

# FIM WOMEN'S TRIAL NEWSLETTER

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## About the FIM Newsletters

The purpose of the Newsletters is to have a channel of communication about Women's Trial, sent directly to YOUR inbox.

To keep our enthusiastic riders and to recruit new riders, we need to take Women's Trial seriously and give you girls what you deserve: A sport that receives increasingly more attention from the general public and gets publicity in media and TV. To achieve this, we need of course a high level of riding and more riders attending the races. This again depends on the riders being respected and enjoying themselves in a friendly environment. That is where information and communication is essential: Communication meaning both listening and speaking, i.e. dialogue.

The FIM Women's Trial Newsletters are scheduled for four issues a year:

- March: To kick off the season.
- June: To sum up the season so far and prepare the last part of the season.
- September: Preparing and planning for decisions about next year.
- December: News for next year.

We really need opinions and contributions from YOU. Feel free to send us reports from your country or team. Tell us who you would like us to portrait. Tell us what you would like to read about.

## Words from the Editor



Welcome to the first FIM Women's Trial Newsletter, addressing first and foremost girls and women riding Trial. Hopefully we will also reach everybody else interested in Women's Trial. During the 2000 FIM Congress in Portugal, the FIM Trial Commission (CTR) established a Women's Trial Working Group (WTWG) as the first Commission to make a systematic and planned effort to raise the level and promote the diffusion of Women's motorcycle sport worldwide.

Since then, we have seen a huge increase in the number of women riding Trial around the world. We have created a strong FIM Women's Trial World Championship, as well as a European Championship and National Championships in 11 countries.

But we need to strengthen our efforts even more, and one of the key factors will be communication and information between all parties involved with this exciting sport. Launching the FIM Women's Trial Newsletter is one of the ways we intend to achieve this. Communication should always be both ways. Give us feedback & your ideas!

## Summary

### FIM TRAINING CAMPS

Report from Germany and information about Italy & Sweden on page 5.

### EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Read about the concluded European Championship inside at page 3.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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### PAGE 4: THE PORTRAIT

These two pictures of IRIS KRÄMER were taken in 2005 and 2009. As you can see she has her mouth wide open in both. Did she ever shut her mouth in the years in between these two moments? Well, not too often - and that is a good thing! Why?

Get all the answers reading The Portrait at page 4.

## New faces

The two polish riders had their international début at the first round of the European Championship in Poland. Clementine from France was spotted for the first time in Andorra.



Anna Wygachiewicz, POL



Paulina Siuty, POL



Clementine Deguilhen, FRA



Riders at the first WC round in Andorra 2009

## 2009 UEM Women's European Championship - Finished



### Final podium

- 1: LAIA SANZ (SPA - Montesa) European Champion 2009
- 2: BECKY COOK (GBR - Sherco)
- 3: IRIS KRÄMER (GER - Scorpa)

Also this year, the European Championship was held with 3 rounds: Krzeszovice, Poland in May, Pragalato, Italy, and Tanvald, Czech Republic, in July. Looking at the calendar - both the travel distances and the dates - we know that this was not ideal at all, also considering the financial crisis. We know that many riders decided only to compete in the FIM World Championship due to the time and costs of riding both WC and EC.

This resulted in the lowest number of competitors in the history of EC - and the same happened with the International Class. A shame, really, as all three rounds was very well organised with good sections enjoyed by everybody.

One of the reasons for this situation was that very few FMNs and organisers applied for organising the Youth- and Women's events, and the commission had to accept the few possibilities they had. Hopefully a better coordination between CTR (FIM) and the UEM Commission in creating a calendar and perhaps combined FIM/UEM events, as asked for by the riders last year in Andorra, will result in better calendars for the future. Hopefully more federations will also take responsibility and apply for a round?

Europe has more riders on a good level than ever before. There are more girls riding Trial around Europe than it has ever been. Young riders: The International Class is a nice way to collect experience.

Join us - it's not too difficult and it's great fun!

