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1. Welcome

1.1 Foreword

Rally Italia is taking place for the eight times in Sardinia, the second biggest Italian island both for size and inhabitants.

The Italian round of the 2012 FIA World Rally Championship, is organized by Automobile Club Italia, supported by the Italian Automobile Sporting Commission (C.S.A.I.) as far as concern the sporting side, and by ACI Sport S.p.A. for all logistics aspects.

The 2012 edition of Rally Italia Sardegna will take place on October 18th – 21st and will be based in the provinces of Olbia-Tempio and Sassari, thanks to the collaboration of the Automobile Clubs of the Sardinia Region and the cooperation of the local communities and institutions. In these eight years the race has consolidated its role of promotional tool for the island and created touring allied activities with the increase of Italian and foreign spectators which, year after year, appreciated this event and considered it one of the best of the World Rally Championship.

1.1.1 Winners 1970 - 2011

2011 Sardegna	Loeb - Elena	F - MC	Citroën DS3 Wrc
2010 Sardegna	Hanninen - Markkula	FIN	Skoda Fabia S2000
2009 Sardegna	Latvala - Anttila	FIN	Ford Focus RS Wrc
2008 Sardegna	Loeb - Elena	F - MC	Citroën C4 Wrc
2007 Sardegna	Grönholm - Rautiainen	FIN	Ford Focus RS Wrc
2006 Sardegna	Loeb - Elena	F - MC	Citroën Xsara Wrc
2005 Sardegna	Loeb - Elena	F - MC	Citroën Xsara Wrc
2004 Sardegna	P. Solberg - Mills	N - GB	Subaru Impreza Wrc 04
2003 Sanremo	Loeb - Elena	F - MC	Citroen Xsara Wrc
2002 Sanremo	Panizzi - Panizzi	F	Peugeot 206 Wrc
2001 Sanremo	Panizzi - Panizzi	F	Peugeot 206 Wrc
2000 Sanremo	Panizzi - Panizzi	F	Peugeot 206 Wrc
1999 Sanremo	Makinen - Mannisenmaki	FIN	Mitsubishi Lancer
1998 Sanremo	Makinen - Mannisenmaki	FIN	Mitsubishi Lancer
1997 Sanremo	McRae - Grist	GB	Subaru Impreza 555 Wrc
1996 Sanremo	McRae - Ringer	GB	Subaru Impreza 555
1995 Sanremo	Liatti - Alessandrini		Subaru Impreza
1994 Sanremo	Auriol - Occelli	F	Toyota Celica 4WD
1993 Sanremo	Cunico - Evangelisti		Ford Escort Cosworth
1992 Sanremo	Aghini - Farnocchia		Lancia Delta HF
1991 Sanremo	Auriol - Occelli	F	Lancia Delta HF 16v
1990 Sanremo	Auriol - Occelli	F	Lancia Delta HF 16v
1989 Sanremo	Biasion - Siviero	I	Lancia Delta HF 16v
1988 Sanremo	Biasion - Siviero		Lancia Delta Integrale
1971 Sanremo-Sestriere	Andersson - Nasch	S	Alpine Renault A 110
1970 Sanremo-Sestriere	Therrier - Callewaert	F	Alpine Renault A 110

1.2 Presentation of the event

The route of 2012 Rally Italia Sardegna has been changed and innovated always following its consolidated tradition, that is to bring out the uncontaminated environment of the hinterland carefully supervised by Ente Foreste Sardegna.

There are two major changes: one is the length of the event four days instead of three, and the other one is the involvement, for the first time, of Sassari, the second biggest town of Sardinia as far as concern inhabitants. Base of the event will be Olbia which will host the main Service Park at Isola Bianca, the vast Cruise Terminal of Olbia's harbor, which will put at rally disposal an area of 70.000 square meters and that is just five kilometers away from "Olbia-Costa Smeralda International Airport".

The headquarter of the event will be located, for the first time, in Porto Cervo di Arzachena, which will host once again the final arrival and the Prizegiving Ceremony of 2012 Rally Italia Sardegna.

The 2012 edition of this event will be four days long. The rally will start on Thursday afternoon from Olbia then crews will tackle the first Special Stage. On Friday the rally route will head, along the northern coast of Sardinia, to Sassari, base of the Remote Service Park, and Castelsardo. Saturday and Sunday the competition route will go through the areas of Monte Acuto and Gallura. The event will end with the final arrival at Porto Cervo di Arzachena on Sunday afternoon.

1.3 Validity

The rally Guide 1, published in the month of June 2012 has not regulatory power. It is a document produced for all Teams, Competitors and Media representatives to prepare in advance the Italian round of the FIA World Rally Championship. Any further updates will be published on our website www.rallyitaliasardegna.com.



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