

### **CHANGES TO THE PUEBLA-AMAZOC CIRCUIT**

Following the requests from the FIA Circuits Commission, the Miguel E. Abed circuit of Puebla-Amazoc has undergone a number of changes in the first portion of the track.

The left-handed corner at the end of the main straight no longer leads to the infield; on the contrary it is followed by two right-handed corners leading onto the South banking, which was not in use last year. Drivers will therefore race on the oval until the opposite straight, from where a 90-degree left-handed corner leads into the infield part.

These changes were conceived in order to reduce risks of dramatic crashes like those that forced Jörg Müller's BMW and Adriano De Micheli's Honda out of last year's event after free practice. Further to the changes, the lap distance has increased from 3.13 to 3.36 km, which will result in a reduction of the number of laps to be covered during each race from 18 to 15.

After having been shown the new map, all the drivers judged the changes to be positive.

### **FIA WTCC MID-SEASON FIGURES**

After the championship rounded the mid-season buoy, let's take a look at its figures.

29.2 drivers on the average took part in the five race meetings held so far, with seven different race winners out of ten rounds. Only reigning world champion Andy Priaulx managed to claim more than one victory. All the four manufacturers officially represented – Alfa Romeo, BMW, Chevrolet and SEAT – were able to win at least one race.

The average attendance at the tracks was 43,750 spectators per meeting, meaning an 8 per cent increase compared to last year.

Media attendance was also good: 92 publications, 18.5 TV-Radio crews and 188 media people were present at the events on the average.

### **TOM CORONEL BECOMES FATHER**

GR Asia driver Tom Coronel flew back from Brazil just in time to assist his partner Paulien Zwart while she was giving birth to their first child last Tuesday.

The beautiful 3.7-kg little girl has been given the name of Carmen Angel.

The FIA WTCC family send all their best wishes to her and her proud parents.

## HOME RACE FOR JAMES THOMPSON

This weekend SEAT Sport driver James Thompson will be back in action. The man from Yorkshire will take part in the British Touring Car Championship meeting at Croft, his home racetrack.

Thompson, who is currently second in the FIA WTCC classification and won the BTCC first two rounds of the season will team again Jason Plato at the wheel of a SEAT Sport UK car.

*“The León will be stunning around Croft, because there are lots of challenging corner where the car can really make the difference,”* he said.

## MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR THE SIXTH MEETING

Rounds 11 and 12 of the 2006 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Puebla, Mexico, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July.

**The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 18 July.**

Accreditations Procedure and Accreditation Form may be downloaded from the websites [www.fia.com](http://www.fia.com) and [www.fiawtcc.com](http://www.fiawtcc.com).

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