UPCOMING EVENTS SEPTEMBER 09	SEPTEMBER 12	SEPTEMBER 15-16	SEPTEMBER 18	SEPTEMBER 19
	<b>FIM WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP</b> Second round to be held in Isola 2000 - near Nice in France. (A)	<b>FIM WOMEN'S TRAINING CAMP</b> This year the camp will be in Torre Pellice, near Torino - on your way to the TdN...(B)	<b>FIM WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP</b> Third round to be held Friday during the TdN weekend in Darfo Boario Terme, near Milano. (C)	<b>FIM WOMEN'S TRIAL DES NATIONS</b> Meet all the girls from around the world Saturday during the TdN weekend. (C)



Born: 22.06.81 in Darmstadt, Germany  
Living: Rodau, Germany with Robert.  
Job: Clerk at a car dealership

First international event: Unofficial European Women's Cup, Italy 1998

FIM Women's Trial World Champion 2007  
European Champion 1999, 2000 and 2001  
World podiums: 14 (of 16 events)  
European podiums: 25 (of 28 events)

Women's Trial rider's representative  
Member of the FIM Commission for Women in Motorsport (CFM)

**16 years ago something important happened to a little German girl in a little German village. The village was named Gross-Bieberau and the girl's name was Iris. She got her first Trials bike, a 50cc Mechatecno. That changed her future - and perhaps also the development of Women's Trial.**

**AM:** -You have a fantastic statistic in international championships. In 44 events since 1999 you have been on the podium 39 times. Is this due to talent or hard work?

**IK:** -This is a thing which I'm 100% sure about. I don't have a lot of talent - it is more hard work. When a talent needs only a few repetitions to learn something new, I need 50 or more :-).

**AM:** - In the middle of your own career you occupied yourself with lots of other things: CFM member, rider's representative and organising training camps. Why?

**IK:** - I want to bring the women's Trial forward by speaking with the FIM on behalf of the riders and get more girls to the world rounds and the training camps and improve the level of the young girls. This all sounds like dreaming, but you need to start somewhere. You can't always complain about things and do nothing.

**AM:** - How long will you keep up competing on an international level?

**IK:** - This will be my last season. I haven't said it official yet. My arm needs another operation because things start to move inside again. I don't want to take any risk to not be able to hold in a handlebar anymore! I will always ride Trials, this is for sure!! And maybe I come back to the TdN for the German team?

**Always engaged and outspoken, Iris does not keep her mouth shut if she has an opinion or an idea (or when she's riding...). Thank you for that, Iris! Women's Trial has improved a lot because you are not able to shut up. And as if that wasn't enough, as the years have passed, she has developed into a good listener.**

**AM:** - In your opinion, what should we do to have more girls attend the international events and raise the level?

**IK:** -Difficult question! I think we need to start at the national level, making more training camps supported not only by the FIM, but also by the national federations. Many national federations don't understand that you need to work and support the young girls. The calendar has to be so that we can keep the travel costs low. It makes more sense travelling to a race where you can race for two days.

Iris also has a strong opinion about the hot discussion these days about "no stop" or not: "For sure not no stop, this is in my opinion going back!!! I don't understand why they want to change that, there are other things we can change to make Trial more interesting! The most important thing is for the FIM to have a meeting together with the riders (like we have for the women) and listen to different ideas!

**AM:** - Finally, Iris, any advice to riders?

**IK:** - The girls should get to know each other better; they can be competitors during the race, but before and after they can be friends - like Laia and me. This makes life in the paddock and when practising so much more enjoyable and fun.

## FIM Women's Trial Training Camps

The FIM Girliecamp in Germany was organised this year for the 5th time by Iris Krämer. The venue was Großheubach, one of the best Trial areas in Germany. As usual, this camp saw more girls than any other FIM Women's Training Camp: 43 girls. The age span is fantastic: The youngest girl was only 8, with a 53 year old "grandma" in the other end of the scale. Girls and women of all levels, from beginners to the WC podium, were trained by no less than 8 coaches. With small training groups of 5-6 riders and at least 6 hours of training each day, the outcome for the participant was very good.



The weather was perfect and really hot. In the afternoon everybody was searching for the shadow places for practice.

German Champion Jochen Schäfer was hired by the FIM as "head coach" for the camp. This year the FIM also asks the FIM coach to give a seminar on training girls, inviting all interested club coaches (and father) to attend. It is important to give the girls the best possible trainers all year around, not only during camps.

