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## 2012 FIM International Six Days' Enduro

### The FIM's oldest 'off road' motorcycle event back in Germany

During the FIM Conference Meetings held in Geneva from 25-28 February 2010, the FIM Enduro and Cross-Country Rallies Commission (CER) allocated the organisation of the 87<sup>th</sup> edition of the FIM International Six Days' Enduro (ISDE), in 2012, to the Sachsenring circuit, in the free state of Saxony, Germany. The last ISDE organised by Germany was held in 1989 in Walldürn, Baden-Württemberg.

The FIM International Six Days' Enduro is the oldest 'off road' motorcycle event on the FIM Calendar. The first event was held in 1913 in Carlisle, England. It has occurred annually, at various locations throughout the world, apart from interruptions due to World War I and World War II.

Originally entitled the 'International Six Day Trial', it has been called the 'International Six Days' Enduro' since 1981. Over its long history the rules and conditions have changed to keep in step with the developments in the sport, but it remains a supreme test of rider and machine. Over the six days and upwards of 1200 km a rider must contend with strict rules about time allowances and restrictions on mechanical replacements, carrying out their own track-side repairs.

In recent years, the ISDE has attracted entries of more than 500 riders coming from as many as 32 different countries, together with thousands of support crew and spectators. This has a major impact on tourist income for the venue in which it is based each year.

**Vito Ippolito, FIM President** said: "The FIM is happy to see the ISDE return to Germany after 20 years of absence. We are convinced that the German Federation as well as the ADAC Sachsen will provide everybody involved with the best organisation possible for this major event."

**Torsten Johne, DMSB President** added: "The International Six Days represent the pinnacle of the enduro sport. Therefore, DMSB as the umbrella organisation for all German motor racers is extremely delighted with the FIM's decision to let Germany host this event in 2012. And we will do our very best to make sure that we will be good hosts when the planet's enduro-rider elite makes its first appearance in Germany for more than 20 years."

**Klaus Klötzner, ADAC Sachsen** concluded: "I'm proud of the fact that the German bid for the organisation of the 2012 FIM International Six Days Enduro proved to be successful. We have got outstanding tracks, here at the Erzgebirge in the region around Zschopau, that allows for contesting enduro sport at the highest level."

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### About the FIM ([www.fim-live.com](http://www.fim-live.com))

The FIM (Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme) founded in 1904, is the world governing body for motorcycle sport and is an independent association formed by 101 National Federations throughout the world. It is recognised as the sole competent authority in motorcycle sport by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Among its 49 FIM World Championships the main events are MotoGP, Superbike, Endurance, Motocross, Supercross, Trial, Enduro and Speedway. The FIM also deals with non-sporting matters such as leisure motorcycling, mobility, transport, road safety, public policy and the environment. The FIM was the first International Sporting Federation to enforce an Environmental Code in 1994.



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