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Compte rendu (as our French friends will say)

I am writing you this EFRA letter after our EXCELLENT EFRA European Championship B 2018 held at Barco di Bibbiano, Reggio Emilia, Italy this past weekend in its 15th edition.

Looking at the EFRA Hall of Fame for this event let me remember you some EFRA winner names, lets have a look of the last 10 years list:

2018	Polito, Mattia, Italy	Barco di Bibbiano, Italy
2017	Widmaier, Micha, Germany	Reding, France
2016	Canas, Juan Carlos, Spain	Freixedas, Portugal
2015	Berton, Riccardo, Italy	Hertfortshire, Great Britain
2014	Pombo, Javier, Spain	Madrid, Spain
2013	Baruffolo, Marco, Italy	Sacile, Italy
2012	Magi, Alessandro, Italy	Oberbüren/Switzerland
2011	Bacro, Jonathan, France	Lyon/France
2010	Monteiro, Ricardo, Portugal	Valladolid/Spain
2009	Ronnefalk, David, Sweden	Gland/Switzerland

This super drivers list proves this kind of event is an excellent first step to become a star at the RC racing scene, and this year race has been one of those of a kind.

Despite 2 huge storms on Thursday afternoon the BarcoOff crew with the help of their friends was able to overcome, again such a terrible flooded scenario, and were able gave to the 144 participants a beautiful track and facilities for this EFRA event with only a 90 minutes delay over the Friday thig program.



Drivers coming from 13 different countries all over Europe and with a waiting list track side, please member countries, let us know in advance the no-shows so we can offer the spot to another willing to drive EFRA

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license holder, were practicing the whole day and afterwards enjoy a short opening ceremony to declare the event open with a few words from the Major of Bibbiano.

The support given by the brands and their professional staff has been huge, I am going to mention some names, but there have been many others I may forgot, BIG thanks to all of them and to the companies they proudly represent: Robert Battle, Davide Ongaro, Elliot Booths, Yannick Aigoin, Jerome Sartel, John Dell, Marco Baruffolo, Seb. Leonard, Mario Rossi, Rody Roem, Davide Tortorici, Daniele Ileasi, Ilias Arkouddaris, Nicola Marrone , the Radiosistemi Factory Team and many others.

Saturday we had the 4 rounds of Qualification, and after that we had the moment I must blame myself, acting as head referee in substitution of our busy designated one I decided not to re-run a horrible start done by several participants, but that is not the issue why I blame myself, this is something to learn about the level of the lowest drivers at an EC B and the probably suitable use of a trial start for them to learn how it goes. The real learning point for future events is that the count of Junior Drivers MUST BE perfect since the beginning of the event. We decided not to schedule a second junior final Saturday evening because we were convinced we had 22 Junior drivers with 9 of them at semifinals level, but unfortunately they were really 33, so room enough for 2 exhibition finals of 12 drivers... We want at EFRA that the young boys achieve experience and minutes track side and we were considering seriously a second junior final, but we were wrong on the count. That should not happen again.

Sunday we keep on with the subfinals with some impressive and consistent bumping up, to highlight the ones of Kieran Cox and Alex Martinez, both running for more than 100 minutes so, definitively, they have enjoy the race.



Then some drama after semifinals at Technical Inspection with 4 cars not conform to the rules at parc fermé, hats off for the Tech Crew able to detect those 4 cars with fuel tanks too big or too many holes at the body. Many thanks.

And finally, with some delay due to the intensive minutes at the Technical Inspection we have had the main final of the event, we carry on with the 13 cars competing for a title for 45 excellent minutes of driving with final victory for Mattia Polito Del Bello with a Kyosho followed by Giuseppe Tescione with a RTF car and the French driver Patrick Auvignet Jr. with an Xray car.

EFRA EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP B 2018, BarcoOff - Final A					
Pos.	Num.	Driver	Nat	Laps	Time
1	1	Polito dal bello Mattia	Italy	73	45:07.015
2	3	Tescione Giuseppe	Italy	73	45:33.875
3	6	Auvinet Patrick jr	France	72	45:09.627
4	12	Kallen Joachim	Switzerland	72	45:23.453
5	7	Flamini Niko	Italy	72	45:25.317
6	4	Orlando Marco	Italy	72	45:29.577
7	2	Marcon Eliot	France	72	45:31.810
8	10	Noble Maxime	France	71	45:01.119
9	13	Castoldi Alessandro	Italy	71	45:01.737
10	11	Gabrielli Dario	Italy	71	45:28.000
11	8	Franzolini Gianmarco	Italy	70	45:01.477
12	9	Camamo Giovanni	Italy	70	45:02.544
13	5	Schmitt Alexander	Germany	4	2:30.980

A superb EFRA European event with lots of congratulations sent to the organizing team, the BarcoOff Crew and the Italian Federation AMSCI and as well to the referees of the event, Mr., Mark Stitson and Mr. Alessandro Pafundi. I must have to make it extensive to the Technical Inspection Crew and the Cafeteria of the event.

The organizer has learnt what they must do to improve their facilities, mainly in terms of sound system, the Xracer lapcounter what he has to do to make his work more visible, by the way here is the link to the complete results of the event: <https://www.efra.ws/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Finale.pdf>

And we, all, learn from experiences achieved and so that we are ready for our next big event, our EFRA XXXVIII (38) European Championship A at Freixedas, Pinhel, Portugal with more than 160 drivers enlisted from 31 July to the 4th of August.

All the required information is at <http://crfreixedas.com/> with a dedicated website for the EC event <http://euro2018.crfreixedas.com/>



With my best regards

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