



FIVA NEWSLETTER

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An iconic 1958 Chevrolet Corvette in the sunset of the first Concours d'Elegance in Karachi, Pakistan.



Tiddo Bresters – President:

It is often said that FIVA is too Eurocentric. But in reality, FIVA's journey to a more global presence is evident through recent developments:

Nigeria's Membership: The addition of Nigeria to FIVA's membership signifies a significant expansion into Africa, encompassing the continent's most populous nation and extending beyond the established presence in North and South Africa.

New Members from Central Asia: Around the FIA General Assembly in Baku, Azerbaijan, I was able to connect with representatives of clubs in that country and in Kyrgyzstan. A club from Kyrgyzstan is now about to be admitted.

Developments in China: Shortly after the GA in Athens, a pivotal meeting was held in the splendid Automobile Club de France in Paris with a high-level delegation from China, led by the Minister of Commerce. Besides GC members Laurent Heriou, Gautam Sen, SG Gian Mario Mollar, and—on behalf

of our French ANF—my predecessor Patrick Rollet, some leading French entrepreneurs in the historic vehicle world also participated. Plans for a follow-up meeting in China demonstrate FIVA's proactive approach to engaging with the evolving historic vehicle landscape in emerging markets.

Pakistan and Qatar: Pakistan has been a member of FIVA for three years. In late February Gian Mario Mollar and I had the privilege of attending Pakistan's inaugural Concours d'Elegance, where we witnessed firsthand the burgeoning enthusiasm for historic vehicles in Karachi. On the way to Karachi I made a stopover in Doha, Qatar. With Sheikh Althani's magnificent museum, and an innovative new museum in Doha in the pipeline,, this Gulf State is becoming an increasingly interesting destination for historic vehicle enthusiasts. Not to mention the impressive Letbelah private collection as well.

UNECE: FIVA's affiliations extend beyond its partnership with UNESCO as an NGO partner. With our Consultative Status at the UN organization ECOSOC, we actively engage in shaping international vehicle regulations. Presently, guided by the Legislation Commission and our expert public affairs consultants, we're diligently working to secure a rightful place for historic vehicles within the intricate UN vehicle regulatory framework, ensuring benefits for our members worldwide. While the European Union serves as the primary arena for FIVA's successful advocacy to safeguard historic vehicles on the road, our expertise in EU affairs translates to advantages for all members across the globe.

FIA-FIM-FIVA Manifesto: After presentation at Paris Retromobile, this clear joint statement now is a strong tool for promotion of the historic vehicle movement worldwide.

Palm trees and sea at the first concours d'elegance in Karachi, Pakistan.



FIVA - TICCIH "Automotive Industrial Heritage Recognition Award 2024" was delivered to Motorworld on 5th March.



Nataša Grom – VP, Culture & Youth Commission:

The Culture & Youth Commission resumed its activities with renewed enthusiasm following the General Assembly in Athens. With Nataša G. Jerina re-elected as chairwoman, the Commission aims to build upon past projects and take them forward. The rewriting and modernization of the Charter of Turin Handbook is underway, along with the development of a new series of examples focusing on an intangible aspect of the Charter.

On February 9th, the FIVA Culture Award 2023 was presented to the winner in the category of Education, Training, and Awareness-raising. This project, emphasizing opportunities for young individuals within the company, provides stable job opportunities, additional training programs, and a school-leaving certificate upon completion of the apprenticeship. The initiative also offers various benefits, including incentives and the opportunity to obtain a driving license. This project serves as a model for clubs and companies to emulate.

Next on the agenda is the presentation of the Culture Award for the research category to AISA in Italy in April.

Continued partnerships with international organizations such as UNESCO, TICCIH, ERIH, ICCROM, Climate Heritage Network, and Europa Nostra have been fruitful, with active participation in events, conferences, and collaborative projects. The Commission was pleased to welcome Mr. Nick Newland, President of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee and Advocacy Director and Chief Privacy Officer at Associated Country Women of the World, at the Salon Paris Retro Mobile. Special thanks to Gautam Sen for facilitating the meeting.

Looking ahead, the Motorworld event in Munich in March holds significance as FIVA and TICCIEH will present the Automotive Industrial Heritage Recognition Award to Motorworld. This project signifies a substantial step in realizing the Memorandum of Understanding between the two organizations and highlights the importance of recognizing significant automotive industrial sites. This year's recognition will be awarded to MotorWorld in Germany, a network dedicated to celebrating automotive history, innovation, and lifestyle.

