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Sad passing of Jørgen Bitsch



The FIM Europe is saddened to inform about the recent passing of Jørgen Bitsch, the President of the Danish Motor Union (DMU) since 2009. Jorgen finally succumbed to his injuries on 5th August 2023, which he had sustained as the result of a motocross accident two weeks previous.

Jørgen was passionate about all aspects of motorcycling, having been long associated with two wheels as a rider, a spectator, an event organiser and as a member of the FIM, FIM Europe and DMU in several different roles, having first joined his National Federation in 1975. Mr Bitsch has been FIM Europe Vice President from 2010 to 2012 and member of the FIM Board of Directors from 2012 to 2020.



Mr Bitsch was a former Sidecar Motocross Grand Prix winner and regular top ten finisher overall in the FIM Sidecar Motocross Championship during the mid-eighties through to the early nineties, with his best ranking being fourth in the series in 1988. Jørgen remained an active solo motocross rider throughout his life and continued to ride both modern and classic bikes on a regular basis right up until his sad passing.

In addition to heading up two Danish motocross clubs, namely Frederiksborg Amts Motorklub and Fredensborg-Humblebæk Moto Cross Klub, Jørgen was also appointed the Chairman of the Danish Speedway League in 2022. His missions included bringing professionalism to the sport, developing young talent, and the progression of elite riders, however his key focus was always rider safety, as he looked for the DMU to lead by example on this topic and others amongst the national and international Federations.

A popular and familiar figure within the motorcycling community, Jørgen will be hugely missed by the entire FIM Europe Family, who extends its condolences to his family and many friends at this difficult time.