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**OCTOBER: TIME FOR RALLYLEGEND, TAKING PLACE FROM 11 TO 14 OCTOBER
A BIG CELEBRATION FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARTINI RACING
TODAY'S WRC CHAMPIONS TO ATTEND RALLYLEGEND 2018
MANY EVENTS IN DEVELOPMENT AND NEW FEATURES FOR THE WRC AND MYTH CATEGORIES**



The Republic of San Marino. With the upcoming 2018 edition, Rallylegend reaches its sixteenth birthday with an event that remains unique in the world. October is Rallylegend month, the intense four-day event set to take place from **11 to 14 October**, in the Republic of Rallying itself, the **Republic of San Marino**. Rallylegend is now a world-renowned brand and any mention of the San Marino event is bound to conjure up images of the most beautiful rally cars in history, along with the stars of the current championship, and rallies that see yesterday's great champions and today's aces take to the wheel before meeting and greeting the many fans. And then the countless opportunities to hear rallying tales and anecdotes, often new and always exciting, from the mouths of the stars and legends themselves. Stories about the rallies of yesteryear, but also the current "circus", thanks to the presence of some of the current factory drivers and their muscular WRC cars.

Registration for Rallylegend will open on 15 July.

MARTINI RACING CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF SUCCESS AT RALLYLEGEND

To associate the red, blue and sky-blue colours of Martini Racing with the history of rallying is almost an automatism. Not just because the brand accompanied the factory Lancia team during its winning seasons in the World Rally championship several years back, going from the "037", by way of the Delta S4, right up to the unrepeatable feats of the Delta, but also because it is linked to memories of feats achieved by Colin McRae and the Ford Focus WRC as well as other unforgettable victories. This year, Martini Racing celebrates fifty years of motorsport involvement and Rallylegend intends to mark the anniversary worthily. A big party, or rather a "reunion" for cars and drivers linked to the brand, starting with Miki Biasion, thirty years after he scored his first world rally title in 1988. A celebration that will also extend to track racing, a sector in which Martini Racing has written many important pages. From Formula 1, in which it still participates with the Williams team, to the fascinating Championship of Makes of the 70s and 80s, with some big names from these worlds set to attend Rallylegend.

CHAMPIONS OF THE “MODERN” WORLD RALLY SET TO ATTEND RALLYLEGEND 2018

Bewitched by Rallylegend. As we have seen in recent editions, with many great champions of the calibre of Jari Matti Latvala, Thierry Neuville, Hayden Paddon, Chris Meeke, to name but a few. Rallylegend 2018 will see the return of some big WRC names, set to delight enthusiasts and fans in San Marino come October. Confirmations are on the way and, whether racing or attending as “Legend Stars”, today’s champions will once again play a starring role, along with the legends of yesteryear.

THE MAIN RALLYLEGEND RALLY AND NEW ENTRY CRITERIA FOR CARS

The rally, the heart of Rallylegend, retains its diluted three-day structure, with the night stage, a principle ingredient of all rallies right from the outset, opening proceedings on Friday, followed by the Saturday day-time stage and then the conclusion, on Sunday, that centres around the spectacular “The Legend” stage, with the race and much more besides...

As for the cars, the biggest new feature involves World Rally Car being opened up to cars up to 2010, but with the race classes divided up, so WRCs up to 2003 and then those from 2004 to 2010.

The Myth category also widens its entry criteria, admitting cars up to 1998.

FOUR DAYS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE CHAMPIONS OF TODAY AND YESTERDAY

“Rallylegend is a must – explains Vito Piarulli, from the control centre – We are knocking down barriers and removing fences and excessive controls, characteristic of too many important motorsport events. Creating empathy and an embrace, a contact, important for both the champions and their fans. It won’t be easy to stage a Rallylegend to match that of last year, but we are not short on ideas, imagination and passion for the 2018 edition and hope to offer something that will remain in people’s hearts... As ever, the beating heart of it all will be the Rally Village that, over the four days of Rallylegend, will be home to all the fans and their heroes”.

As is now tradition, the event schedule will only be announced once content is confirmed and arranged, over the course of the next four months. In the meantime, expectations and interest continues to grow among the many fans...

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