

## **FIA WTCC NEWSLETTER**

*# 44 – 9 November 2007*

### **ANDRÉ COUTO TO RACE FOR ALFA IN MACAU**

Local hero André Couto will join the Alfa Romeo N.technology team for his home race in Macau. The 30-year old driver had his first test in the Alfa Romeo 156 car last week at the Varano racetrack in Italy.

Couto, a winner of the Macau Formula 3 Grand Prix in 2000, has become a regular competitor in the Touring Car Guia Race since 2002, racing for BMW, SEAT (last year) and Alfa Romeo. He has already driven twice for the Italian Manufacturer at Macau: in 2003 at the wheel of a Super Production Alfa 147 (setting pole position) and in the 2005 FIA WTCC finale, when he crashed out of the lead during Race 1. Couto replaces Olivier Tielemans to join title contender James Thompson.

### **HENRY LEE JR WILL DRIVE A RUSSIAN BMW**

Henry Lee jr, one of the most victorious racing drivers from Hong Kong, will make his FIA WTCC debut in Macau at the wheel of a BMW 320i E46 entered by the Russian team Avtodom Racing.

Lee, 49-years old, boasts a long and successful racing career which includes five Touring Car titles. He has been works driver in Asia for Nissan, Peugeot and Ford and claimed brilliant results at Macau where he won the 1990 ACP Cup and the 1995 Macau Cup and finished second in the 2000 Guia Race in a Peugeot 306.

The Avtodom Racing – BMW Team Russia is also very successful, having won a number of races in the Russian Touring Car Championship. In 2007 they took part in the German ADAC Procar series, scoring two victories with Alexander Labazov.

### **ENGSTLER ENTERS THIRD CAR FOR LOCAL DRIVER**

Engstler Motorsport have entered a third BMW 320i car for Hong Kong driver David Louie, alongside those of Franz Engstler and Andrey Romanov.

This will be 45-year old Louie's maiden touring car appearance, after he claimed some brilliant results in the Asian and Chinese Formula Renault championships.

Louie will be at the wheel of the same BMW 320i driven by Richard Kaye in the FIA European Touring Car Cup at Adria; unlike Engstler's and Romanov's, this car is equipped with a sequential gearbox.

### **BMW CARS WITH SEQUENTIAL GEARBOX GET +60**

The FIA Touring Car Bureau decided to impose a 60kg ballast for the races in Macau to all the BMW cars equipped with a 6-speed sequential gearbox.

These cars are accepted on the basis of national homologations and are not eligible to score championship points. The 60kg ballast will be added to the car's minimum weight of 1170 kg, as per Art. 5 of the WTCC Technical Regulations.

This decision concerns the BMW 320si E90 cars of Colin Turkington, Duncan Huisman and Carl Rosenblad and the BMW 320i E46 of David Louie.

### Handicap Weights Update

60 kg	A. Priaux, Y. Muller, A. Farfus, J. Thompson, J. Müller, N. Larini, G. Tarquini, R. Huff, D. Huisman, C. Turkington, C. Rosenblad, D. Louie
55 kg	A. Menu, J. Gené
15 kg	T. Monteiro, F. Porteiro
10 kg	T. Coronel, A. Zanardi, F. Engstler, A. Romanov, A. Couto, H. Lee jr
5 kg	L. Rangoni

### **EUROSPORT COVERAGE FROM MACAU**

Live coverage of all the action in Macau will be broadcast live on Eurosport International, starting from Friday's qualifying session that will be aired in Europe in the morning.

Live coverage of the two races will start on Sunday morning at 4.45 (Central European Time) to go on until 7.00.

<i>Friday, 16<sup>th</sup>:</i>	Qualifying – <b>LIVE</b>	Eurosport International, 09.15/10.00
<i>Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup>:</i>	Warm up – <b>LIVE</b>	Eurosport International, 01.00/01.30
	Races 1 & 2 – <b>LIVE</b>	Eurosport International, 04.45/07.00
	Races 1 & 2 – highlights	Eurosport International, 10.00/11.00
	Races 1 & 2 – highlights	Eurosport 2, 17.30/18.30

Times are CET (Central European Time)

### **2008 FIA WTCC MEDIA ACCREDITATION**

Permanent media accreditation for the 2008 season of the FIA World Touring Car Championship are now open.