As the camp was held mid-week, all the riders stayed on in Großheubach to ride in the DMV Hebo Trial Ladies Cup at the same venue the following weekend. So this competition has 42 starters - not bad for at national women's competition....

The hope now is that with the practice, the training seminar and the inspiration, the young girls are soon ready to move on to the international events and the international championships. If you do, we will take good care of you, girls!

## Join the next camps in Italy & Sweden

### TORRE PELLICE, ITALY

Traditionally, we have organised a FIM Women's Trial Training Camp between the FIM World Championship round the weekend before the TdN and the TdN. This year, this camp will be run by the Italian Federation and the club of Mario Candellone, the photographer that many of you know from WC rounds. He's a big fan of Women's Trial and one of the pioneers organising international women's events in the nineties.

The camp will have riders on all levels - hopefully also many Italian young girls. This is the place to be between the two events! September 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> are the dates.

To enter, follow the instructions in the box below.

### KINNA, SWEDEN

This camp is open to everybody, but we really hope to have many riders from the Nordic countries and we will specially invite our neighbours in Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Poland and Czech Republic to attend!

This will be in October - probably the weekend 10th - 11th. When everything is fixed, all of you receiving this newsletter will also get a notification about this camp. Mark the weekend in your calendar NOW!

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Contact for Kinna: [magnus.liljeblad@svemo.se](mailto:magnus.liljeblad@svemo.se)

**ENTRY FORM:** To attend a camp, you will need to fill out the entry form, attached to this Newsletter email. The entry form is to be stamped by your national federation and sent to the FIM by email or mail 15 days before the camp.

**ACCOMODATION FOR ITALY:** Contact the lodging facility near the practice area: <http://www.joycenter.it>

## We are on TV!!!



Some of you will remember that we talked about better media coverage during the FIM Women's Trial round in Andorra last year: Television, internet pages and newsletters.

You are reading the newsletter. The Internet page may be a reality given some time.

In the meantime you can enjoy the first production of FIM Women's Trial on FIM TV ([fim-live.com](http://fim-live.com)) or on the FIM Channel on Youtube ([www.youtube.com/user/tvfm](http://www.youtube.com/user/tvfm)) and, of course, on Eurosport 2.

Watch out for coverage of the last 2 rounds and TdN.

## Words from the rider's representative



I hope this newsletter finds you all well. I also hope you are looking forward to our two FIM Women's Trial World Championship rounds to be held in France and Italy this year - and of course to my favourite event, the FIM Trial des Nations.

As you all know the numbers of girls competing in World and European rounds are getting less and less. Of course, I know the big problem is the money it takes to travel to all the competitions.

We talked about solutions last year in Andorra, but it takes time (and sometimes money) to put things right, so we have to continue our constructive dialogue with the FIM Trial Commission and the UEM.

Also this year we would like to have a meeting at the TdN in Italy - with all the girls together - to find out what we can do in the future to make the situation for the girls better and to get more girls enter all rounds.

It would be nice if all of you think about the actual situation and write some things down about how we can "pimp" the world rounds!!! This is very, very important for the future of Women's Trial! So please take the time to think it over. Discuss and share your ideas!

Best regards and keep on practising.

Iris Krämer



UPCOMING EVENTS OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 09	OCTOBER 10-11	OCTOBER 22-26	OCTOBER 31
	<b>FIM WOMEN'S TRIAL TRAINING CAMP IN SWEDEN</b> The camp will be held near Gothenburg in the south of Sweden.	<b>FIM MEETING IN GENEVA</b> The CTR will decide on the 2010 calendar, rule changes and plan for the future.	<b>UEM MEETING KRAKOW</b> The UEM Trial Commission will decide on the 2010 calendar and rule changes.

## Join the Pink Bibs



**590** licensed women in Trial

Trial is the **most gender equal of all disciplines** in motorcycle sports with 5% women

**14** different countries from 4 continents have entered the FIM Women's Trial des Nations

In Norway (NMF), **10%** of all licensed riders are women (88 licenses)

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