



Inauguration of the FIM Headquarters

On 12 May 2016, the Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM) inaugurated its new Headquarters situated in Mies (Canton de Vaud, Switzerland).



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This celebration was attended by over 120 participants including Members of the FIM Board of Directors, Commission Directors, Representatives of National Federations, promoters, sponsors and local partners, as well as former champions, members of the local authorities and members of the FIM Administration.

In presence of the Head of the Department of Economy and Sports of the Canton of Vaud, Mr Philippe Leuba, President Vito Ippolito, accompanied by the building's architect Antoine Robert-Grandpierre, cut the inaugural ribbon - declaring the new "House of Motorcycling" officially opened.

"Upon my arrival to the presidency of the FIM, I wanted for our Federation a clear vision and strategic plan: this led to the Vision 2020 with ambitious growth targets. With the significant development of motorcycling and in order to achieve its objectives, the expansion of the FIM Headquarters became inevitable", stated the President.

To commemorate this unique day, an inaugural plaque was unveiled and official speeches were pronounced in the brand new and fully equipped Auditorium. The FIM CEO, Mr Ignacio Verneda, took the opportunity to highlight three key words: continuity, link and commitment. "Our daily commitment is to improve the FIM

services towards the FIM family and stakeholders. This modern building offers a comfortable working environment providing facilities to accommodate the whole FIM family for any type of meetings or events: seminars to educate our Officials, commissions' gatherings, conferences or exhibitions”.

To conclude this unique day, the participants had the opportunity to walk around the transparent and modular new FIM building and explore the offices and the exhibition spaces around the elegant central staircase. A number of unique vintage motorcycles are currently on display in the building, including an Indian from 1904 belonging to the FIM's permanent collection built in the year the FIM was created.



From left to right: Antoine Robert-Grandpierre (architect), Vito Ippolito (FIM President), Philippe Leuba (Head of the Department of Economy and Sports of the Canton of Vaud)

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ABOUT THE FIM (www.fim-live.com)

The FIM (Federation Internationale de Motocyclisme) founded in 1904, is the governing body for motorcycle sport and the global advocate for motorcycling. The FIM is an independent association formed by 113 National Federations throughout the world. It is recognised as the sole competent authority in motorcycle sport by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Among its 50 FIM World Championships the main events are MotoGP, Superbike, Endurance, Motocross, Supercross, Trial, Enduro, Cross-Country Rallies and Speedway. Furthermore, the FIM is also active and involved in the following areas: public affairs, road safety, touring and protection of the environment. The FIM was the first international sports federation to impose an Environmental Code in 1994.

