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UEM AND THE ENVIRONMENT ACTIVITIES

After the election of Mr. Daniel Barthélemy (France) as Vice-President of the UEM, the direction of the Environment Commission went to Mr. Adamo Leonzio (Italy), an expert engineer in designing motorcycle tracks and facilities (Road Racing and Motocross).

Mr. Leonzio has been focusing since several years on environmental protection problems in the world of motorcycling. His commitment, aimed at spreading among the organizers the main concepts of respect for the environment, has been particularly appreciated by national motorcycling Federations.

Its greatest merit so far is to have been following the path traced by his predecessor, which already had begun to get initial results, plus adding the contribution of his professional experience.

The Commission, composed by technicians and experts and representatives from different European areas, is showing very active and attentive to the main problems of environmental protection.

This fifth edition of UEM MAG has been devoted to the environment, in particular in consideration of the World Environment Day scheduled for the 5th of June 2008.

The growing consciousness of environmental problems, which is spreading in the world, must raise awareness among motorcycle competitors that our sport is considered highly polluting.

For this reason, it is important an environmental consciousness by all the people operating in our field to reach an "environmental compatibility" of our sport as soon as possible to protect it from positions, often instrumental, taken by organisations, sometimes not even qualified in environmental problems, aiming at endanger the continuation of our sport activity.

It is task of all Sport Federations in general, and of

UEM in particular, to take initiatives aiming to the improvement of the environmental consciousness in all those people, who have a position both in sporting and non-sporting activities in order to keep in mind environment issues when carrying on their duties.

This aspect, which is still today considered as less important if compared to those mainly concerning sporting activities, will have even more importance in the future, because it is quite easy to foresee that all sporting activities will be more and more affected and will take place only on the condition that an environmental compatibility will be satisfied according to what the civil society asks. To confirm

what above said, it is sufficient to say that noise pollution has brought about the closing of circuits for motorbikes competition for exceeding the noise limits in more than 20% of countries part of the UEM.

THE UEM ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
To reach this goal, UEM has created a specific commission, the ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION. This commission is naturally placed among the non-sporting commissions but it doesn't cooperate only with them (the UEM ECO-TOUR is just an example of this cooperation),



Mr Adamo Leonzio, Chairman of the Environment Commission

The disciplines more attentive towards environmental issues are those Off Road (Enduro, Motocross, Trial), but also Road Racing and Track Racing could create problems for noise pollution of motorbikes.



as its characteristics of “transversal” commission brings it to interfere and consequently to cooperate with all sport commissions too.

The commission, at the moment, composed of seven members, since from its institution has developed its activities mainly in two sectors:

commission (CIE), as UEM and FMNs belong to FIM. This collaboration is not limited to an exchange of information and know-how, but it also includes the reciprocal participation of Chairmen to the working commission during the yearly congresses.

- a prescriptive activity, that follows and studies the evolutions in the field of environment preservation, coming from both new rules and innovations introduced by industry and human behaviour to be transformed in new laws for all those bodies involved in sporting activities by UEM.
- an inspection activity by means of on site surveys performed by inspectors during sport events organized under the name of UEM, in order to verify the respect of the environmental rules through specific reports to be discussed during the commission meetings.

LINK WITH THE CIE OF FIM

The UEM Environment commission activity takes place in tight contact with the corresponding FIM

THE GREEN CLASS PROJECT

During the 2006-2007 period, it has grown the firm belief that the role of the components of a modern and forward looking Environment Commission, is not only to “Inspect” but also to “Help” the organizers of events by giving them suggestions in how to solve the problems that may arise on the preparation and during the events itself.

It is obviously inconceivable that a Commission, although composed by a large number of people, can cope with such a task if we consider the number of events that, summing all the different disciplines, compose the UEM Calendar.

Following this, a project called “GREEN CLASS” has been conceived whose goal is to identify, during the routine inspections of the commission members, a certain number of people responsible for environment, coming from the Federation hosting the event and from neighbour Federations (geographically speaking) in order to transfer to them experience, theoretical and practical (on the basis of the exchange of opinions and experiences, not just a simple “lesson”), about the possible solutions for environmental problems that can arise during the organization of motorcycling competitions.

