

THE RALLY PRÍNCIPE DE ASTURIAS IS MORE INTERNATIONAL THAN EVER

The Automóvil Club Principado de Asturias, ACPA, organizer of the Rally Príncipe de Asturias, is working on the preparation of the 46th running of the historical Asturian event, to be run on the 10th, 11th and 12th of September.

All the details of this year's running of the event will soon be available at the rally website www.rallyprincipe.com and once again Oviedo and the central and eastern part of Asturias as the locations.

For the first time in its history, "the Príncipe" will be valid for the FIA European Rally Championship - ERC, the highest category of European rallies, with a coefficient of 10 in the European Rally Cup. There are another 10 European events in the FIA-ERC, with "the Príncipe" being the only Spanish representative.

Furthermore, and for the second year running, the Rally Príncipe de Asturias is part of the IRC (Intercontinental Rally Challenge), a series created by EuroSport Events, focussing on the balance of competitiveness between the spectacular Super 2000 and Group N, allowing the participation together of both the main car manufactures and the amateur drivers, creating a highly competitive playing field that increases the show and excitement of the rallies.

"The Príncipe" is one of the few rallies valid for both international series, the FIA-ERC and the IRC, which means that its 46th running will be the most international in the history of the rally, and it is also keeping its validity for the Spanish Tarmac Rally Championship.

Safety will be, once more, the main target for the organizers, and to achieve this it will be necessary for the collaboration of everybody, especially the always faithful Asturian fans that have already shown their excellent behaviour in previous running of the rally. From the organizer to the security forces use will be made of all measures to take care of the safety of competitors and spectators, keeping, among other features, the so-called 'spectator areas'.

The safety and the whole event organization were some of the factors that made the FIA World Council to choose the Asturian rally among the events looking to enter the FIA-ERC.

With the increased internationalisation of the event, the organiser faces even more important challenges that mean a bigger international projection of Asturias and Oviedo through EuroSport and the FIA, not forgetting the always relevant role of the Real Federación Española de Automovilismo.

We wish a good rally for everybody!

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