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Dear sportfriends:

We are getting closer to 15th December, as you may remember from the Minutes of our Section meeting: *“Additional applications for both Euros can be made until 15th of December to the Section Chairman Carlos Gomez by e-mail: liason@efra.se”*

Some of those additional applications have already been made, so figures for both events right now are the following ones:

B European Championship at Bruzzolo, Italy, from 9-11 June 2006 = **99** drivers.

A European Championship at Ripoll, Spain, from 11-15 July 2006 = **170** drivers.

Consequently there is still “some” room for more applications, logically additional applications coming from organizing countries, Italy or Spain, are to be taken into account after giving the rest of the field all chances for increasing their representation.

Even more, there are already allocated drivers from **18 countries** for the Euros A (**12** for the B) and it will be highly appreciated if any of those missing countries inside EFRA are able to send any driver to attend our main events of the 2006 season.

I am missing on the actual list the following ones:

- Croatia
- Czech Republic (for the A)
- Estonia (for the A)
- Greece (for the B)
- Holland (for the B)
- Hungary
- Luxemburg (for the B)
- Poland
- Rumania
- Russia
- Slovak Republic (for the B)
- Slovenia
- Sweden (for the B)
- Cyprus

If there is a chance for any of those countries to send a driver to any of the events, please do it, and if any country has any doubt please ask for help to me, I will try to help as much as possible.

At several countries their national AGM had been already passed and national calendars have been settled as well.

As per my knowledge, national calendars already established are Great Britain, France, Spain, Portugal, Italy and Germany, all of them are available on the net.

While studying those I have found only a single collision with the EFRA Calendar; collision is with an EFRA GP, and according to our Handbook that collision is valid, rule 3.2.10 page 55 only forbids the coincidence of National races with the European championships.

Even being valid, that is not advisable, and so that, if it is possible, please try to avoid collision with **any** EFRA date, many thanks in advance. That will help all EFRA Organizers and as well will give your national drivers more chances to attend International Races.

While mentioning this expression "International Races" I have realized we are not using that figure inside the Section. That figure is ruled in our Handbook at page 57, rule 3.4, and the sanction fee is just 70 €. There are several races spreaded all over Europe which may become EFRA I.R. with a simple application in writing done through their National Associations. If you feel you have at your Country any suitable race to become EFRA I.R. please do not doubt in contact me.

In respect of the 2006 IFMAR World Championships I have received very few questions from just 2-3 countries expressing a possible concern regarding the venue and the safety related to that event.

Those are minimal ones and so that, by the moment nothing is to be done from EFRA towards IFMAR.

If any of your national drivers has expressed any concern to your National Association please let me know and let me know as well your position as National Association, that will help us to have a better vision of what is the feeling inside EFRA.

I will not accept officially private messages from drivers without coming through their National Associations.

On the IFMAR side, please let me know if you are willing from EFRA to make any proposal on Ifmar rules, the possible format of 12 cars subfinals with 4 cars progressing to the next subfinal and the equal chances for all finalists to prepare their cars releasing all cars at the same time after the second semifinal were already agreeded to be proposed to Ifmar at the AGM.

The manufacturers opinion is something we are looking for in EFRA, in our Section we need more relationship with Manufacturers and Industry; that's why we have in EFRA the figure of Advisory Associate Members open to bona fide Manufacturers. Cost is only 250 € per year and the possibilities to collaborate are big enough to deserve the effort. Any section manufacturer interested in become A.A.M. please contact me.

As you may have realized, I want to know as much as possible of the development of the class all over Europe so let me know your calendars, races, results and all possible information of our class at your country, many thanks in advance for your cooperation.

I am at your disposal for anything you may need at the following directions:

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We are both willing help you, please, consult with us in case of any doubt.

With my best regards

Merry Christmas

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