

REGISTRATION RESULTS AND FS EAST DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS

IN GERGELY LAGLER'S EYE

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FS EAST TECHNICAL MANAGER

At the time of writing the operative team has just finalized the registration list, nine days after opening the registration quiz. In short numbers around 210 teams participated in the quiz competing for the available 30 CV, 20 EV and 10 DV positions. The 60 teams advancing into the next round are the first big winners of FS East 2018, they can participate in the high-level, five day long competition taking place from the 18th to the 22nd of July.

As the FS East organizer team consists of FS Alumni committed to the FS Movement, this was one of our most exciting times of the season. It was a huge joy seeing all the teams eager to participate from all around the world and it was heart-breaking to read the letters from teams on the waiting list. The event is growing year by year, but due to our limitations the line had to be drawn at 60 starter slots in 2018.

Willingness of teams during registration stems from several factors. We take this year's high numbers as a strong positive feedback, and as the recognition of our hard work from the teams. Thank you very much in the name of all FS East organizers!

FS East has been started in 2016 with the goal of creating the big, professional engineering competition of the Central- and Eastern-European region. The "EAST" mark was chosen in cooperation with the Formula Student Organizers World Council, indicating in the name of the event that we strive for creating the technical gathering of the region. In the first year of East we had a comfortable job with only 29 participants, but that was the time when we started organizing housing in a camping area close to the track, which posed a real challenge for the organizers. The circus tent created a distinct mood.



*Greetings from
Formula Student East!*

MADE OUR FIRST YEAR A REAL SUCCESS.

THE SUPPORT OF AVL AUTÓKUT ENGINEERING LTD., OUR SEVERAL YEARS' WORTH OF EXPERIENCE AS FS ORGANIZERS, AND THE HELP OF OUR OLD FS ALUMNI FRIENDS MADE OUR FIRST YEAR A REAL SUCCESS.

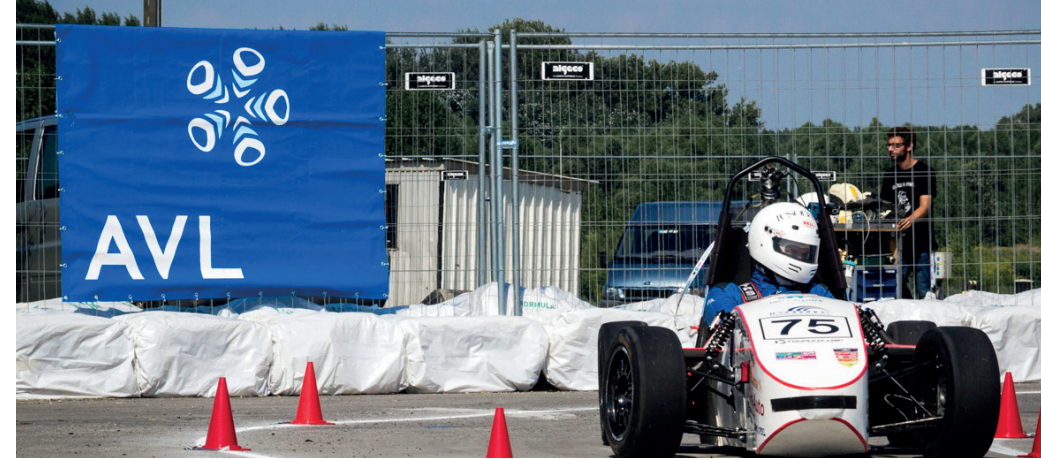
We knew that to be able to grow the competition we had to leave the harbour of Győr-Gönyű, and thus in 2017 we moved to the bigger Euroring racetrack. In 2017 the racing calendar turned out to be unfortunate since FS East, FSUK, FS Italy, and FSN competitions were all held at the same time, which was negative for the whole FS community. We were very happy that despite the collision, almost all of the top ranking teams wanted to come to our event, where the very strong line-up resulted in a competitiveness factor of 0.99.

Audi Hungaria Zrt. joined FS East this year as main sponsor of the event. Their high quality professional exhibit, and young, friendly team quickly found its way to the hearts of FS team members. In this year it was established that everyone who counts in Hungary represented themselves on the event as sponsors, judges, or visitors.

Zdena Kroupová, Zdenek Houf, Markus Ketonen, Sebastian Wawersig, and Jan Klinger received the recently created "Five Star Award" for their five continuous years of priceless support of Hungarian FS events.

Imola and Tamás Berkecz, Zoltán Bálint, Zsolt Bojkovszky have also been awarded with special awards for their continuous support.

This year we founded the FS World Alumni Summit, held at day zero of the competition, on which we talked about the role of Alumni in the FS Word, and had great fun with several activities before jumping in the organization of the competition.



WORLD RANKING LIST EVENT

Right in the first year we made history by getting on the FS World Ranking List, for which we are eternally grateful to the FS World Council, and to those who compile the list. We feel that this way all teams who chose us could receive a little more (UPBracing Team e.V., and CAT Racing was there before FS East was cool, #WeWentToEastBeforeItWasCool). It became clear at this time that 2017 will bring a bigger and fiercer competition. In 2016 we also made friends with some members of Team Bath Racing, who won FSCz in the same year, and who strengthened the organizing team of FS East in 2017 as judges, scrutineers, and helped designing the trophies.



COOPERATION BORE FRUIT

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THE HIGH LEVEL OF 2017'S FIELD PUT A GREAT DEAL OF PRESSURE ON THE VOLUNTEER STAFF, BUT THEIR WORK AND THE EXCELLENT COOPERATION OF THE TEAMS BORE FRUIT.

Personally I had to experience some new emotions. With Alexander Dudás and Tamás Csütörtöki, we spent the days of the event in pleasant excitement.

