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EMX Back in Ottobiano for 2018

Youthstream and FIM Europe are proud to present the previously announced MXGP of Italy, scheduled on June the 17th 2018, will be held in Ottobiano and will be called MXGP of Lombardia (I).

Youthstream confirmed the agreement with local Organizer, Stefano Avandero, already organizer at Maggiora, until 2021 whom just founded the new company: A Sport Groups, where Avandero is the unique owner.



In 2017 Ottobiano was the stage of one of the best battles of the season between Cairoli and Herlings and was also awarded as the best paddock at the 2017 MXGP Awards. The goal for 2018 is to improve the venue even more and to let the thousands of fans enjoy the event at high quality standards.

With the MXGP of Lombardia the Italian rounds will be a total of 3 next season, starting with the MXGP of Trentino held in Pietramurata on April the 8th, the now announced MXGP of Lombardia held in Ottobiano, after the success of its MXGP debut in 2017, and the newly named MXGP of Italy held at the famous Autodromo Enzo & Dino Ferrari in Imola as the last round of the 2018 FIM Motocross World Championship.

Vice President of Youthstream David Luongo said: “After the fantastic success in 2017, the FIM MXGP World Championship will come back to Ottobiano for the MXGP of Lombardia. Youthstream is very pleased with the collaboration with Mr. Avandero and Mr. Gualini, we share the same passion of Motocross and we thank them for their investment in the sport. On the other hand, the fans will be able to enjoy the world class facilities of the venue, a panoramic view on the track, very close to the action, and the Italian Tifosi will come to support their hero, Antonio Cairoli”

“Bringing MXGP to Ottobiano in 2017 was a big challenge and eventually it was a big success I must say” - Stefano Avandero stated: “Together with the Staff that I’ve been working with for years, I’m working for a better outcome every year, and I’m so proud to have 2 Italian World Champions coming to Ottobiano in 2018: Antonio Cairoli and Kiara Fontanesi, 14 World titles together”

“We are very pleased to host the FIM Motocross World Championship again” - Luca Gualini from Ottobiano Motorsports said, “The event in 2017 was very positive and I have to thank Youthstream and Stefano Avandero for the renewed trust in Ottobiano Motorsport but also to the local institutions that are very available and work together with us to organize the event. Also this year the event will be great and this will help the visibility of our territory of Pavia and for our Region Lombardia.

Antonio Cairoli, 9-time World Champion, shared his thoughts: ‘Ottobiano is one of my favorite tracks, sandy and technical, where last year I achieved a GP win in front of thousands of fans coming from throughout the whole country to support us, the same fans I expect to see in 2018 there!’

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"I am delighted that this event will also host round 7 of the EMX250 Championship on this technical and demanding sand track", comments Eddie Herd, Chairman of the FIM Europe Motocross and Snowcross Commission. "The EMX250 Championship is the premier class for FIM Europe's Motocross season where, year on year, we see many of the riders successfully competing in this series and then going on to secure placings in the factory teams in the World Championship MX2 series".

Youthstream is also proud to announce the online pre sales for the event are open with tickets at a discounted price: More details at the following link:

<https://tickets.maggiorapark.com/2464-italy-motocross-tickets/en/>

Please find here below the updated 2018 Calendar:

2018 EMX CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR			
	GRAND PRIX	VENUE	RACES
18 March	EUROPE (NL)	Valkenswaard	EMX125, EMX300
25 March	LA COMUNITAT VALENCIANA	Redsand	EMX250, EMX300
8 April	TRENTINO (I)	Pietramurata	EMX125
15 April	PORTUGAL	Agueda	EMX250
1 May	RUSSIA	Orlyonok	EMX250, EMX300
13 May	LATVIA	Kegums	EMX125, EMX250
20 May	GERMANY	Teutschenthal	EMX125
3 June	GREAT BRITAIN	Matterley Basin	EMX250, EMX300
10 June	FRANCE	St Jean d'Angély	EMX125, EMX250
17 June	LOMBARDIA	Ottobiano	EMX250
22 July	CZECH REP.	Loket	EMX65, EMX85, EMX300
5 August	BELGIUM	Lommel	EMX125, EMX250
12 August	SWEDEN	Uddevalla	EMX125, EMX250
19 August	SWITZERLAND	Frauenfeld/Gachnang	EMX125, EMX250
16 September	THE NETHERLANDS	Assen	EMX125, EMX250
30 September	ITALY	Imola	Yamaha 125, EMX300

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