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TODAY THE STARTING DECLARATION OF THE 2ND LEG OF THE MEDITERRANEAN TROT CHAMPIONSHIP 2009 OF SUNDAY MAY 3RD AT AGNANO RACETRACK IN NAPLES - ITALY DURING THE 60TH GRAND PRIX LOTTERIA MEETING TOOK PLACE

This morning the starting declaration of **the 2nd leg of the Mediterranean Championship 2009** scheduled at Agnano Racecourse in Naples, Italy, Sunday May 3rd in the day of **Gran Premio Lotteria – Trofeo SNAI (Group 1 race, 3 heats, final and consolation prize for a purse of € 600.600)** took place.

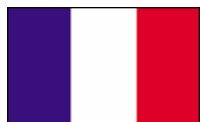
The General Secretary of the foreign Consuls in Naples performed the drawing of the 8 horses racing in **the “Campionato del Mediterraneo” race** (for Italian 5 year-olds and older horses on 1600 meters with autostart departure), that will be driven **by the following drivers**: Croatia (David Ljubic), France (Jean Paul Fasquelle), Italy (Mario Ferrara), Malta (Claudio Refalo), Russia (Alexander Mashinets), Serbia (Boris Kecenovic), Slovenia (Ales Pavsic) and Ukraine (Olga Bondar).

According to the horses performances, the best horse of the race should be, in spite of the bad starting number, **n° 8 Indor Roc driven by the Russian representative Alexander Mashinets**, who should be fighting for the victory with **n° 6 Eternomsk Mapas** driven by the Serbian representative Ivan Vukov. Good chances also for **n° 7 Invola RI** driven by the Maltese driver Claudio Refalo and for **n° 5 Entourage**, driven by the Italian Mario Ferrara, who won his last race 2 weeks ago exactly in Naples.

THE DRIVERS PARTICIPATING IN THE NAPLES CHAMPIONSHIP LEG

CROATIA – David LJUBIC

30 years old, he drives since 1998 and is one of the best Croatian drivers. He won over 30 races in career, 15 of which in the last seasons. He won the classical race “Big award for Cobrenz”, Fegat Grand Prix in Zagreb, Oreh Grand Prix and was second in the Derby.



FRANCE: Jean Paul FASQUELLE

57 years old. 486 victories in career, he participated in the Championship in 2007 finishing 5th and in 2008 finishing 2nd. In France he won several classical races, among which Prix de la Ville de Cagnes-sur-Mer, Grand Prix du Conseil General du Var and Coupes des 4 ans in Toulouse.

ITALY: Mario FERRARA

43 years old. 5.947 races, 916 victories and 3443 places in career. Earnings for € 4.778.920. Roman trainer and driver, winner of the Italian leg of the Italy/France Challenge in 2005 and of the Mediterranean Trot Championship 2009 Malta leg.





MALTA: Claudio REFALO

129 races in the last 2 seasons, with 18 victories and 40 places, among which 5 victories in Gold Races.

RUSSIA: – Alexander MASHINETS

42 years old, driver and trainer of “Ak buzat” racetrack in Ufa, where the final leg of the Mediterranean Championship will take place this year. He started as an apprentice at 22 years and became professional in 1989, after graduating at the drivers school of Ufa city. 2884 races in career, with 543 victories, among which 107 classical races. He established 18 records, 2 of all Russia. He won 6 Derbies (5 in Ufa and 1 in Samara) and participated in the Paris-Moscow challenge in Vincennes, France.



SERBIA: Ivan VUKOV

42 years old, over 500 races in career with 114 victories. He raced in Croatia, Hungary, Czech Republic and Ukraine.

SLOVENIA: Ales PAVSIC

37 years old, he drives since he was 16. 66 victories in career on the about 500 races run. He raced in Sweden, France, Austria, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia and Italy. He won the Mediterranean Championship in 2007.



UKRAINE: Olga BONDAR

38 years old, owner and breeder, she is a driver since 15 years. 1258 races in career with 321 victories. In Ukraine she won the Derby in 2001 and 2004, the President of the Republic Prize in 2006 and the Ministry of Agriculture Prize in 2007. In 2008 she ran the French leg of the Mediterranean Championship finishing 2nd.