

The Rally Bohemia in 2012 a part of the MMCR and the DRS

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The Rally Bohemia belongs among the most prestigious automobile rally competitions in the whole Czech Republic. It will be a part of the Mediasport International Rally Championship of the Czech Republic and also the German series Deutsche Rallye Serie (DRS).

The second weekend in the summer holiday all the motorsport fans, to be more precise the rally fans, have their calendars marked already. The sixth event of the MMCR, which is the Rally Bohemia, takes place on 12th – 15th July 2012. The automobile competition with its tradition dated back to 1974 has always represented the top among the motorsport events in the Czechoslovakia, later in the Czech Republic. It has introduced a countless number of remarkable competitors and famous competitive cars in Mladá Boleslav and its surroundings. The Rally Bohemia has experienced the glory of the competitors of the European and also the international calibre and to such a tradition it has to be linked with dignity.

Another anniversary of the popular automobile competition is ready for 2012, which will again have its centre in Mladá Boleslav. It will offer to all competitors and spectators the traditional and also modified tracks of special stages situated in the Central Bohemia, the foothills of the Jizera Mountains and the area of the Bohemian Paradise. The characteristics of this landscape give to special stages the unique nature, where the strictest criterion can be applied. Without an overstatement the special stages of the Rally Bohemia can be labelled as the tracks of the world level. The Rally Bohemia with its 16 special stages split into two legs with the overall length of almost 700 kilometres belongs among the longest and the most demanding rallies in the whole Czech Republic. The Mediasport International Rally Championship thanks to the Rally Bohemia will experience one of its best moments. The Rally Bohemia in 2012 will be again a part of the FIA European Rally Cup – Central with the highest coefficient 10. This should give to this rally a guarantee of having some of the foreign crews attending and collecting the points in it. A significant news in 2012 is the agreement with the organizers of the German series DRS, which will enter the Czech Republic twice this year out of all its six events. Only registered crews can participate in it, which at the end of the championship will share the prize in cash in the amount of 10 thousand Euros, where the winner takes 2,500 Euros. Two events in total of the DRS series in 2012 take place outside the ground of Germany and one of which is the Rally Bohemia.

The DRS, where the crew of Robert Stöber and Thomas Wölfel in VW Lupo GTI won last year, will be listed in the Rally Bohemia behind those crews, which will participate in the European Cup – Central. This way a various starting field is allowed to compete there, where popular WRC category cars can be seen as well as the GT cars quite widely used in Germany and thirdly the cars according to national homologations, which can be seen for

instance at local events of the Sprintrally. The colourfulness of the DRS starting field can be easily described by almost thirty classes, in which the organizers managed to fit almost all the cars, which can appear in rally. The WRC cars are assigned into class 0, cars of MMCR in class 2-10. The cars with non-valid homologation or those, which correspond to local cup homologations, national homologations and the regulations valid for the historical cars are assigned into the classes 11-30. Already at this very moment a couple of very interesting crews are interested in attendance in the Rally Bohemia in the terms of the DRS series. Some of them participate only in the Sprintrally Championship in the Czech Republic, but also abroad. The main aim of the Rally Bohemia Organization Committee was to offer the most various starting field to spectators and to attract on the start also those crews, which thanks to the limits of the International Championship couldn't even think of participating in this famous event. The Rally Bohemia gains this way another attraction, which even more enforces also the Historic Show. Further information regarding this HS show will be available in oncoming press release of the Rally Bohemia 2012.

Stanislav Kafka, the Member of the Organization Committee of the Rally Bohemia and the Historic Show, talks about the participation of the DRS in the Rally Bohemia: **"We have entered the negotiations with the representatives of the DRS Championship in autumn last year. We were talking about the opportunity for the Rally Bohemia to be a part of their championship. After the meeting in Dresden in Germany earlier this year we have agreed, that we will join together and the DRS will run at the Rally Bohemia in 2012. For us it is an opportunity to draw a colourful starting field and unseen cars from Germany into Mladá Boleslav, but also to give a chance to compete at the Rally Bohemia for crews, which under the normal circumstances wouldn't be allowed to participate in the European Cup. We are currently fine-tuning the last details regarding the small differences in our and their regulations. We can assume a very similar arrangement of the starting field as the one at the Jänner Rallye, where the cars from the national championship started right after the European Cup after a small pause, which spectators most likely didn't notice. We strongly believe that thanks to the DRS we can deliver very interesting crews with nice cars and offer basically something more to the spectators of the Rally Bohemia."**

More information about the 39th Rally Bohemia can be found on the website at www.rallybohemia.cz.

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