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NEWS UPDATE #3

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New year, new season ... The first opportunity to see what the 2008 season of the FIA GT Championship holds in store will be in just under a month's time, when the official test days and Media launch will take place at the fast Italian circuit of Monza, on March 13^{th} and 14^{th} .

Further to a change in the regulations, all full-season entrants will need to be present with at least one car during this test, for performance-balancing purposes, so it should give a real taste of this year's battle.

As the information continues to come in concerning the teams' plans for 2008, it looks as if the competition will be fierce. Larbre Competition announced this week their entry of a Saleen S7R for experienced Vincent Vosse and promising Greg Franchi. The French team has history on its side, as in four full-season entries, the team has never yet failed to win a title.

Phoenix Carsport, whose Corvette C6R claimed a historic win in the Total 24 Hours of Spa last year, <u>has announced that they plan to enter two C6R cars in 2008</u>. The victorious Spa crew will man the cars, with Marcel Fässler and Jean-Denis Deletraz sharing an all-Swiss Corvette, while Mike Hezemans – the record-holder in terms of number of races and pole positions – and 2004 GT Champion Fabrizio Gollin – drive the second car.

Monza will be the first opportunity for many drivers to get a first taste of their new team or new car. Among them will be Henri Moser, the 20-year-old Swiss driver who won the 2007 FIA GT3 European Championship with Gilles Vannelet. His team, Kessel Racing, will enter a Ferrari 430 for him in the GT2 category – find out more about him in the article.

Members of the press wishing to attend the Monza Media Day on the 13th March should contact Jacquie Groom on Jacquie@sro.co.uk

2008 may be well on its way, but in case you need a reminder of what happened in 2007, the Official Book of the FIA GT and GT3 European Championships is now available. The order form can be downloaded from the website.

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