



Press release

**A SUCCESSFUL AND ENTHUSIASTIC OPENING FOR THE 84 TEAMS OF THE XIV EDITION OF THE FORMULA SAE ITALY, FORMULA ELECTRIC ITALY & FORMULA DRIVERLESS**

*Varano de' Melegari, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018* - Formula SAE Italy, Formula Electric Italy & Formula Driverless has seen the official start of its XIV edition with the inaugural ceremony held yesterday at the "R. Paletti" circuit in Varano de' Melegari (Parma) at 9 pm. It is an international technical-sports event opened to engineering students around the world and organised by ANFIA.

Welcoming over 2,600 students from 26 countries throughout the world and over 79 different universities representing 84 university teams - of which 64 are from Europe (14 from Italy, representing 13 different universities) and 20 are from outside the EU - Raffaele Fregonese, Director of Formula SAE Italy opened the event and then handed it over to Giuseppe Barile, Vice President of ANFIA. This was then followed by a welcome speech from Giuseppe Restiani, Mayor of Varano de' Melegari, who, as he does every year, gave the event his patronage.

During the opening ceremony, a simulation of a driverless car 'parking' was carried out (Remote Parking) organised by Fiat Chrysler Automobiles. In front of the participants, a demonstration car carried out a parking manoeuvre autonomously. For safety reasons the operation of the autonomous system was carried out by a technician in the vicinity of the car using a mobile app.

At the end of the demonstration the President of Dallara, Giampaolo Dallara, speaking for one of the two main sponsors of the event, and Gianmaria Gabbiani, Driver and Testimonial of Bosch, encouraged the participants to give their best, underlining the importance of passion and commitment to teamwork.

Between yesterday and today, the paddock saw the start of the scrutineering of the cars competing in the 1 C (combustion), 1 E (electric) and 1 D (driverless) classes, which will resume tomorrow. Today at 10.00 a.m. the Business presentation event sessions will open, which will end the day for 1 D class and tomorrow for the other two classes, with the finals to be held in the meeting tent of the event. The Cost stage is scheduled for today from 2.30 p.m., while tomorrow the Design stage will also take place. For both these stages, the judges will directly discuss the projects and cars submitted with the teams in their respective pitches.

For further information please visit the event website (<https://www.formula-ata.it/>), where you can find the complete programme, the list of participants and all the details of the events.

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