

PRESS RELEASE

UNESCO is the official patron of FIVA's World Motoring Heritage Year 2016

FIVA is pleased to announce that UNESCO has granted its official patronage to World Motoring Heritage Year 2016, thereby providing moral endorsement and support to FIVA's exceptional programme.

Director General of UNESCO, Mrs Irina Bokova, congratulated FIVA on the initiative to celebrate world motoring heritage. By promoting the 'living preservation' of historic vehicles and passing on related technologies to future generations, Mrs Bokova felt that FIVA had helped to enhance the value of this exceptional industrial heritage and to foster intercultural exchange between the 64 countries where FIVA is represented. She also added that the activities celebrating the 50th anniversary, in 2016, of FIVA's foundation contributed to the social, cultural, scientific and technical development of mankind.

"I would like to thank Mrs Irina Bokova for bestowing such an honour on World Motoring Heritage Year," says Patrick Rollet, the President of FIVA (Fédération Internationale des Véhicules Anciens), the international federation for historic vehicles. "Such a step recognises the huge efforts of the many volunteers, past and present, who over the last 50 years have unfailingly contributed, through their clubs and federations, to protecting, preserving and promoting world motoring heritage – which is at the very heart of FIVA's mission."

FIVA is planning a range of activities and initiatives to celebrate World Motoring Heritage Year, many of which will continue beyond 2016. This year's celebrations will culminate in week-long celebrations in Paris, FIVA's place of birth.