Join our initiatives in 2024! Visit www.fiva.org for more information or contact our office to learn about:

- FIVA Culture Awards
- FIVA International Youth Day
- FIVA Youth Challenging Trophy
- The Automotive Industrial Heritage Recognition Award



Malcolm Grubb – VP, Events Commission:

In 2023, the Events Commission received a record-breaking 117 event applications, setting a new milestone. The momentum has carried into 2024, with 65 applications already received, indicating another promising year ahead.

Highlights for 2024 include the FIVA World Rallies scheduled in Mexico (Cars), Slovak Republic (Cars), and Poland (Motorcycles). Additionally, we have two extraordinary 'Long Distance' events lined up:

- The London to Melbourne recreation, retracing the historic overland drive from the UK to Australia in a 100-year-old Bean car, led by renowned adventure experts. This memorable journey is set to begin in April.
- The iconic Peking to Paris Challenge, commencing in May, promises an exhilarating adventure across continents.

FIVA Stewards played a pivotal role in ensuring the success of our events. Recently, we conducted our biennial Stewards Seminar at Bicester Heritage in the UK, attended by 44 enthusiastic participants. For the first time, both the Events and Technical Commissions were present, resulting in a highly productive and well-received event. We welcomed new Stewards and bid farewell to retiring veterans, recognizing their exemplary service to FIVA. Currently, we have 40 FIVA Stewards spanning 24 countries.

As we move forward, we are excited to announce 20 FIVA International and World Events scheduled for 2024, each to be overseen by a dedicated FIVA Steward. Together, we look forward to another year of memorable and successful events on the FIVA calendar.

Lars Genild – VP, Legislation Commission:

In 2024, our focus remains aligned with the track laid out in 2023, emphasizing the monitoring of EU directives and regulations while reinforcing the foundation of the historic vehicle movement.

Throughout 2023, attention was keenly directed towards clean air and environmental concerns, particularly in urban areas where certain countries implemented restrictions on emissions to improve air quality, notably France expanding its limitations from 11 to 55 cities. However, widespread restrictions across Europe have yet to materialize, with only a few areas designated as future restricted zones.

Many of these measures prioritize zero emissions, potentially favouring fewer vehicles over cleaner air. Given that historic vehicles are not disproportionately treated compared to conventional ICE vehicles, advocating for blanket exemptions in these areas isn't our approach. Instead, we're focused on securing access for special events.

The End-of-Life Directive is under revision with significant attention. Proposed amendments aim to increase part reuse in new vehicle manufacturing, with a target of over 20%, a substantial leap from the current 2% rate. Additionally, there's a focus on preventing environmental damage from fluids and lead in unregulated vehicle storage, addressing the issue of 'ghost vehicles' that vanish (25-30%).

Our engagement with stakeholders revising the directive has been positive, with a mutual understanding that it doesn't target historic vehicles if appropriately stored. We're advocating for a clear definition of historic vehicles in the amended directive to ensure common understanding.

A moment of the successful FIVA Stewards Seminar in Bicester (UK).



Restoration projects often involve cross-border activities and trade, potentially conflicting with efforts to prevent exporting waste cars to non-EU countries. However, these concerns seem to be considered, and we hope they'll be satisfactorily addressed.

Amendments to the Driver's License Directive are of interest, we have promoted the significant low accident rate for historic vehicles and that the owners of historic vehicles should not bear extra burdens for medical check for keeping the license. It should also be possible to use historic motorcycles already from A1 driver's license despite an engine capacity above the limits for modern motorcycles. This directive remains under close scrutiny.

Another noteworthy revision is the RWT directive, which, despite initial concerns in 2013, has caused little disruption. The directive's definition of a historic vehicle appears likely to remain intact, aligning with our primary goal.

Our legislative efforts are conducted in close collaboration with EPPA, our partner in Brussels, facilitating engagement with parliament activities and decision-makers within our focus area.

Laurent Hériou, VP Technical:

As announced at the Athens General Assembly, the new online system for issuing FIVA identity cards and Youngtimer documents went live on August 10, 2023. It has proven to be intuitive, fast, and secure, meeting the expectations of a high-quality service.

Our focus now shifts to the legal frameworks governing our

system. Two tools are undergoing validation by our specialized law firm: the General Conditions of Use and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). FIVA, governed by French law, is diligently aligning with these new European regulations for the benefit of collectors, clubs, federations, and professionals.

