



Press Release

MXGP Academy to be managed by FIM Europe as of 2015

Earlier this morning at MXGP of Belgium, round fifteen of the FIM Motocross World Championship in Lommel, Youthstream President Mr. Giuseppe Luongo joined FIM Europe President Dr. Wolfgang Srb, FIM Europe Secretary General Alessandro Sambuco and MXGP Academy trainer and two-time FIM Motocross World Champion John Van Den Berk in a press conference to announce that as of 2015 Youthstream's latest project the 'MXGP Academy' will be officially managed by FIM Europe but will still receive on-going support from Youthstream.

The MXGP Academy trains, develops and guides young riders to achieve everything they can within the sport of motocross. Because the project targets our youth, with the youth being linked heavily to their national motorcycling federations, the next logical step in the evolution of the MXGP Academy project was to place it under the management of FIM Europe. In addition to riders' training, MXGP Academy will also train trainers so that riders receive professional advice.

Mr. Giuseppe Luongo said, "FIM Europe today has new driving force with many years of experience in motocross, Dr. Wolfgang Srb. Together we realized that it would benefit the academy more to be managed by the FIM Europe as they are regularly in contact with the national motorcycling federations, they have much better contact and as a result this will assist the academy in having more structure. Youthstream will continue to partner and support the academy with media coverage, as well as financially, and we feel this is the best way to give the academy the best opportunity and more power. MXGP Academy is an essential part of the pyramid of success which starts with the MXGP Academy, then goes up to the European MX Championships, MX2 and finally the diamond point of the pyramid which is MXGP."

Dr. Wolfgang Srb agreed, "For FIM Europe this is a very important and very good step, and I want to thank Mr. Giuseppe Luongo for giving us (FIM Europe) the opportunity to be the umbrella of the MXGP Academy. We, at FIM Europe, have good contacts with the European Federations, but not only within Europe, we are also in contact with other continents. The co-operation we have now with Youthstream does not exist in any other discipline, so to have the world championship and European championships combined is awesome, it's incredible, we are able to use the exact same racing rules, the same technical rules, the same officials and now with the academy on board, step by step we can guide the young riders into the FIM Motocross World Championship."

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