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To all FEMA members

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FEMA new year letter

Dear FEMA members

The year 2017 will be history in a few days and Christmas has already passed. I hope you had a couple of quiet moments together with your family and friends. Like last year I would like to use this opportunity to thank all FEMA members, all clubs and race organizers for their work and effort, making 2017 a racing season worth remembering.

Looking back on 2017 we can reflect on a great racing season. It has become a tradition, that the European racing season starts not in Europe, but in Australia. The friendship and support we receive from our Australian friends, while visiting them in down under, is by itself, worth doing the long journey. Through social media, the world has become smaller and many European racers are in regular contact with our friends in Australia and the USA. It would be desirable if more European racers would take up the tradition and start the racing season in Australia or visit our friends in the US for their National Championship. 2018 will hold both for you, the possibility to start the season in Sydney and Brisbane in late February and early March and therefore the possibility to practice on the race track where the World Championship 2019 will be hosted, or close the season at the US Nationals in late September.

The first highlight of the racing season 2017 came as early as the 04. of March 2017 in Brisbane. With the highest appreciation we would like to congratulate Andriy Yakymiv from Ukraine, for his new world record with outstanding 300.953kmh in class III (3.5cc). At that day, all expected a good result from Andriy. But seeing a class III, 3.5cc model, cracking for the first time in history, the magical mark of 300kmh, came for all of us as an surprise and left goosebumps on the skin of the spectators.

Also highlights of the season where the well visited and well organized Grand Slam races in Kapfenhardt, Örebro, Stryi, Basel, Pila and Pecs. The recent years have shown that the Grand Slam races are the most popular events, apart from the European Championship and a good possibility to meet friends from all over Europe.

Last but not least I would like to thank the Ukrainian Team and specially Ihor Safiyanyk for hosting a superb European Championship. It was a well organized and very welcoming event where the best of Europe could compete in a fair and friendly manner.

Having a look at the World's 20 fastest list, shows how tight it is at the top in each class and therefore it is not a surprise that we have seen new European Champions in Stryi. I would like to congratulate all European Champions to their excellent results and the hard work they have put in to achieve it.

Unfortunately not everything has gone according to plan this year. Our technical secretary Oliver Monk has put a lot of work into the draft of the new separated FEMA technical regulations and organizational rules (FEMA Technical Regulations & FEMA Sporting Code).

At the FEMA Delegates Meeting at the 03.08.2017 in Stryi it had been outlined how the process of finalizing the new FEMA rules will look like. Short after, at the 23.08.2017 the technical secretary Oliver Monk has sent out an e-mail to all Country Delegates, asking them to circulate and share the draft rules with their fellow racers in order to get a comprehensive feedback / proposals for the new rules, with a specifically for that purpose designed form, not later than 31.12.2017.

At the 14.12.2017 the technical secretary has send out a reminder to all Delegates, that proposals for rule changes have to be submitted by the end of the year.

The FEMA Board would like to thank the Delegates from Norway and the Ukraine for their proposals as well as Italy and Sweden for their confirmation that they have no proposals for any rule changes.

To make sure that everyone has enough time to critically read through the new draft FEMA Technical Regulations & FEMA Sporting Code we have decided to extend the closing date for proposals until the 31.01.2018. I hereby urge you to use this opportunity to improve the FEMA technical rules and Sporting Code and send your proposals in the designated form to oliver.monk@btinternet.com. not later than 31.01.2018. If a FEMA country does not have any proposals for rule changes, the Country Delegate is asked to confirm it by e-mail to the FEMA Board.

However, I would like to highlight, that now is the time you have to act and come forward with written proposals. It's a little bit like at a wedding, speak now or be quiet for eternity.

Looking into 2018, the race calendar for the season is online on www.speedmodelcar.com and with Kapfenhardt, Tallinn, St Petersburg, Hannover (EC), Pila and Basel we look forward to Grand Slam races on fast tracks throughout Europe.

Please use the next couple of weeks to announce all races you intend to hold on your racetracks. Only results from participants with a valid FEMA license and races which are listed on www.speedmodelcar.com will be included on the world's 20 fastest list.

With Hannover as venue for the 67. European Championship we can look forward to a beautiful race which will most likely attract many racers from all over Europe and hopefully some of our friends from Australia and the USA.

The FEMA board will continue to work on the FEMA technical regulations and the FEMA sporting code. With your help we will be able to present the final draft of both documents at the Grand Slam Race in Kapfenhardt and sign it at the Delegates meeting at the EC in Hannover.

Our FEMA general secretary Christoph Rabenseifner created an online license list, which will replace paper licenses in the near future. Further he updated the Drivers Declaration form and will send it out shortly.

In order to speed up the decision making process within FEMA, we will continue to conduct online voting's if it seems necessary.

As FEMA board we are looking forward to great races in 2018, in which we compete fairly and respectfully with each other. We are looking forward to all the discussions and technical talk to help each other to get faster. And we are looking forward to the friendship and comradeship within the FEMA family.

We wish you all a happy new year, good health and a successful 2018.

For the FEMA board

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