Applicants are requested to fill and sign the 2008 WTCC Permanent Form and send it by registered mail, together with the required documents, to:

FIA – PRESS ACCREDITATION  
8, Place de la Concorde, 75008 Paris, FRANCE

### **The deadline for the application is 9 NOVEMBER 2007.**

The application form may be downloaded at the following address:

[newsletter.fiawtcc.com/download/2008\\_WTCC\\_Permanent\\_Form.pdf](http://newsletter.fiawtcc.com/download/2008_WTCC_Permanent_Form.pdf)

**COUNTDOWN: - 9 DAYS**



to the 2007 FIA WTCC Guia Race of Macau – 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> November, in Macau

more information and pictures: [www.fiawtcc.com](http://www.fiawtcc.com)  
**NB – local mobile phone in Macau 6252-0143**

# 2007 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP



## ROUNDS 21 & 22 - MACAU, November 18/19 - ENTRY LIST

#	class	competitor	driver	car
1		BMW Team UK	Andy Priaulx (GBR)	BMW 320si
2		BMW Team Germany	Jörg Müller (GER)	BMW 320si
3		BMW Team Germany	Augusto Farfus (BRA)	BMW 320si
4		BMW Team Italy-Spain	Alessandro Zanardi (ITA)	BMW 320si
5		BMW Team Italy-Spain	Félix Porteiro (ESP)	BMW 320si
6		Chevrolet	Robert Huff (GBR)	Chevrolet Lacetti
7		Chevrolet	Nicola Larini (ITA)	Chevrolet Lacetti
8		Chevrolet	Alain Menu (SUI)	Chevrolet Lacetti
9		SEAT Sport	Jordi Gené (ESP)	SEAT León TDI
10		SEAT Sport	Michel Jourdain (MEX)	SEAT León
11		SEAT Sport	Gabriele Tarquini (ITA)	SEAT León TDI
12		SEAT Sport	Yvan Muller (FRA)	SEAT León TDI
14		BMW Team UK	Fredrik Ekblom (SWE)	BMW 320si
15		N.technology	James Thompson (GBR)	Alfa Romeo 156
18		SEAT Sport	Tiago Monteiro (POR)	SEAT León
20		GR Asia	Tom Coronel (NED)	SEAT León
22	/	GR Asia	Maurizio Ceresoli (ITA)	SEAT León
23	/	Exagon Engineering	Pierre-Yves Corthals (BEL)	SEAT León
25	*	Team AVIVA	Duncan Huisman (NED)	BMW 320si
26	/	Wiechers-Sport	Stefano D'Aste (ITA)	BMW 320si
27	*	Team AVIVA	Colin Turkington (GBR)	BMW 320si
28	*	Elgh Motorsport	Carl Rosenblad (SWE)	BMW 320si
30	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Luca Rangoni (ITA)	BMW 320si
31	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Sergio Hernández (ESP)	BMW 320si
33	/	Racing for Belgium	Miguel Freitas (POR)	Alfa Romeo 156
39	/	GR Asia	TBA	SEAT León
43	/	Engstler Motorsport	Franz Engstler (GER)	BMW 320i
44	/	Engstler Motorsport	Andrey Romanov (RUS)	BMW 320i
46	*	Engstler Motorsport	David Louie (HKG)	BMW 320i
62	/	Ao's Racing Team	Ao Chi Hong (MAC)	BMW 320i
63	/	Avtodom Racing	Henry Lee jr (HKG)	BMW 320i
66		N.technology	André Couto (MAC)	Alfa Romeo 156
88		SEAT Sport	Rickard Rydell (SWE)	SEAT León

