



Press release

ENGINES ARE WARMING UP FOR THE XV EDITION OF FORMULA SAE ITALY, FORMULA ELECTRIC ITALY & FORMULA DRIVERLESS, SCHEDULED FROM THE 24TH TO THE 28TH OF JULY AT "R. PALETTI" CIRCUIT IN VARANO DE' MELEGARI

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Turin, November 27th 2018 - The 2019 dates for the Formula SAE Italy, Formula Electric Italy & Formula Driverless have been officially published today (<https://www.formula-ata.it/>). The international technical and sporting competition is an educational event open to engineering students from universities all over the world and this year marks the 15th edition - the third organised by ANFIA.

The event, which in recent years has seen significant growth in both the number of participating students (+30% from 2016 to 2018), universities (+21.7% from 2016 to 2018) and countries represented (+4% from 2016 to 2018), will take place from 24th to 28th July - once again being held in the heart of the Italian Motor Valley - at the "R. Paletti" Circuit in Varano de' Melegari (PR) - a partner in the initiative together with SAE International.

Last year's event saw approximately 2,600 students taking part, spread over 84 teams - from 26 countries and 79 universities - 64 of whom were European (14 were Italian, from 13 different universities) and 20 from outside the EU.

The registration process (<https://www.formula-ata.it/how-to-register/>) is scheduled to open on the 28th of January at 10.00 a.m., with pre-registration from the 25th to the 27th of January reserved for the winners of the 2018 edition and 5 non-European teams. Registrations will close on the 25th of February at 13.00.

Formula SAE was founded in 1981 by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) and involves participating students to design and build a single-seater prototype racing car intended for possible marketing, subject to certain constraints relating to technology and cost-effectiveness as though it had been commissioned by a company operating in the automotive sector for a non-professional user. During the event, the teams of students will be divided into participation classes, Combustion (1C), Electric (1E) and Driverless (1D) - the latter having its debut in Italy in 2018 and devoted to self-driving - will face static tests - Design, Business Presentation and Cost Event - and dynamic tests on the track - Acceleration, Skid Pad, Autocross, Endurance. For the Driverless Class, Autocross and Endurance will be replaced by a Trackdrive test. The so-called "Class 3" consists of teams that present only the design of the car, without a prototype.

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There will be 33 slots for Class 1E, 52 for Class 1C, 10 for Class 1D and 5 for Class 3.

Soon the sponsorship campaign for the event will open and the event owes its success to the support of companies operating within the automotive and motorsport sector: in the 2018 edition there were 24 sponsors, including the two main sponsors - Dallara and FCA (with the Abarth brand), 4 technical partners, 3 media partners, as well as sponsors from the Emilia Romagna Region, the Municipality of Varano de' Melegari and the Province of Parma.

The objective of the event is to focus, rather than the competition itself, on the skills acquired by the students in terms of engineering knowledge, commitment, organizational skills and respecting deadlines, coordination of the design and the presentation of the finished product. Participating means, therefore, having the opportunity to learn about the dynamics of teamwork, with clear rules and deadlines to be met. It also means being put to the test on the actual construction and design phases of a prototype and all the challenges that this entails.

For further information, you can visit the event website (<https://www.formula-ata.it/>), where all the details of the event will be published and, in real time, the list of registered teams and participants (<https://www.formula-ata.it/registered-teams/>).

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Born in March 1912, over these one hundred years, ANFIA mission has always been to represent the interests of its associate members and ensure effective communication between the Italian motor vehicle industries on the one hand, and the Public Administration and Italian political bodies on the other, with regard to all technical, economic, fiscal, legal, statistical and quality-related issues referred to the automotive sector.

The Association is structured in three product-based Groups, each one chaired by a President.

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