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**MOMENTUM CONTINUES TO BUILD FOR TTXGP AS THE FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE MOTOCYCLISME (FIM) CONFIRMS ITS SUPPORT - TTXGP also prominent at Lord Austin dinner**

Interest in the TTXGP continues to grow, as the FIM (Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme) became the latest organisation to support the clean emissions event. The world governing body for motorcycle sport confirmed at its annual conference in February that it was endorsing the world's first clean emissions motorcycle race which will be held on the Isle of Man on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

The TTXGP will provide an international platform for clean-emission bikes and the technology behind them to be tested in an exciting and challenging way. It aims to drive low-carbon technological innovation forward, proving that clean-emission transport technologies have matured and can be fun, fast and exciting.

A number of independent teams from all over the world have already confirmed their entries for this groundbreaking event including representatives from the USA, UK, India, Germany and Austria.

Vito Ippolito, President of the FIM, highlighted the relevance of developing clean emission technology. He commented: "The FIM recognizes the importance of this area that is evolving very quickly. We have had a working group on alternative energies in place for a year and a half, chaired by our American Vice President Robert Rasor, and we are pleased to support the TTXGP race on the Isle of Man."

"The future of the sport depends on our capacity as well as that of the manufacturers to innovate quickly. We are convinced that very shortly the motorcycle World Championships will be accessible to non-polluting engines as far as gas and sound emissions are concerned."

Representatives from the Isle of Man Government including Hon Martyn Quayle, MHK, Minister for Tourism and Leisure, also recently attended and spoke at the Lord Austin dinner and lecture along with TTXGP founder Azhar Hussain.



The Lord Austin Lecture forms part of the Institution of Engineering and Technology's yearly programme of special named lectures and is attended by leading commercial and political figures.

This year's lecture was themed Greener technologies for meaner motor sports. The other speaker at the event was Jon Hilton from Hybrid Systems LLP who discussed the KERS (Kinetic Energy Recovery System) that his company is at the forefront of applying to Formula One this season.

Hon Martyn Quayle, MHK, Minister for Tourism and Leisure, commented: "It is a real boost to the prestige of the TTXGP to have the support of the FIM and also the continued backing of the Institution of Engineering and Technology. Azhar Hussain, the inspiration behind the TTXGP, and I were overwhelmed at the messages of support that we received from leading figures in the world of commerce and technology."

Azhar Hussain said: The TTXGP is all about pushing the boundaries of what is possible with zero-carbon transport technologies and in doing so, securing widespread buy-in for the end to our dependency on fossil fuels. The recognition the FIM has given us today secures the TTXGP's place in the world of motorsport and demonstrates that our mission is already showing signs of success."

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#### **About FIM**

**FIM** ([www.fim-live.com](http://www.fim-live.com)), the world governing body for motorcycle sport, is an independent association formed by 98 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 its main events are MotoGP, Superbike, Endurance, Motocross, Supercross, Trial, Enduro and Speedway. **FIM** also deals with non-sporting matters such as leisure motorcycling, mobility, transport, road safety and public policy and the environment, **FIM** was the first International sporting Federation to enforce an Environmental Code in 1994.

#### **About TTXGP**

The TTXGP, the world's first clean emission Grand Prix, is due to be held on the Isle of Man TT course on June 12, 2009. Rules and regulations for the TTXGP together



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[www.ttxgp.com](http://www.ttxgp.com).

For further details on how to enter and to complete the  
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### **About Lord Austin**

Lord Austin was President of the Institution of  
Production Engineers from 1931 to 1933, when he was  
awarded an Honorary Fellowship. Later known as the  
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now part of the Institution of Engineering and  
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