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## CORTHALS' RETURN IN HIS HOME RACE

Belgian driver Pierre-Yves Corthals, who was a WTCC regular in 2007 and 2008, will make a one off return to the FIA World Championship for his home event at Zolder on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

As in 2007 and 2008, Corthals will be driving a petrol-powered SEAT León car run by Luc Marchetti's Exagon Racing and backed by SEAT Belgique.

*"I am absolutely delighted to have the opportunity to make a comeback with Exagon in the WTCC. Many of the best memories of my racing career are infact linked to this team and this championship. The WTCC is a series that best suits my idea of motor sport: top-level races in which drivers must fight hard for every fraction of a second. I will give all my best during the Zolder event, because I wish with all my heart to match the expectations of the people who support me in this programme,"* said Corthals.



Pierre-Yves Corthals and his Exagon Engineering SEAT León

## ZOLDER LAUNCHES THE WTCC MEETING

The WTCC Race of Belgium, that will take place on June 20<sup>th</sup>, was launched Thursday in Zolder at a crowded conference attended by a large number of media representatives. The meeting was held during the Sustainable Motorsport Day that the Belgian circuit dedicated to automobile's new eco-friendly technologies.

*"We are very happy to bring the WTCC to Zolder for the first time,"* said the championship promoter Marcello Lotti. *"Not only because Belgium is a strategic market for our manufacturers, but also because it is a country with a long standing tradition for competitions that involve cars closely derived by the production models: GT, rally and Touring Cars. And I am also pleased that we share with the Belgian event promoter the same aims for a greener motorsport."*

During the launch, Rob Huff and Alain Menu took turns at the wheel of a Chevrolet Cruze racing car, offering rides to media and guests.

## MORE THAN 100 BICYCLES FOR MOROCCO'S CHILDREN

On the occasion of the WTCC Race of Morocco last weekend, the FIA WTCC gave its support to the charity association L'Heure Joyeuse in its action against the social exclusion. Throughout the weekend, the WTCC brought its contribution to the Opération-Vélo which aims to collect funds to offer bicycles to the most destitute children in the rural world in order to give them easier access to school. Several children were invited to meet the WTCC drivers, including local hero Mehdi Bennani.

So far, L'Heure Joyeuse has collected enough donations to supply 107 bicycles to Morocco's children.



Children invited by L'Heure Joyeuse with Mehdi Bennani

## MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR MONZA – LAST DAYS

Rounds 5 and 6 of the 2010 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Monza, Italy, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

**The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Please be reminded that media passes issued by National Sporting Authorities and/or any other series (except the FIA Formula 2 permanent media passes) will NOT be valid.**

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to the 2010 FIA WTCC Race of Italy – 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> May in Monza