

**Ufficio Stampa - Press Office****THE RALLY D'ITALIA SARDEGNA ORGANIZING COMMITTEE WELCOMES THE MEDIA**

At the presence of the the major regional media representatives, this afternoon has taken part a press conference at the Head Quarter of the event, Sol Melià hotel in Olbia, in order to introduce the Rally Italia Sardegna, sixth Round of the World Rally Championship and third appointment of the Junior WRC.

Angelo Sticchi Damiani, President of the Organizing Committee, Gianni Giovannelli, Olbia's Major, Mario Maulu, President of the Automobile Club of Oristano, Giovanni Monaca, Director of the Automobile Club of Sassari and Pier paolo Seddone, President of the Automobile Club of Nuoro, were all present.

Angelo Sticchi Damiani – President of the Organizing Committee

To face for the fifth time this extraordinary adventure is really a great joy for all of us.

The effort that the Automobile Club d'Italia faces in organizing the Rally d'Italia Sardegna is never ending. We perfectly know that we can count on a willing team that allows us to live our Organizing's role in a very peaceful way. A great economical effort due especially to the safety aspect. It is not unusual that our Rally was the most safety one last year. It could not be different. When a National Authority is directly involved in the Organization of such an event, it must be an example for everyone. We have reached our goal and now we have not only to maintain this level, but to improve it over and over. Also in the promotion area we have reached important goals and on Sunday thanks to the cooperation with RAI, a live broadcast of the last Special Stage will be possible. We are sure that it is possible to organize the most beautiful Rally in the world and we are working to reach this aim thanks to the important cooperation with the local authorities too. ACI is a non-profit public entity.

Gianni Giovannelli – Major of Olbia

First of all I would like to welcome everybody. It has been several years that we cooperate in occasion of this event. The Rally is one of the unrenounceable appointment for Olbia, an event that is of great importance for the visibility of the territory and we will be always present.

Especially thanks to the quality of the Organizing team that let us feel very confident. I'm sure that the Rally d'Italia Sardegna may become even more important.

Mario Maulu – President of AC Oristano

I would like to thank the Automobile Club d'Italia for the great opportunity it has given to the provincial AC to be a part of the Organizing Committee. We are very proud of it and I'm sure we can be useful.

Giovanni Monaca – Director of AC Sassari

I can just underline the high profile of the Organization. I totally agree with Sticchi Damiani's mind when he talks about the important role of ACI. The local AC helps with the participation of several Marshalls. We want to grant a lucky future to this important event.



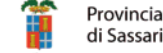
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Pierpaolo Seddone – President of AC Nuoro

It is very important for me even because it is the first time that the Nuoro's province hosts a Rally raced on gravel. We would like to enlighten the Sardinian hinterland, a very fascinating territory.

The Starting Cerimonial of the Rally Italia Sardegna will take place tomorrow at 20:00, in the enchanting surrounding of the Marina Vecchia in Porto Cervo.

In the morning Drivers will be involved in the shakedown, pre-race appointment, in the area of Monte Pinu. The race will start on Friday 16th. A total of racing 1.035 km which 344.73 will be chrono. 17 Stages hosted for the most part along the roads of the Forestall Authority.

The provinces of Olbia-Tempio, Nuoro and Sassari will be involved in the race.



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