

Rally d'Italia Sardegna

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All the secrets of Rally d'Italia Sardegna Interview with Lucio De Mori

Deputy Clerk of the Course of the Italian round of the World Rally Championship

"Italy has a high level rally culture, one of the most riches championships at national level and has the capability to organize the best rally among the world championship rallies. We are working to achieve this target and we are sure that our rally is going to one of the best rounds of this world rally season". Who is saying this is Lucio De Mori, Deputy Clerk of the Course and Safety Officer of Rally d'Italia Sardegna, one of the most important man in rallying at international level. He was born in Belluno (northern Italy) in 1950, De Mori has been working for this rally since the first edition in 2004 and therefore he knows even the most hidden characteristics of this race.

"It's a race that is putting its root deep in this territory. A race that lives in touch with the people living in Sardinia, that are beginning to feel this race like part of them.

As far as concern the technical point of view it is a safe rally, the average speed is not very high, but the drivers have to be concentrated all the time. This race has some very peculiar features, very different from the other races of the World Rally Championship".

A world level event needs a lot of people. How many persons are going to be employed in the whole to prepare this rally in Sardinia?

"As far as concern the organization we have approximately 1500 persons, including officials, marshals, persons in charge of security, medical service, time-keepers, all persons in charge to guarantee the good unrolling of the race. We have to add other 1000 persons: drivers, mechanics, team managers and others and at least 400 persons of the police and military force. Furthermore there are journalists, tv cameramen and press in general national and international, I would say other 400 persons"

An "army" that works uninterruptedly for the organization of the race. Could you tell us all the steps to follow from the first draft of the regulation up to the arrival?

"The first step is, of course, find the route and immediately afterwards start the contacts with the local administrative authorities in order to get the necessary authorizations. The route needs to be checked throughout the year, it is important to do some investigation on the spots in order to solve immediately problems that may arise during the year due to the weather, landslide or other facts. Another important step is the logistic and the production of all the necessary documents like Rally Guides, Service Plan book, Road Book, maps and others. All the documents needed to know the rally. Then we have the race itself and everything has to be just perfect and we have to follow closely the whole unrolling of the race".

Often during the rally one need to take extremely delicate decisions in a very short time. What is the secret not to make mistakes?

"It is necessary to be constantly concentrated, to know exactly how everything works and to know the territory. All the possible emergencies are simulated before the race, all the problems that might rise during the rally are examined thoroughly. This makes the reaction quick and efficacious.

There are several different reasons to come see the rally from May 18th to 21st can you tell us the major ones in your opinion?

"One is to discover or discover again a different Sardinia, a beautiful and unpolluted environment, with a unique landscape. All this besides the show offered by the best drivers and the best cars in the world. This year we increased our efforts to make easier for fans to follow the race. We arranged some very nice, safe and spectacular areas along the rally route, signalled and easy to reach and marked also on maps that will be distributed to the public. Who is interested to come see the rally can find information on our web site www.rallyitaliasardegna.com".

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