These “GREEN MEETINGS” are planned and published among the group of federations selected by the commission and mainly to the hosting federations asking for the presence at the meeting of a representative of the federations, holder of a FIM Environmental Licence, to take part to a meeting in the circuit itself during which:

- The UEM Commission member will held an indoor first meeting explaining the aims of the UEM in Environmental aspects of the competitions
- After that, the UEM inspector will hold the inspection on the circuit together with all the people who attended the meeting, exchanging impressions concerning the situation found in the various spot checked, explaining which are the current problems and what solutions could be found for the present and/or for the future
- At the end of the on-site inspection, the meeting will continue indoor, but it will not be conducted as a "lesson"; it will mainly be an exchange of information between the UEM commission members and the people present.

To obtain this goal the UEM inspectors will hold the meeting on Friday (for 3 or 4 days event) or on Saturday (for a 2 days event) in order not to hold the "joint" inspection during the timed practice or the competition.

The delicate phase of cleaning of motorbike after each race.



THE ENVIRONMENTAL BOOKLET PROJECT

The Environment Commission is preparing a sort of "VADEMECUM" to have a starting point and a path to be followed during the "GREEN CLASS". In the "VADEMECUM", the Commission will point out not only the problems that might be met but also a range of possible solutions to them (mainly last-minute solutions).

Although our goal is not to prepare a technical handbook, but we have the solid hope that this document, integrated with the experience that the members of the commission will make during the inspections (to be held before its final definition) and the GREEN CLASS, could give rise to a valid support in the environment field for all the people involved with this task.

It is the intention of the commission to print a certain number of copies of the Booklet to hand out to all the UEM National Federation and to all the people holding a FIM Environmental licence free of charge. People who held a role in this field and are interested in the booklet will be able to get it via their National Federation.

2008 WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

The WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY, commemorated each year on the 5th of June, was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1972 and is one of the principal vehicles through which the United Nations stimulate worldwide awareness of the environment, enhancing political attention and action. The event points out to each inhabitant of this planet how important is to develop all the human activities, which in any case should be done, in an environmental-compatible way, if we wish to leave to our children an enjoyable world. All

The UEM, by publishing this Magazine, wish to send a strong signal to all the organizers, pilots, marshals, spectators, to keep alive the importance and respect of environmental rules during the performance of all activities concerning our sport.

The commitment UEM asks them is not limited to the 5th of June. As a matter of fact, UEM hopes that everybody clearly understand the problem, so as to change their behaviour towards an increasing the respect for environment. This year the UNEP has adopted a new catchphrase for the 5th of June "KICK THE HABIT! TOWARDS A LOW CARBON ECONOMY" to focus on the emission of CO2 in the air that is worldwide recognized as the principal responsible for the climate change that is becoming the defining issue of our era. We, therefore, invite everyone to take initiative in this direction by

the bodies linked with our sport cannot avoid to participate in celebrating this day, taking all the necessary measures to demonstrate that problems tied to the environment are not neglected, but, on the contrary, they are at the higher level in the scale of priority.

minimising the time of engines of vehicles on, by studying access roads to circuits in order to avoid traffic jams, by controlling that all energetic consumption devices (air-conditioners, computers, lights) are high efficiency devices and anyway by using them just for the necessary time. It would also be good to plant new trees around permanent circuits to show the importance for environment behaviour. All that without forgetting other form of pollution: noise pollution, water pollution from solid wastes taking into account all measures to limit the pollution to our environment coming from our sporting activity.

This is the only way to persuade all people, but above all our detractors, that motor sports in general and motorbikes in particular are not to be seen as the evil. As other human activities, it can



Environmental awareness must be showed also in the paddock area.

be performed without being harmful to the environment.

Adamo Leonzio



The importance of carpets under motorbikes in the box area.