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2020 FIM Sidecar Motocross World Championship cancelled

The FIM and the promoter Apo Multimedia regret to announce the cancellation of the 2020 FIM Sidecar Motocross World Championship. In making this difficult decision, careful consideration was given to the fact that a vast majority of the events on the 2020 calendar had already been cancelled due to the ongoing pandemic and that there is no guarantee that it even would be possible to run the few remaining events still scheduled on the calendar. Rather than wait and leave everybody in uncertainty, both parties agreed to focus on 2021 and to start preparing for the next season.

Whilst such decisions are always disappointing, especially for the riders, the FIM and Apo Multimedia will continue to work together to ensure a strong championship in 2021 so as to provide a positive focus for all parties, whom they would like to thank for their kind understanding and support during this challenging period.

Mr Martin Bena, CEO Apo Multimedia said: *"Our amazing sport depends on spectator support track-side, both for the atmosphere, and as a revenue stream. Without a guaranteed number of spectators through the gates, the risks for organisers in financial terms are high, and therefore it is unfair to ask them to put their necks on the line in these uncertain times."*

"From a rider perspective, with the differing rules in place from country to country, there is also an unfair training and practice situation, so certain teams will be more prepared than others."

About the FIM (www.fim-live.com): The FIM (Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme) founded in 1904, is the governing body for motorcycle sport and the global advocate for motorcycling. The FIM is an independent association formed by 112 National Federations throughout the world. It is recognised as the sole competent authority in motorcycle sport by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Among its 50 FIM World Championships the main events are MotoGP, Superbike, Endurance, Motocross, Supercross, Trial, Enduro, Cross-Country Rallies and Speedway. Furthermore, the FIM is also active and involved in the following areas: public affairs, road safety, touring and protection of the environment. The FIM was the first international sports federation to impose an Environmental Code in 1994.