

## **FIA WTCC NEWSLETTER**

# 6 – 15 February 2008

### **MORE THAN THREE HOURS LIVE FROM BRAZIL**

Eurosport unveiled their plans for the live TV coverage from Curitiba for the FIA World Touring Car Championship's opening event.

A total of 195 minutes of live broadcasting will be dedicated to the FIA WTCC during the first weekend in March,

The coverage will start on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> with the qualifying session aired live on Eurosport International from 7.00 to 7.45 pm Central European Time.

Live coverage will switch to Eurosport 2 on Sunday – from 1.00 to 1.30 pm CET – for the 15-minute warm-up session.

The first two races of the season will be broadcast live on Eurosport International: Race 1 from 5.00 to 6.00 pm CET and Race 2 from 8.00 to 9.00 pm CET.

### **GOLDEN MOTORS TO RACE IN FIVE ROUNDS**

Golden Motors Honda Dealer Team, from St. Petersburg, Russia officially announced their plans for the 2008 racing season. They will start in the Swedish Touring Car Championship to continue in the FIA WTCC and finish in the FIA European Touring Car Cup with two Honda Accord Euro R cars, built by JAS Motorsport and run by the Estonian team Artman Racing.

The team's two drivers - Alexander Lvov and Andrey Smetsky – who were classified first and second in the 2007 Russian Touring Car Championship – will make their seasonal debut in the STCC at Knutstorp.

Golden Motors who took part in last year's WTCC event at Anderstorp have planned to take part in five events of the 2008 season – Valencia, Brno, Oschersleben, Anderstorp, and Monza – before heading to the Austrian Salzburgring for the European Touring Car Cup.

### **POULSEN MOTORSPORT TO JOIN IN THREE EVENTS**

Denmark-based Poulsen Motorsport confirmed their plans to enter three races of the 2008 FIA WTCC.

*"We have planned to enter in Estoril, Brands Hatch and Oschersleben,"* said team manager Niels Jørgen Iversen. *"The last of these three events is quite close to the Danish Touring Car Championship race at Sturup, but we should manage it anyway, as the way back from Oschersleben is not that long."*

The team has five BMW 320si cars and so far only three drivers have been confirmed: Kristian Poulsen, the winner of the 2007 European Touring Car Cup Michel Nykjær and Jesper Sylvest.

*"We are still working on a deal with Emmet O'Brien, maybe just for the WTCC races,"* Iversen revealed.

## **NOTICE TO THE PERMANENT MEDIA PASS HOLDERS**

2008 FIA WTCC Permanent Media representatives may collect their pass at the Curitiba racetrack in the Media Delegate's office, which is located on the first floor of the pit-garage building, alongside the Media Centre.

Collection hours:

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 10.00 am – 05.00 pm

Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> February 09.00 am – 06.00 pm

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 08.00 am – 06.00 pm

## **MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR CURITIBA LAST DAYS**

Rounds 1 and 2 of the 2008 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Curitiba, Brazil, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

**The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February.**

The Accreditation form may be downloaded at the websites [www.fia.com](http://www.fia.com) and [www.fiawtcc.com](http://www.fiawtcc.com).

- **International Press** must send applications to:  
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**COUNTDOWN: - 16 DAYS**



to the 2008 FIA WTCC Race of Brazil – 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> March, in Curitiba