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IRRC, FSBK and FR EU: five wins and a total of 12 podium finishes in six races for the BMW S 1000 RR racers.

- **Sébastien Le Grelle, Didier Grams and Marek Červený have a successful start to the 2017 International Road Racing Championship.**
- **Kenny Foray wins and takes the overall lead in the French Superbike Championship.**
- **Michel Amalric and Cyril Brunet-Lugardon step onto the top step of the podium in the French European Bikes Championship.**

Munich. Three race series, three times big success for the BMW Motorrad Motorsport family: in the six races held at the weekend in the individual championships, the BMW S 1000 RR racers celebrated no fewer than five wins and a total of 12 podium finishes. Sébastien Le Grelle (BEL) led the strong BMW array at the season opener of the 2017 International Road Racing Championship (IRRC) at Hengelo (NED). He won both races, while Didier Grams (GER) and Marek Červený (CZE) joined him on the podium. In the French Superbike Championship (FSBK), Kenny Foray (FRA) was victorious in Nogaro (FRA) and took the overall championship lead. At the same venue, Michel Amalric (FRA) and Cyril Brunet-Lugardon (FRA) took the wins in the French European Bikes Championship (FR EU). With their results, the riders took a good points haul for the 2017 BMW Motorrad Race Trophy.

International Road Racing Championship in Hengelo, the Netherlands.

The Varsselring in Hengelo (NED) hosted the International Road Racing Championship (IRRC) 2017 season opener. The BMW S 1000 RR road racers continued what they did last year - they dominated the series. The strong array of BMW Motorrad Motorsport riders was led by Sébastien Le Grelle (BEL) of team Herpigny Motors – BMW Motorrad Belux. The Belgian won both races and set the



fastest race lap on both occasions. German road racing ace Didier Grams (G&G Motorsport by Todoracing) finished both heats in second. Marek Červený (CZE / Wepol Safemetal Racing) was fourth in race one and also stepped onto the podium after the second race, when he claimed third position. This second race saw a 1-2-3-4 result for the BMW riders, as Martin Pärtelpoig (EST / MBH Superbike Team) completed the top-4 in fourth place.

Didier Grams: “It was a great weekend and it went very well for us. I was second in both timed practices and then to finish second on the podium in both races was fantastic. I am really very pleased with the season opener. We had no incidents, we collected a good amount of points, the BMW S 1000 RR was great and the team did a superb job. I just have to work on my own performance a little bit in order to try to beat Sébastien Le Grelle. But overall it is looking really good.”

French Superbike Championship in Nogaro, France.

Kenny Foray (FRA) of the Tecmas Racing Team enjoyed a successful weekend in the French Superbike Championship (FSBK). The series held its second round of the 2017 season at Nogaro in the South of France. In race one, Foray secured third on the podium, while in race two, he was unbeatable on his BMW S 1000 RR. The Frenchman celebrated his first win of the season and also set the fastest race lap. The results give Foray the overall lead in the FSBK championship standings.

Kenny Foray: “It was a good weekend for us. In the first race, I found a really good rhythm but it would have been very difficult to take the win because Jeremy Guarmoni was very fast at the front. In race two, I took the lead on the opening lap and I kept it until the finish line to take the win. I am really happy and I hope that this was just the first of many victories.”

French European Bikes Championship in Nogaro, France.

The French European Bikes Championship (FR EU) also held its second round of the 2017 season at Nogaro (FRA) at the weekend. In the first of the two races, the BMW riders were the dominant force. They secured a top-5 lockout for the BMW S 1000 RR. Michel Amalric (FRA) of the Tecmas Racing Team took the win after a fantastic



battle at the front. Cyril Brunet-Lugardon (FRA / Gers Moto Vitesse Ordannaise) set the fastest lap and finished second on his home track – just 0.044 seconds behind Amalric. Julien Brun (FRA / JB Racing Team) joined them on the podium in third. Fabien Gabrielian (FRA / FG Racing) and Hernani Teixeira (FRA / Team ERT Motorshow) completed the success in fourth and fifth position.

In race two, it was Brunet-Lugardon's turn to take to the top step of the podium. With an impressive 16 second advantage, he celebrated his first victory of the season. He also set the fastest lap again. Amalric was third, while Brun and Gabrielian followed in fourth and fifth. After the second round of the season, Brunet-Lugardon is the overall leader. His younger brother Florian Brunet-Lugardon (FRA) did not compete in the races.

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