

PRESIDENT: PALMINO POLI (ITALY)



As a young lad, he would often replace Latin lessons with practice sessions in the workshop of an old mechanic. From then on, this passion never abandoned him. At the age of sixteen, he got his first Harley (WLA 45) from an American base, and also an ITOM of only 50cc. An all-round lover of scooters, motorbikes and cars, which he acquired through the years, he avoided selling or trading them because – as they say in Neapolitan songs – they are ‘a piece of one’s heart’.

His collection includes Italian makes (Rumi, Guzzi, Innocenti), German ones (BMW, Zundapp), and English ones (Norton). When he set off for an outing, he would bring along his wife and dog, who often found themselves spending time in the tow-truck. He has always collected spare parts because “you never know when they might come in handy”, books and leaflets illustrating the culture and history of motorbikes. He believes professionally in the founding and running of societies (he has covered a number of posts within the food industry) and supports the world of collector’s items.

He was the organizer of the FIVA World Motorcycle Rally in 2012.

Currently, he is the national President of the Commission for ASI Motorcycle Events.

MARIOLOPOULOS PANAGIOTIS – TAKIS (GREECE)



He is an architect and owner of a company specialized in the construction, import and trade of internal stairs. Recently, he has also entered in the market of organized tours with classic motorcycles round Greece.

His first bike was a 1953 HOREX REGINA that gave him a lot of fun and troubles. Since then, he has got a lot of classics that are now parked in his new company premises, which have a magnificent view of the Athens Acropolis.

He is one of the founding members of the Hellenic Classic Motorcycle Club and its president since 1996. He is also Vice President of E.O.FILPA (ANF of FIVA) since its foundation and member of the FIVA M/C Commission since 2000 (under the presidency of Benito Battilani).

He owns one of the largest private collections of classic motorcycles in Greece with all kinds of bikes, including a lot of Italian (Moto Guzzi, Laverda, Gilera, Mi-Val, Parilla, etc), English (Matchless, Velocette, B.S.A., Brough Superior, Douglas, Norton, Triumph and Sunbeam), many German (among which 35 different BMW models), American, French and Belgian made motorcycles.

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Since 2001 he has participated in all FIVA W.M. Rallies. For most of them he traveled from Greece riding his bike. He has also organized the 2001 and 2007 FIVA World Motorcycle Rallies in Greece.

WILLY HOF (GERMANY)

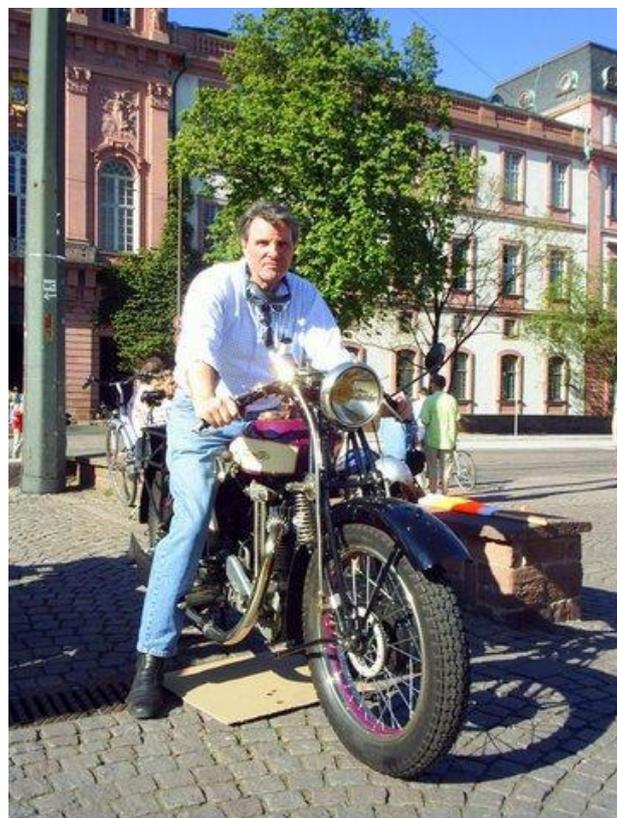
He worked for German automobile companies (Opel, VW/Audi, Ford) for 42 years.

After retirement he joined one of Germany's oldest Veteran Clubs (VFV), which is a club for 3000 private members and an association for 230 clubs. Here he served as member of the board before he became president for 10 years. In 2010 he stood back as president and is now representative for other Associations and political work for the VFV.

He is Vice-President of the Motorcycle Commission of FIVA since 12 years and since 2012 member of the Trade & Skills Working Group of FIVA delegated from Germanys FIVA ANF ADAC.

Privately he owns five motorcycles (from 1928 to 1990) and enters about 5-7 major motorcycle events every year.

He was the organizer of the FIVA World Motorcycle Rally in 2006.



ANDREW STEERS (ENGLAND)

He was introduced to motorcycling by his late father who taught him to ride his BSA Bantam at the age of 12 (a motorcycle that he still owns...) and it started a passion he has had for the rest of his life.

