



Press Release

WES moves to Bologna for the second Round of the season Presented by Suzuki Hybrid

Monaco (P.ty) Friday 30 April 2021 – The first WES Italian round of the season, **Bologna-Appennino, Presented by Suzuki Hybrid** is due to take place at the Bologna venue on the **5-6 June**.

The event featuring a **double UCI E-MTB XC World Cup race**, with Race 1 to be held on the Saturday and Race 2 on the Sunday.

After witnessing some exciting action at the previous event, some other well-known WES names will join the previous Monaco Round protagonists to make their debut this season.

Local star **Marco Aurelio Fontana** (Focus), 2012 London Olympic bronze medallist, will be one of the big names appearing at the second round of WES Bologna-Appennino. *“WES believed in E-Bikes since its very beginning. It is getting better and better every year, to offer great show and superb competition. After the past two editions in 2019 and 2020, this time I’m sure we will see another step forward at the Bologna-Appennino Round and riders will make the most of the Apennines!”* Fontana declared.

The Italian, with over ten podiums at world and European events and the 2019 WES E-XC title, will battle again this season against E-XC specialist and WES Men’s current standings leader, **Jérôme Gilloux** (E-Team Moustache), silver medallist at the 2020 UCI E-MTB World Championships. Fontana’s fellow Italian, **Andrea Garibbo** (Haibike) will also join the scene in his WES home round.

Nathalie Schneitter (Trek), 2019 UCI E-MTB World Champion and WES Monaco 2020 race winner will line up in the Women’s field, facing current WES standings leader **Sofia Wiedenroth** (Specialized), reigning World Champion, **Mélanie Pugin** (BH E-Racing Team) and compatriot **Kathrin Stirnemann** (Thömus RN Swiss Bike Team).

The racing will consist of 30 international teams, between factory squads and privateers, supported by the top e-bike manufacturers all turning up at the start line.

WES facts in brief:

- 50+ Top World-Class Athletes, Women & Men
- 3 Olympic Medallists
- 4 Multiple time World and National Champs
- 1 Dakar Driver Athlete

- 30 Affiliated and Factory Teams



- 19 Bike Manufacturers
- 6 Engine Manufacturers

In accordance with anti-Covid regulations, WES will set up an expo area that will serve as the heart of the event, with a paddock to host all pre-race activities including tech inspections, e-bike demo area and the logistics hub with race direction, press room and sport office within a unique ancient venue.

The race HQ will be located at Castiglione dei Pepoli, in Piazza della Libertà - the medieval town centre - and the official award ceremony will be held there. The race courses will be partly located within the Camugnano area.

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