Additionally, we are undertaking the overhaul and update of the Technical Code governing the issuance of FIVA identity cards and Youngtimer documents. Work commenced during the technical commission meeting in Bicester on February 17. Scheduled for presentation at the November 2024 General Assembly in Vienna, the updated version will come into effect on January 1, 2025.

This task involves navigating complexities, particularly in ensuring the authenticity of vehicles, which aligns with FIVA's core missions of protection, preservation, and promotion of vintage vehicles worldwide. To address authenticity issues, we utilize effective tools such as vehicle identity and historical traceability, acknowledging that authenticity assessment can be challenging but essential.

I commend and express gratitude to our scrutineers, Technical Commission members, and advisors for their dedicated work. Their expertise, along with support from manufacturers' classic services and club archives, is invaluable in verifying historical accuracy.

Furthermore, our collaboration with event organizers, exemplified by the 1000Miglia, demonstrates a best practice in authentication processes. Such partnerships enhance the selection processes for events like Concours d'Elégance, Museums and auctions, where FIVA documents serve as efficient selection tools.

Thank you for your attention and see you soon.

The Technical Commission at work in Bicester (UK).



Keith Gibbins and Panagiotis Kalaitzis, chairman FIM CTL Europe, together with another FIM representative.



Keith Gibbins, Director Motorcycles:

The early weeks of 2024 have been primarily focused on planning for the year's activities, with a significant emphasis on expanding FIVA motorcycle weeks.

Natasa and I had the privilege of attending the Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM) commission meetings in Lyon at the beginning of February. During this event, the FIM President introduced the year as the 120th anniversary of the FIM, coinciding with the launch of a new logo. You can find his introduction here: <https://fb.watch/qy0mjxlo-n/?>

Natasa participated in the Women's Commission, where she presented FIVA's role to a new audience and gained valuable insights into women's participation in motorcycle sport.

Meanwhile, I engaged with the Sustainability and Touring Commissions. The Sustainability Commission, with over 20 years of operation, showcased advanced activities and an evolving relationship with the equivalent group in FIA. At the commission meeting, I presented FIVA's sustainability strategy document, acknowledging the contributions from FIM and highlighting the joint manifesto of FIA/FIM/FIVA released in Paris at the Retromobile event.

Additionally, I attended the Touring & Leisure Commission to outline our plans for the World Motorcycle event in Poland. We also held a side meeting to discuss the forthcoming FIM Certification for Competition Motorcycles, set to be unveiled at the Salon du 2 Roues event in Lyon. See FIM to present its Certification for Competition Motorcycles at Salon du 2 Roues | FIM (fim-moto.com). This certification aims to recognize and preserve the heritage value of road racing machines that are no longer competitive in frontline events but not yet eligible for historic racing. Notably, it will include a category for replica racers.

In line with our commitment to engagement, we participated in an insightful session on the challenge of riding historic motorcycles through the online chat room 'meet the commissions' initiative.

Looking ahead, our first face-to-face meeting is scheduled for the beginning of May at ASIMotoshow in Varano.

Timo Vuortio, Director Utilitarian:

FIVA's Utilitarian Commission is actively engaged in disseminating information and fostering collaboration. With the introduction of multilingual leaflets and a revamped webpage, the Commission is well-positioned to expand its outreach and advocate for the preservation of utilitarian vehicles worldwide.

Central to its strategy is active participation in exhibitions and events. Last year, the Commission made significant contributions at Retro Classics in Germany, ASI Transportshow in Italy, and the International Historic Festival in the Netherlands. These engagements not only showcased a diverse range of utilitarian vehicles but also facilitated meaningful exchanges of information, attracting attendees of all ages.

A reproduction of the 1769 Fardier de Cugnot, the first motor vehicle in history.



*The FIVA Ambassadors at the Stand in Retromobile.
In the background, a curious 1970 Bond Bug.*

Building on this momentum, Commission members are gearing up for forthcoming rallies and events in their respective countries. These efforts aim to establish new connections and educate individuals about FIVA's mission. Notably, strategic partnerships have been forged with key entities such as the Parliamentary Group for 'Automotive Heritage' and the Association of German Engineers, underscoring the Commission's dedication to collaboration.

