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### FIM Europe Club Lapland Experience



The 5<sup>th</sup> FIM Europe Club Lapland Experience took place from 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March in Rovaniemi (FIN). The event, organized by the SML - Finnish Motorcycling Federation in collaboration with the SGAF Association of Finnish Snowmobile Guides and FIM Europe, now represents a fixed annual appointment dedicated to the Officials of the European Federations and their guests.

This year the 25 participants, coming from 5 European Countries, were welcomed by the SML President Erkki Heikkinen, past Presidents Juhani Halme and Tapio Nevala and by the Secretary General Ville Salonen. The group, led by Jukka Lainkari, Member of the Touring Commission and SGAF Guide, was accompanied on over 400 km of exciting Lappish nature trails. Also present were the FIM Europe Secretary General, Coordinator of the FIM Europe Club Alessandro Sambuco and the Chairman of the Touring Commission Panagiotis Kalaitzis. Among the participants also the DMU - Danish Motorcycling Federation President Jorgen Bitsch, the past President of the LMSF - Lithuanian Motorcycling Federation Virginjius Visockis with the former LMSF Secretary General Ingrida Visockiene.



**Erkki Heikkinen - President of the Finnish Motorcycling Federation - SML ry**

*“It has been a pleasure for SML to be a part of FIM Europe Lapland Experience 2023, it is important to keep up the good relationship between Federations. Having a chance to discuss matters of motorsport as well as non-sport activities is always useful. When all this takes place in a sunny springtime, Finnish nature combined with riding good snow scooters it is an unforgettable experience. We wish to meet even more colleagues in the future meetings”.*

**Alessandro Sambuco - FIM Europe Secretary General**

*“I must say, for the benefit of those who wish to participate in these events, that the good average technical level of the participants, thanks to their predisposition to the use of motorcycles, allows them to enjoy rides that are not at all boring, not at all comparable to the tourist safaris organized in loco for ordinary tourists. The dynamic driving of the snowmobiles, the safety offered by the SGAF expert Guides and the amazing sceneries of the Lappish nature promise safe thrills and lasting memories. All this, together with the possibility of sharing a few moments with colleagues outside the working context, makes these events something unique to try”.*