

# Motorsport News

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## Portugal

### Peres Competições team at the top of their game

Fernando Peres and José Pedro Silva, drivers of team Peres Competições, will represent the FUCHS colors at the wheel of a Mitsubishi Lancer EVO IX during the six rounds of the 2017 National Gravel Rally Cup. // Page 2.

## Czech Republic

### FUCHS renews their partnership with promoter Gironi Racing

For the sixth time, FUCHS have signed a sponsoring contract for the most prestigious motocross event in the Czech Republic, the Buksa/Ados Motocross International Championship organized by Gironi Racing. In 2017, more than 150 riders will participate in the eight rounds of the series. // Page 7.



## France

### Boucou team takes a new record on the Dakar

At the most difficult rally-raid in the world, the 24 members of the Boucou team did their utmost to finish on the podium in Buenos Aires with their three racing trucks. Thanks to their great tenacity and courage, the drivers and team-mates drove at extreme temperatures, overcame steep slopes and challenged high level professional teams. // Page 3.





## Portugal

### Peres Competições: a powerful comeback

In 2016, the driver Fernando Peres raced in the National Rally Championship. The three-time national champion and current holder of the FPAK\* Norte, FPAK Asfalto Cup and FPAK Terra Cup titles acquired the Ford Fiesta R5 used in 2015 by João Barros, preparing to return to Portugal's flagship motorsport.

For the 2017 season, Fernando will participate in the National Gravel Rally Cup (Taça Nacional de Ralis de Terra) with his team Peres Competições\*\* on board the Mitsubishi Lancer EVO IX with a strong will and the objective to win this championship. To this end, he knows he will have to rely on the performance and know-how of the 12 specialists of his team. "Rally is a sport with so many difficulties due to weather conditions and different types of roads such as tarmac or gravel," explained Fernando.

This challenge covering six rounds will start on March 4 and 5 with the Serras de Fafe rally and will finish with the Amaranto Baião rally at the end of November.

"In 2017 the team will participate in many rallies. We are organizing some promotional actions with the public and our sponsors," said Fernando. Peres Competições is looking forward to 2017 being another year of victories. "We also want to make our partners happy and keep the confidence and support we received from companies like FUCHS."

The team was created in 1990 and FUCHS has been sponsoring Fernando Peres for the past 12 years. "FUCHS products give us the ultimate performance and reliability that is so important in rallying," added Fernando.



Car: Mitsubishi Lancer EVO IX: 275 bhp, 195 km/h top speed, 4-wheel drive, Dogbox gearbox with 5 speeds

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO 5 SAE 10W-50, TITAN SUPERGEAR MC SAE 80W-90, TITAN ATF 3000, TITAN RACE PRO BRAKE FLUID**

\* Portuguese Federation of Auto Racing and Karting

\*\* Peres Competições is a company specializing in the preparation and maintenance of race cars. It is a private national team of reference in motorsport such as rally and speed races.



## France

### **Boucou Assistance team: mission accomplished!**

97 motorbikes, 22 quads, 63 cars and 38 trucks making up 220 of the 318 vehicles, which had left Paraguay in January, crossed the finish line in Buenos Aires. After a challenging crossing of Paraguay, Bolivia and Argentina, the 24 members of the Boucou Assistance team accomplished their mission successfully by combining great racing performances with the assistance of their customers (find more information in FUCHS MSN/December 2016). "The skills of our mechanics combined with the drivers' performance allowed us to cross the finish line. This 39th Dakar was more difficult than the other ones. During the 12 racing days, we had to be extremely vigilant because of the challenging route. For a few days we raced on tracks over 3,500 meters high. In a stage of 750 km to be accomplished in one day, we crossed a desert, drove through muddy areas and raging torrents," explained Michel Boucou, the boss of the team.

Driving the T4 DAF, Michel Boucou and his team-mates kept an excellent rhythm despite plenty of repair assistance needed for their customers' vehicles during the race. Their tenacity allowed them to take 37th place out of the 50 participating racing trucks. In the T4 Trois category, Thomas Robineau won 28th place overall with his Iveco. The MAN truck, driven by Jordy Ginesta, came to rescue a team in distress and was disqualified (in the second to last round) for exceeding the allotted time. Nevertheless, he was on the Buenos Aires podium. "We are delighted with FUCHS lubricants. No overheating was signaled despite extreme conditions switching between stifling heat and frosty temperatures," explained Michel Boucou.

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN CARGO MAXX SAE 10W-40, TITAN TRUCK PLUS SAE 15W-40, TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-140, TITAN CYTRAC LD SAE 75W-80, MAINTAIN FRICOFIN TYPE D -25**



## Great Britain

### British Speedway champion makes a pre-season visit to FUCHS

Crowned British champion and part of the 4-man GB team to win the World Cup Silver Medal back in August, Danny King visited FUCHS UK recently with his solid silver British Champions trophy.

"Last year was incredible for me and my supporters," said Danny. "I have now been sponsored by FUCHS for over eight years, so thank you again FUCHS Silkolene for your continued support it means a lot and is a huge help. Here's to a great 2017 season together!"

