



Press release

**ANFIA ACCEPTED THE PASSAGE OF THE BATON FROM ATA - ASSOCIAZIONE TECNICA DELL'AUTOMOBILE - AND ANNOUNCED THE 2017 EDITION OF FORMULA SAE ITALY & FORMULA ELECTRIC ITALY**

**Now at its thirteenth edition, the international technical sporting competition for engineering students from all over the world will take place at the "Riccardo Paletti" Circuit in Varano de' Melegari (Parma) from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017**

*Turin, January 23, 2016* - In December 2016, ATA-Associazione Tecnica dell'Automobile decided to bring its associative life to an end, passing on the baton to ANFIA, with the aim of promoting and implementing its technical-scientific initiatives.

ANFIA has then gathered the inheritance left by ATA (born in 1948) in order to revitalize the most of the initiatives that this Association has promoted up to this day, in order to increase and make known the automotive culture in Italy, particularly from a technical, research and training point of view.

Among the initiatives historically launched by ATA and that ANFIA management will firstly propose, there is the international technical sporting competition known as **Formula SAE Italy & Formula Electric Italy (Formula ATA)**, now arrived at its thirteenth edition and that will take place from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 at the "Riccardo Paletti" Circuit in Varano de' Melegari (Parma).

Formula ATA gathers students coming from engineering faculties of worldwide universities. Its purpose is to encourage students and young graduates to design, realize and test a single-seater racing car. They will be in charge of the project from the design to the marketing stages. It provides each team involved the opportunity to face a real-life professional situation, working in a team context with time deadlines and making both business and managerial decisions in the process of tackling automotive engineering matters. They will compete through both static tests (Business, Design and Cost presentation) and dynamic trials (Acceleration, Skid Pad, Autocross, Endurance).

Formula ATA offers three level of involvement: Class 1C for teams intending to participate with an IC car (max 60 teams), Class 1E for electric cars (max 30 teams) and Class 3 with the projects presentation only (max 5 teams).

The new rule has been published last December: <http://www.ata.it/content/event-formula-ata/formula-sae-italy-formula-electric-italy-2017>, with some minor changes to grant the participation of those teams which will design their vehicles according to the new Formula Student Germany 2017 rule.

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At the same web page, the winner teams of last edition had a granted early registration, starting from 10:00 AM of the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 till 1:00 PM of the 17<sup>th</sup> January 17 2017. Further 10 registration slots were reserved to teams coming from North and South America, Australia and rest of the world (non-European countries).

The main registration for all the other teams opened on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 10:00 AM till 1:00 PM of the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

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The Association is structured in **three product-based Groups**, each one chaired by a President.

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