Nowadays, he has almost 20 motorcycles on the road with a mixture of two-strokes and four-strokes from seven different motorcycling nations.

He has been a member of the British Two-Stroke Club for 23 years, the Vintage Motor Cycle Club of GB and also a representative for the British Federation of Historic Vehicle Clubs.

He was the organizer of the [FIVA World Motorcycle Rally in 2011](#).



PETJA & NATASHA GROM (SLOVENIA)

Since 1998 Petja Grom has devoted himself exclusively to his studies on the history of vehicles. He founded a small [Motorcycle Museum in Vransko](#) that today is well known in the international field and it is recognized as one of the most important in the industry, which holds a rich collection of historic vehicles from the beginning of 1900 to 1980.

For over fifteen years he writes thematic articles that are published in various newspapers and magazines around the world and helps publishing a journal of historic vehicles in Slovenia. He is a coauthor of all national laws concerning the protection of national treasures of vehicles, now considered period pieces.

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His daughter, Natasha, the secretary of our Motorcycle Commission, is the head of legal office and Public Relations of SVAMZ (Slovenian Veteran Car and Motorcycle Association) and an active member of ICOM (International Council of Museums) in Slovenia.

They were the organizers of FIVA World Rally in 2008.



CRISTINA SOLER (SPAIN)

She belongs to a family absolutely involved in the motorcycle world. Her grandfather, Mario Soler, was one of the first motorbike collectors and restorers in Spain. Her uncle was a popular off road rider who achieved many titles throughout the sixties and seventies and her father started working in the competition department of Bultaco brand and later on, he focused on the arrangement of motorsports events.

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She is currently responsible for the Mario Soler Motorcycle Museum Foundation, a nonprofit making entity which manages two specific museums: The Bassella Motorcycle Museum (opened in 2002) and the Barcelona Motorcycle Museum (inaugurated in 2011).

She is also the Communication Commission director of the Ancient Vehicles Spanish Federation (FIVA ANF FEVA) and she was the organizer of World FIVA Motorcycle Rally in 2010.



BJORN AUSTAD HVALEBY (NORWAY)

Born 1964 and had his first real motorcycle experience as a 5 year old when his older brother with his friends came home with BSAs, Triumphs and Matchless. Some year later, an old two speed moped served as a toy on the farm but was soon to slow and the first real motorcycle he was driving was the 1951 Triumph Speed-Twin.

Bjørn has been involved in the Norwegian Veteran Motorcycle Club and has been chairman of the local club, member of the central board and also secretary general for 13 years. He has been a board-member of the ANF of Norway since 2008 and president from 2013.

In the workshop there are motorcycles from nearly all decades from the oldest, a 1909 Wanderer to the newest, a 1998 BMW. Bjørn has been a member of the organizing committee

of several national and international rallies, last time the four day Trondheimsridtet that was part of the FIVA International Motorcycle Week 2014.



PAVEL SIMEK (CZECH REPUBLIC)

When he was a child, he was strongly influenced by his father and father's friends who have been devoted lovers of historical vehicles. His first historical motorcycle was Jawa 250 from 1948 as a project. He collected old Jawa and CZ motorcycles in the 90's.

Around 2000, he bought a Scott 600 Flying Squirrel 1930, which fascinated him so much that, as a result, he began to focus solely on the producer of these motorcycles. Currently he has been collecting, restoring and running British and racing motorcycles, especially Scott and ČZ.

He regularly participates in many events, e.g. rallies, hill climbs, racings, demonstration rides, etc. He won the Czech Championship of Racing Motorcycles up to year 1930 in 2006 and 2007. He organizes or co-organizes a several events for historical vehicles each year.

He is the chairman of the Vetaran Car Club Dvur Kralove nad Labem (CZ), representative of the Scott Owners Club (UK) for Central Europe and member of the Vintage Motorcycle Club (UK).



JEAN-PAUL VEAUDEQUIN (FRANCE)

Since 40 years, when he bought his first motorcycle, a Spanish machine for trial, Jean-Paul Veaudequin has devoted a very important part of his life to motorcycling. Since 1983 until 2010 he worked as a Photography Editor for big French magazines like Moto Revue, Moto Verte, and then Moto Journal and Moto Crampons, as a specialist in side car cross, Speedway and Ice Racing. In 2001, with the creation of Enduro Magazine, he has been in charge for the Vintage page until 2010.

As founder President of the Rétro Enduro Club of France, he has started the Enduro Trophy of France old-style. As member of the Commission Old Motorcycles of the UEM (which is now called FIM Europe), from 2001 to 2008, he organized a European Trophy in 2004.

As Vice President of the Motorcyclist League of Normandy, he is responsible of the Enduro Commission, President of the Motorcycling Committee of Eure, race director, Jean-Paul is also very involved in FFVE, the FIVA French ANF, of which he is a member of the Board.

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He loves racing bikes and is making an archive research about the ISDT (International Six Days Trial, created in 1913). He has already gathered many documents, badges, road maps, programs and medals.

His motorcycles: Gilera, KTM, Penton, SWM.

