and Albania, shared best practices and solutions. The symposium was a resounding success.

### Gian Mario Mollar, Secretary General:

After the successful General Assembly in Bulgaria, the work at the office has followed its usual routine. The months of January is usually dedicated to issuing and collecting the membership fees, both for our National Members and Professional Members: an important task that provides us the "fuel" to move on and carry out our mission!

The cooperation with the General Committee and the various FIVA Commissions is progressing well and these first 6 months have been really exciting, with the organisation of General Committee in Paris in February and the cooperation with Retro Albania for the Symposium in Tirana, in the month of April.

Among the other appointments ahead of us, it is certainly worth mentioning the Symposium in Sinaia, Romania, by the end of June, and Le Mans Classic, that will feature for the first time a FIVA info point! The FIVA General Assembly is still far away (just a reminder: 25<sup>th</sup> November in Athens, Greece) but I am already working on it, in cooperation with our Greek ANF and its General Secretary.