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2008 UEM CONGRESS IN RIGA

The 13th UEM Congress will be held from the 10th to the 13th of July at the Reval Hotel Latvija in Riga. It will be the traditional annual meeting of the European motorcycling Federations, which will meet to discuss the major issues concerning the motorcycling development in our continent and to define the most appropriate strategies. FIM President, Mr Vito Ippolito, guaranteed his presence to this year edition, who will have the chance to assess the intense activity of European motorcycling Federations, and their operational capacity and their expectations.

In these three days of Congress, it will be given the chance to meet to all UEM bodies, like the Management Council, the Commissions, the Panels, which will study the current situation and will schedule future activities.

The Riga Congress will be, therefore, an important moment of analysis and discussion and will end with the interesting Road Safety Conference, demonstrating that UEM interests are not limited only to the sporting activity.

This number of UEM MAG is, therefore entirely, dedicated to this important event through the presentation of UEM General Secretary, Mr Jürgen Lamberty, who together with the Latvian Motorcycling Federation LaMSF) managed the organisation of the Congress..



Mr Jürgen Lamberty, UEM General Secretary

After the fantastic Congress in Cyprus last year, the 13th UEM Congress will take place - for the first time in a country of the Baltic states - in Riga, the capital of Latvia, located along the Baltic Sea at the southern coast of the Gulf (which takes its name), on the Daugava River, about 1 to 10 meters above sea level.

Riga is a beautiful city, rich of history and art. The

architecture of the historic centre of Riga provides examples of all architectural styles characteristic of Northern Europe are found, from Gothic to Modernism. The dismantling of outdated defence systems (ramparts, dams, constructions) in 19th century was an important impetus for the development of the city construction. In some

districts of Riga, for various reasons, complex wooden constructions of that time have still been preserved, and this is an amazing phenomenon in the 21st century. In 1997, the historic centre of Riga, due to this valued architecture, was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Riga is often called a city of parks, a city of Art



The traditions and festivals of ancient Latvians were all related to the rhythms of nature and the placement of the Sun in the sky. Holidays relating to religious events took on a distinctly pagan nature. The biggest Festival in Latvia – the XXIV Latvian

Nationwide Song and Dance Festival – is scheduled from the 5th to the 12th of July 2008, i.e. during the UEM Congress!

This festival has been organized since 1873, and each time it brings together literally tens of thousands of singers and dancers, dressed in their best folk costumes and coming from every region in Latvia. It is always held in Riga, with the culminating concert on the grand open-air stage in Mežaparks. A massive parade of all participants weaves through the city, and every resident and guest of Riga is on hand to watch the spectacle.

Host of the Congress will be the Latvian Motorcyclists Federation (LaMSF), with its President, Mr Egils Agarskis, and its Secretary General, Ms Nina Birjukowa, leading the organising committee.

Besides the working sessions from the 10th to the 13th of July and the Conference on Road Safety on the 13th of July, there will be a very interesting accompanying program organised by LaMSF in order to provide an insight into Latvia's beauties and especially its capital.

The Congress will be held at the Reval Hotel Latvija, which disposes of a wide range of meeting rooms with all necessary technical equipment. For some Commissions, meetings will be held in the Reval Hotel Rīdzene, at about 5 minutes walking distance.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

On the occasion of the most important UEM meeting of the year, more than 150 delegates in various bodies will discuss about the future development in their respective field and propose

the first draft of the calendars for 2009.

The Management Council will take decisions on the proposals of the different Commissions and Panels and discuss issues of sports-political relevance.

The General Assembly should ratify the decisions taken by the Management Council and decide on

2008 UEM CONGRESS PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 10 JULY

09.00 – 18.00

Sporting Council

14.00 – 19.00

Non-Sporting Council

FRIDAY, 11 JULY

09.00 – 12.00

Meetings of the Management Council and the Commissions

14.00 – 18.00

Meetings of the Management Council, Commissions, Panels, Auditors

18.00 – 19.30

Sporting Council and Non-Sporting Council

SATURDAY, 12 JULY

09.00 – 11.00

Management Council

14.00 – 18.00

General Assembly

20.30

Official Dinner

SUNDAY, 13 JULY

08.30 – 10.00

Secretaries General

10.30 – 12.30

2nd UEM Forum “Mobility on Powered Two Wheelers” - The specific problems on road safety in the North Europe

ACCOMPANYING PROGRAMME

The hosting Federation, LaMSF, has planned an extraordinary programme for accompanying persons.

FRIDAY, 11 JULY

Riga city tour and Rundale Palace (this palace, distant about 45 km from Riga, was designed by Rastrelli who is known for the Winter Palace in St.Petersburg, it is the most important and impressive baroque palace in Latvia).

SATURDAY, 12 JULY (MORNING)

Motor Museum and Mini Moto Museum (for all guests and delegates not being engaged by meetings).

Deco, the city of inspiration. These labels are all valid, but to the list it could be easily added another concept – Riga as a city of museums. There are more than 50 museums in the capital city of Riga.

For UEM Congress Delegates could be of particular interest the Riga Motor Museum, the Mini Motor Museum and the Latvian Sports Museum.

There are also museums that are devoted to specific areas of interest. Guidebooks about Riga also mention historical landmarks such as the Riga Dome Cathedral, the Riga History and Maritime Museum (which is the oldest museum in the Baltic region),



Hotel Reval, where will be held the UEM Congress

Last year's UEM General Assembly in Larnaca (Cyprus).



some important issues, as the approval of the 2007 balance sheet, of the 2008 budget and of the new Sporting Code, of the new motorcycling Federations admission to UEM (subscription request was presented by the Federations of Israel, Kazakhstan, Malta and Azerbaijan) and it should elect a new auditor in substitution of the British William Robert Smith, resigning for health reasons.

After the Secretaries General meeting on Sunday, the 2nd UEM Road Safety Conference will take place. After the successful conference on the occasion of the 2007 Congress in Larnaca, this forum will deal with the specific problems on road safety in the Northern Europe.

The peak moment of the Congress will be the General Assembly, to which are enrolled to participate delegates of all 43 national motorcycling

Federations, currently members of UEM.

It will be the appropriate occasion to discuss the most important issues related to the live of UEM and its action towards the development of motorcycling in Europe and of its sporting championships, plus UEM relationship with other institutions.

The Congress will end with the already mentioned Road Safety Forum, with the participation of prestigious speakers and with the co-ordination of intervention by the Road Safety Commission, Mr. Jean-Pierre Moreau.

I am looking forward to receiving you at the 2008 UEM Congress in Riga.

Jürgen Lambertv



2008 UEM GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA

- Q. 1 – Opening of the General Assembly
- Q. 2 – Constitution of the General Assembly
- Q. 3 – Election of the President and Vice-President of the Assembly
- Q. 4 – Approval of the minutes of the General Assembly in Larnaca
- Q. 5 – Report of the President
- Q. 6 – Report of the President of the Sporting Council
- Q. 7 – Report of the President of the Non Sporting Council
- Q. 8 – Report of the Treasurer
- Q. 9 – Report of the Auditors
- Q. 10 – Approval of the 2007 balance-sheet
- Q. 11 – Approval of the 2008 budget
- Q. 12 – Approval of the Sporting Code
- Q. 13 – Approval of the new art. 3.2.1 of the Disciplinary Code
- Q. 14 – Election of an Auditor
- Q. 15 – Candidature of new UEM members
- Q. 16 – Nomination of honorary members
- Q. 17 – Next Congresses
- Q. 18 – Miscellaneous
- Q. 20 – Closing of the General Assembly



The Riga Motomuzejs, Riga's motormuseum.