

European Regularity Rally under Tatra mountains

As a separate competition, a high-ranking event of the FIA European Historic Regularity Rally Rally, called 2nd RALLYE TATRY SLOVAKIA REGULARITY 2021, will take place under the Tatra mountains as part of the traditional Poprad-based rally on 28-30 May. Representatives of the International Automobile Federation (FIA) gave the Slovak organizers from the AOS club Poprad confidence and entrusted them with organizing an international regularity race.

Rallye Tatry Slovakia is the oldest automobile competition in Slovakia and one of the most famous rally events in the country. It took place for the first time in 1969 and at the end of May we will welcome participants of the 48th year in Poprad. For the first time and after last year's postponement of the event due to the worldwide pandemic COVID-19, a part of the race will be in the premiere run as a FIA Regularity Rally for historic cars. **"This activity came from SAMŠ after being given an offer from the International Automobile Federation (FIA). It is a separate regularity competition with its own rules on open roads and in standard traffic, maintaining the given average speed per hour. The main idea of this event is a friendly meeting of crews, while the vehicles do not have to have a roll-cage and crew can run without overalls or helmets. Key factor is that the competitors receive the itinerary shortly before the start,"** said Stanislav Hanzeli, the chairman of the organizing committee and director of the rally.

A two-leg regularity competition with a route length of 424 kilometres is divided into three sections. The course, as well as time controls and check points are specified in a road book, which provides the crews with all the information necessary to complete the rally correctly. **"These sections are mostly identical to the special stages of the main rally. The difference is that in the regularity race, the one who will be the fastest does not win. The crew that comes closest to the time predetermined by the organizer wins. We expect the participation of about twenty crews,"** added Hanzeli.

Scrutineering of the vehicles will take place on Friday 28 May in the premises of AUTONOVA complex in Poprad. On the same day, in the evening from 20:15, a briefing with the drivers will take place in the rally headquarters. Start of the 1st stage is on Saturday at 11:50 am in the parking lot behind the winter stadium in Poprad, finish of the opening stage, after completing the city circuit, is in the Stop control of the special stage no. 7. The vehicles will pass the sections of the Vikartovce and Novoveská Huta special stages, the Stratená road section and the Poprad city circuit. The second stage is on the program on Sunday from 9:30 am with the same start in the parking lot behind the winter stadium. The vehicles then will go through the sections Magura and Veľká Lesná. The finish of the rally with prize-giving ceremony will start at 15:15 on the finish ramp in front of the OC Forum in Poprad.

Beside the FIA classification the results will be also included in the Slovak Regularity Trophy of historic cars. Supplementary regulations, entry form and itinerary can be found on the website www.rallyetatry.sk

Last year, a new format was introduced for the FIA Historical Regularity Rally Trophy. It has comprised of national races that are recognized as qualifying ones. After the final round, at the 10th Rally Poland Historic running on November 11-14, the FIA Trophy will be awarded. Crews will qualify to the Polish round, if they start at least one qualifying race and finish in the first third of the result list. There are 20 qualifying events overall in the calendar, but the

question is how many races will be completed due to the global Covid-19 pandemic. In addition to the Slovak competition, qualifying rounds will be held in France, Italy, Denmark, Czech Republic, Austria, Portugal, Russia, Switzerland, Netherlands, Spain and Poland.

The participation in the legendary Rallye Tatry Slovakia is a great prestige and the eventual success has a high added value among the general motoring public. Poprad rally organizers are pleased that the FIA representatives gave them confidence and entrusted them with organizing the FIA Historic Regularity Rally Trophy event.

Other news about the 48th Rallye Tatry Slovakia 2021 will come in the following press releases. They will be published on the official website www.rallyetatry.sk as well as and on the Facebook profile of the Rallye Tatry Slovakia.