/ = Yokohama Independents' Trophy

\* = not eligible to score championship points



## Rounds 21 & 22 – TRACK FACTS



### Circuito da Guia – MACAU

**Lap distance – 6,1170 m**  
**Race distance – 2 x 9 laps**

- Location:** downtown Macau
- Contacts:** Macau Grand Prix Committee  
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- Press officer:** Macau Grand Prix Committee – tel: +853 7962299, fax: +853 28727309  
email: [media@cgpm.gov.mo](mailto:media@cgpm.gov.mo)
- Airports:** Macau (5 km), Zhuhai (25 km), Hong Kong-Chek Lap Kok (50 km)
- S2000 lap records:** Qualifying - 2:31.712/145.22 kph, Andy Priaulx (BMW 320i), 18 Nov 2005  
Race - 2:33.267/143.74 kph, Jörg Müller (BMW 320i), 21 Nov 2004
- Previous winners:** 2004 Guia Race 1: Jörg Müller (BMW 320i)  
2004 Guia Race 2: Jörg Müller (BMW 320i)  
2005 FIA WTCC Race 1: Augusto Farfus (Alfa Romeo 156)  
2005 FIA WTCC Race 2: Duncan Huisman (BMW 320i)  
2006 FIA WTCC Race 1: Andy Priaulx (BMW 320si)  
2006 FIA WTCC Race 2: Jörg Müller (BMW 320si)



## Rounds 21 & 22 – Macau (MAC) EVENT TIMETABLE

### Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2007

07.30 – 08.15	Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix	Free Practice
08.40 – 09.10	Bel-Lago Cup	Free Practice
09.35 – 10.05	Hotel Fortuna Trophy	Free Practice
10.30 – 11.00	Polytec Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix	Free Practice 1
11.25 – 11.55	CTM Cup	Free Practice
12.25 – 12.55	Porsche Carrera Cup Asia	Free Practice
<b>13.20 – 13.50</b>	<b>FIA WTCC – Guia Race of Macau</b>	<b>Testing</b>
14.15 – 15.00	Polytec Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix	Qualifying 1
15.30 – 16.15	Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix	Qualifying 1

### Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2007

07.30 – 08.30	Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix	Qualifying 2
<b>08.45 – 09.15</b>	<b>FIA WTCC – Guia Race of Macau</b>	<b>Free Practice 1</b>
09.40 – 10.10	Hotel Fortuna Trophy	Qualifying
10.35 – 11.05	Bel-Lago Cup	Qualifying
11.30 – 12.00	Polytec Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix	Free Practice 2
<b>12.20 – 12.50</b>	<b>FIA WTCC – Guia Race of Macau</b>	<b>Free Practice 2</b>
13.15 – 13.45	CTM Cup	Qualifying
14.10 – 14.40	Porsche Carrera Cup Asia	Qualifying
15.05 – 15.50	Polytec Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix	Qualifying 2
16.15 – 17.00	<b>FIA WTCC – Guia Race of Macau</b>	<b>Qualifying</b>

### Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2007

07.30 – 08.00	MGPC Scooters Cup	Qualifying
08.10 – 08.30	Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix	Warm up
<u>08.55</u>	<u>Bel-Lago Cup</u>	<u>Race (10 laps)</u>
<u>10.10</u>	<u>Hotel Fortuna Trophy</u>	<u>Race (10 laps)</u>
<u>11.25</u>	<u>CTM Cup</u>	<u>Race (15 laps)</u>
<u>13.20</u>	<u>Polytec Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix</u>	<u>Qualification Race (10 laps)</u>
<u>14.50</u>	<u>Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix</u>	<u>Race (15 laps)</u>
<u>16.10</u>	<u>MGPC Scooters Cup</u>	<u>Race (5 laps)</u>

### Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2007

<b>08.00 – 08.15</b>	<b>FIA WTCC – Guia Race of Macau</b>	<b>Warm up</b>
08.35 – 08.55	Polytec Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix	Warm up
<u>09.25</u>	<u>Porsche Carrera Cup Asia</u>	<u>Race (10 laps)</u>
<b>12.00</b>	<b>FIA WTCC – Guia Race of Macau</b>	<b>Race 1 (9 laps)</b>
<u>12.35</u>	<u>FIA WTCC</u>	<u>Podium Race 1</u>
12.45 – 13.00	FIA WTCC	Repair Time
<b>13.20</b>	<b>FIA WTCC – Guia Race of Macau</b>	<b>Race 2 (9 laps)</b>
<u>13.55</u>	<u>FIA WTCC</u>	<u>Podium Race 2</u>
<u>15.35</u>	<u>Polytec Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix</u>	<u>Race (15 laps)</u>