Everything went in order, the staff did their best job, so we had no difficult tasks. On the evening staff meetings we evaluated events of each day and organized new tasks with the full support of our subcontractors.

The exceptional heat, and seasonal rain complicated the tasks of judges and dynamic leaders, they often had to make responsible decisions, but we successfully made it to the farewell party this year too.

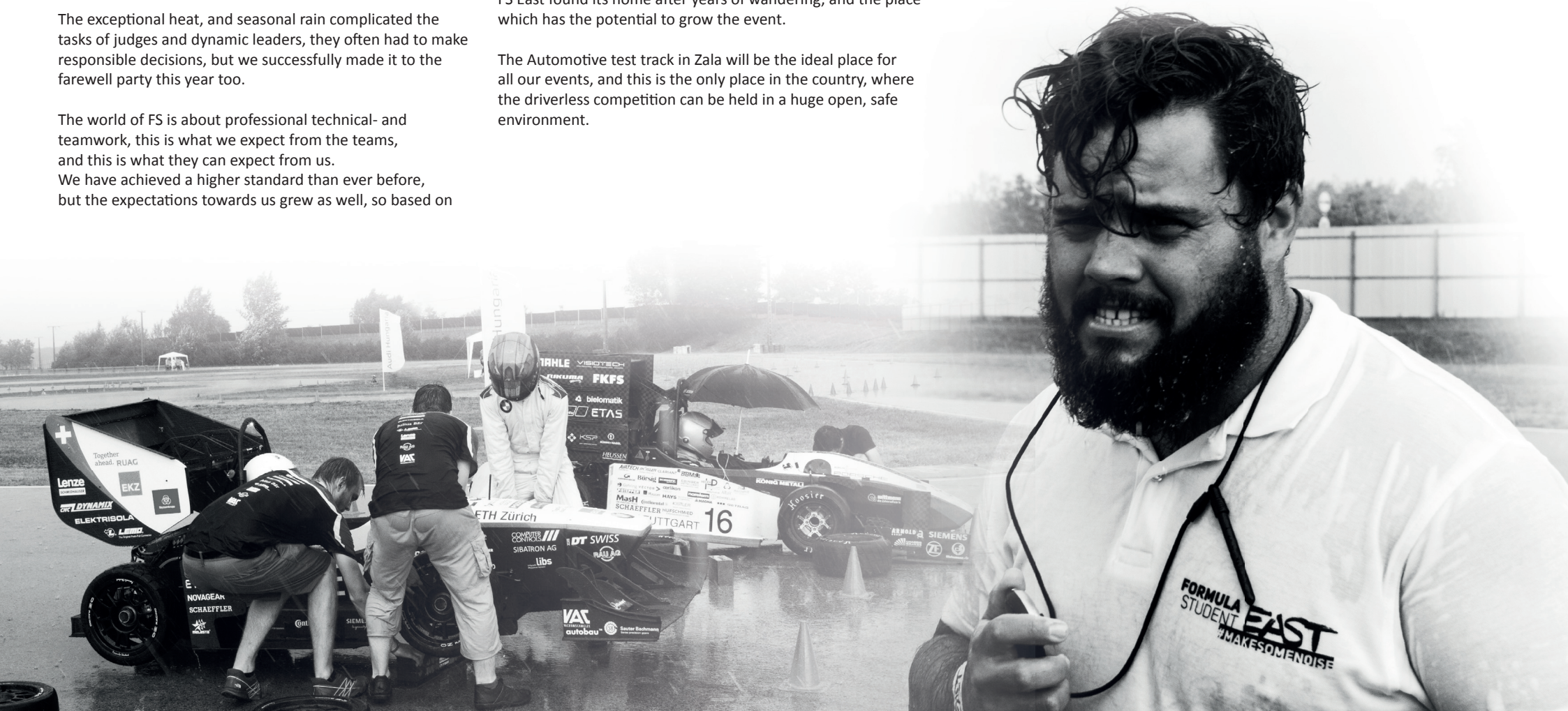
The world of FS is about professional technical- and teamwork, this is what we expect from the teams, and this is what they can expect from us.

We have achieved a higher standard than ever before, but the expectations towards us grew as well, so based on

the countless useful feedback I was not sure that the teams were satisfied with us until the registration in 2018.

We think of being able to host the event of 2018 at Hungary's new MEGA project location, with the technical support of the constructor, as a great result of 2017. The venue used by FS East will be handed over in April 2018. This is the place, where FS East found its home after years of wandering, and the place which has the potential to grow the event.

The Automotive test track in Zala will be the ideal place for all our events, and this is the only place in the country, where the driverless competition can be held in a huge open, safe environment.



WE CONDUCTED OUR BIGGEST ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Drafting the 2018 event calendar took place on the successful FS World Council 2017 held at FS Germany. We, European organizers, agreed to do everything we can to avoid collisions of event dates, and during the later continuous liaisons every organizer did their best. It was our great pleasure to see the success of FS World Council 2017, and to be a council member.

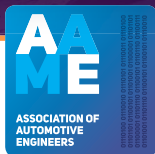
FS Germany launched FS Driverless in 2017, and in cooperation FS East joins this initiative in 2018.

After 2017 we conducted our biggest organizational development, which rationalized the workload of the staff, and which was necessary for future development.

A few days before the registration quiz of 2018 we saw that over 200 teams will compete for the open positions, and that the starter list of all three categories will fill up. Around the same time, the “pre-registered” top 6 of 2017 and the top Hungarian team all confirmed their participation, which was a great pleasure for us.

Now, 9 days after the quiz all teams who got in have confirmed their participation, so we already know we will hold our biggest FS competitions so far.


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