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene CASTORENE R 50 S, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE SPRAY, Silkolene BRAKE/CHAIN CLEANER SPRAY, Silkolene PRO CHAIN SPRAY, Silkolene PRO PREP SPRAY, Silkolene FOAM FILTER OIL**



Pictured: Joost van Genderen, Head of Motorcycle Division, and Danny King



## Great Britain

### **FUCHS Silkolene, a sponsor at the Hawkstone International MX event**

FUCHS Silkolene was pleased to be one of the sponsors of the Hawkstone International MX event, the UK's most attended and important MX competition. These races mark the opening and start of the UK motocross season. Some of the world's best riders came from all over Central and Eastern Europe, the USA and Australia to take part in these exceptional races. This event provided the fans with a prime opportunity to watch exciting races, see new teams and riders and especially to view some of the most renowned racers in the world battle against each other at on one of the most famous MX circuits.



## Great Britain

### **Solid Start in testing for Be Wiser Ducati at Portimao**

The Be Wiser Ducati British Superbike Championship team of Shane Byrne and Glenn Irwin got their first taste of 2017 excitement when both riders were in action at Portimao in February. Five-time MCE BSB title winner and defending champion 'Shakey', along with team-mate Irwin enjoyed a positive two-day test on the latest version and factory-supported Be Wiser Ducati Panigale Rs at the Portuguese track on the Algarve. The test was alongside a number of World Superbike Championship teams, including the official Arubi.it Ducati Racing team of Chaz Davies and Marco Melandri, whereby Davies was fastest. The team also headed another two-day test at Jerez in Southern Spain, mid-February. The opening round of the MCE British Superbike Championship takes place at Donington Park on March 31/April 2.

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 PLUS SAE 10W-50, Silkolene BRAKE/CHAIN CLEANER SPRAY, Silkolene PRO CHAIN SPRAY, Silkolene PRO PREP SPRAY**



## Austria

### FUCHS supports Daniel Gappmaier in International Speedway Top League

For more than ten years, FUCHS AUSTRIA SCHMIERSTOFFE has been supporting the talented speedway driver Daniel Gappmaier. The native of St. Martin (Austria) started the competition in 2006 where he raced in Germany, Hungary, Slovenia and Croatia. In 2016, spotted for his amazing performances, Daniel was recruited by the English Speedway Club Berwick Bandits.

“He adapted to British Speedway very well, recording race wins against tough competitors on many circuits he visited without having ridden on the tracks before,” explained the team manager. “Daniel won the hearts of the Bandits team with his winning smile. Put simply, he has the charisma of a real superstar and our team and his fans are already looking forward to his return on the track.”

Thanks to his excellent results achieved in 2016, he has also been contacted by two speedway clubs based in Denmark and Poland this season. In fact, this year he has planned to race 60 races in the International Top Speedway League.

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene CASTORENE R 50 S, Silkolene FOAM FILTER CLEANER, Silkolene PRO CHAIN SPRAY, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE SPRAY, Silkolene PRO PREP SPRAY**



## Great Britain

### Fantastic experience in Dubai for UK Bambinos!

MSA Bambino British Championship drivers, seven-year-old Freddie Housley from Nottingham and Jack Sant from Newcastle both took part in a strong field of 15 bambino racers at the annual Dubai O Plate. Both boys, who are also best friends, were running with the Energy Kart Dubai team after extensive training from Paul Hardy and Sean Babington in pre event testing. In some ways the result came as no surprise with the boys on the pace right from the start despite being new to the circuit.

The Bambinos ran under a two engine pool system for the four heats. Jack finished 1st, 6th, 5th and 4th in his races to secure a 4th place overall finish whilst Freddie had a very consistent 3rd, 3rd, 2nd and 2nd to get him 2nd place overall with the winner being Abdul Whab Al Habsi from Oman.

A delighted Freddie said: “I have had a fantastic week in this lovely country with my friends and family and feel very proud to be taking home a trophy!”

The event has been fairly popular amongst British drivers in the past few years with Max Dodds present in 2016 and Jack McCarthy a winner in 2015. But it was great to see Great Britain represented in the Bambino class and both Freddie and Jack will now be familiar names out in Dubai.

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO KR2, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE SPRAY, Silkolene BRAKE/CHAIN CLEANER SPRAY, Silkolene INJECTOR/CARB CLEANER SPRAY, Silkolene PRO CHAIN SPRAY**



## Czech Republic

### Successful tradition in Motocross for FUCHS

FUCHS OIL CORP. (CZ) is pleased to renew their partnership with the Buksa/Ados Motocross International Championship of Czech Republic. "Motocross racing is becoming very popular in the Czech Republic nowadays and FUCHS plays its part in this. Teams and riders are very glad that the cooperation will continue in 2017," explained Pavel Broz from FUCHS.

This prestigious Czech series is very popular with the public but also very coveted by the racers – this fact was proved by the quality and the number of riders participating in all categories. Thanks to the support of traditional partners of motocross racing like FUCHS, one of the most successful series of this attractive motorcycle sport could be organised. It may be noted that FUCHS has been cooperating with the promoter Gironi Racing for 15 years in different motorsport events.

The first race of the championship will take place on the track of Loket nad Ohří on April 4 and the eighth and last one on the circuit of Vranov u Brna in September. FUCHS supports many Czech racers with their high performance lubricants, especially in junior categories. The material support lived well up to their high standards and the full range of FUCHS Silkolene engine oils, maintenance and protection, were used to the complete satisfaction of racing teams.



Last season, FUCHS riders were brilliant. Milan Sitnianský won 2nd place in the Supermoto European Championship and the Czech team made up of Pavel Kejmar, Petr Vorlíček and Milan Sitnianský were awarded 2nd place in the most prestigious team competition, the Supermoto of Nations which took place in Spain.