Looking ahead, the Commission is set to establish new alliances, including collaborations with EFHAM, the European Tractor Community, and European truck and bus communities. These partnerships, cultivated across Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, France, and Nordic and Baltic countries, signify a concerted effort to amplify FIVA's impact on a global scale.

Excitement is mounting for the Commission's upcoming participation in the Normandie 80 Year Anniversary of D-Day on June 6th. Anticipated as a prime networking opportunity, this event promises to enhance FIVA's visibility and outreach efforts.

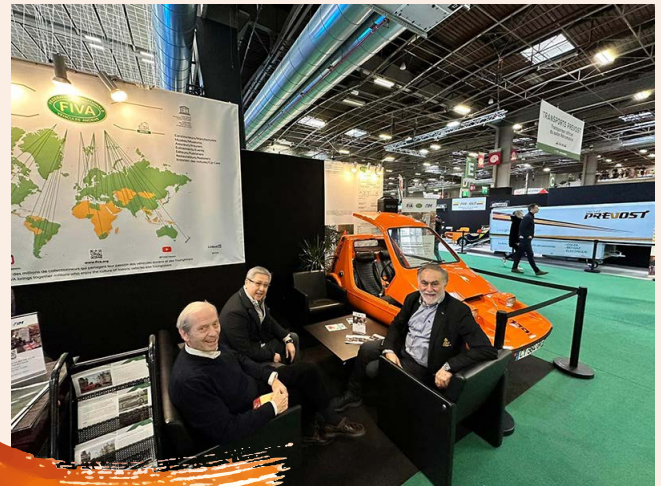
Gabriela Magureanu – VP. Membership:

Our efforts to broaden FIVA's community have yielded promising results, with two new members joining our cause at the close of last year. During the General Assembly in Athens, we proudly welcomed the Automobile & Touring Club of Nigeria and the Classic D rivers Club India into our fold. With India's return to the FIVA map, we anticipate inspiring other esteemed classic car clubs in the region to join us in our mission.

We remain steadfast in our endeavour to extend our reach to more countries, particularly those lacking adequate national legislation to safeguard motoring heritage. It is imperative that we raise awareness about the significance of preserving our heritage and transmitting it to future generations. We invite you to join us in this noble undertaking, as together, we can exchange valuable insights and perspectives, enriching our collective journey.

Gautam Sen – VP. Communication Commission:

It has been a very active three months since the General Assembly in Athens, Greece. After we announced the concept of the FIVA Emissaires at the last assembly, the two ladies Laura Kukuk von Glahn and Maryam Talaei went into action at the Salon Retromobile in Paris, during the days of 31st of January and 3rd of February. They met and interviewed several prominent personalities in the historic vehicle world: Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance's chairperson Sandra Button, eminent historian, author & concours judge Adolfo Orsi, the preeminent event organiser Patrick Peter, treasure trove



finder & historic vehicle specialist Christophe Pund, and Artcurial's managing director, Matthieu Lamoure. They also met and interviewed the jury that judged the Preservation Award given at Retromobile. All these interviews will be serialised on FIVA's website and linked to YouTube (@FIVAHistorics) <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNsVSe2pM3PXwfq-qz2-wog>

Retromobile was also the occasion when FIVA had its first ever stand at a salon, and it was a resounding success, which became an occasion to not only meet and interview the prominent personalities but also a place to launch the FIA - FIVA - FIM Manifesto. Several other important meetings and accords were either signed or discussed, and a team from UNESCO, namely Nick Newland and Sabina Colombo, visited Retromobile to get a feel of the historic vehicle movement. The support and help of two of our French associates and well-wishers, Jean-François Ruchaud and Bertrand Osio, must be mentioned.

In the meantime, events to induct the nominees of our FIVA Heritage Hall of Fame are ongoing. On 3rd December 2023, we inducted Carlos Dorantes Del Rosal, a prominent Mexican collector and the owner of two museums, in a flamboyant ceremony with over 480 members of the Mexican ANF, FEMAAC, participating in a five-hour-long lunch event. And then on the 1st of February 2024, celebrity rally superstar Michèle Mouton was inducted in a simple, yet heartwarming, ceremony at our French ANF FFVE's stand at Retromobile.

Two more inductions were completed in the last few days: that of the late Indian collector and pioneer historic vehicle enthusiast Pranlal Bhogilal, at a sublimely beautiful ceremony in Mumbai, and that of the late Roland D'leteren, the Belgian collector and bon vivant, at D'leteren Gallery, in Brussels.