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### The 2017 Season, a good & different one

My dear sportfriends:

At home after another racing season, I just want to recapitulate, in brief, about the whole season, for a more extensive information please find my letters at the EFRA website under the Section News headline line.

The 2017 Season started with both warm-ups, B and A, and both were useful enough to let us know improvements to be made in order to achieve good events. Both main events were well attended.

Both Main Events of the European Season, the XIV EC B & the XXXVII European Championship A, had been good ones.

Obviously, things can be improved at both facilities and things can be done better, but that is why we are here for, to improve and give the best possible races and venues to our drivers and member countries.

The NO-SHOWS are not good for the Sport, the organizer will get their full booked money (it can not be other way), but not communicating those is blocking the spot so it is impossible to be covered by another driver (which are really willing to) due to the very late announcement of people not attending.

EC B was EXCELENT, EC A was more problematic with a lack of communication or will of understanding but finally solved and event finalized. Italy will receive a penalty due to the problem with his Team Manager and the organizer might have had also some comments during our meeting.

During the EC A we did took noise measurements and at our attached documents you can find the readings ordered either by muffler or by db. level, a lot yet to be done here in order to be more environmental friendly.

Next in our calendar was the Electric EC at Velika Gorika, Croatia a growing venue betrayed by the weather and the lack of attendance of eastern EFRA countries a good event with a good media coverage and victory for David Ronnefalk with the new kid Davide Ongaro as runner-up.

After Velika Gorika, the EFRA Show moved to Italy to Asti, by Castelnuovo Calcea, we run there our EC +40 with a good attendance figure (100 drivers) with victory to Stephane Deroch from France.

Proposals for the AGM, application for races and some decisions to be made. Among those decisions conformation of next year events, were we must seriously consider or future Electric Event.

But before that, we have to consider the deposits, It is ruled that it is a Section Chairman decision but I have always followed the advice of the floor, the Section Meeting.

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Unfortunately this year it can not be like that, the EC A Sweden Organizer has already received their money back in full without consultation to the Section Meeting.

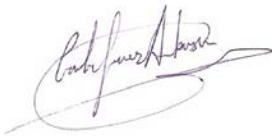
You, my people, deserve an explanation, coming from paste year On Road Event there was a problem with VAT and tyres and there is an important figure involved in that conflict were the Organizing Club was suffering a lot at financial side. During this past September they tried to solve that problem with tyre supplier with the help of EFRA. They also, suffering from financial struggling, asked for immediate return of the deposit, and the Executive of EFRA agreed in order to help them, so we can not do anything here.

So consequently, for the rest of the European events I am in favour to pay back all deposits in full.

We have to decide as well over 2019 venues and to start to work with designated tyre for the 3 days events, but, always thinking for the best of the sport, so lets start with information about best tyre combinations at our EC Tracks for the next season before the 31 December.

Please, find enclosed as pdf files the results of the different events of the year 2017.

With my best regards  
Yours in the sport



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