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THE XV EDITION OF FORMULA SAE ITALY, FORMULA ELECTRIC ITALY & FORMULA DRIVERLESS HAS OFFICIALLY OPENED WITH IMMENSE ENTHUSIASM AND PASSION FROM ALL THE 86 TEAMS COMPETING IN THIS YEAR'S EVENT

Varano de' Melegari, 25th July 2019 - Yesterday, saw the official opening ceremony on the circuit of the Autodromo "R. Paletti" in Varano de' Melegari (Parma), of the 15th edition of the **Formula SAE Italy, Formula Electric Italy & Formula Driverless**, an international technical-sports competition that is open to all engineering students from universities around the world, and organised by ANFIA.

Raffaele Fregonese, Director of Formula SAE Italy, welcomed more than 2,600 students from 26 countries around the world who will be taking part. There are 86 university teams representing 79 different universities - 70 of which are from the European Union (and 17 are Italian, from 15 various universities) plus 16 from extra-EU countries - who opened the proceedings and then passed the floor to Marco Stella, Vice President of ANFIA. He, in addition to encouraging the students to give their best performance while having fun, stressed the importance of technological innovation linked to design projects by young students of engineering as well as explaining the purpose of the event is to act as a link between universities and industry. It also offers interesting and new stimuli to the industry, which must focus on the new generation, he explained.

The Mayor of Varano de' Melegari, Giuseppe Restiani, welcomed the students with a warm greeting and as he does every year by providing his patronage to the event.

The President of Dallara, Giampaolo Dallara, who represents one of the two main sponsors and Paolo Bocca, Account Director for Automotive at TomTom Automotive, who is also a sponsor of the initiative, focused on the evolution of mobility and its related services.

From yesterday until today, technical inspections of the cars competing in classes 1C (combustion), 1E (electric) and 1D (driverless) started in the paddock and will continue tomorrow. Today at 10.00 a.m. the Business presentation sessions will open and end on the same day for Class 1D and tomorrow for Classes 1C and 1E, with the finals being held in the event's meeting tent. Also scheduled for today is the Costing event which will start at 2.30 p.m., while tomorrow there will be the Design event. The judges here will discuss the projects and cars that have been submitted directly with the teams during their respective presentations.

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

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