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Two more titles for BMW racers: Federico D'Annunzio is champion in the Italian National Trophy 1000, Amirul Hafig Azmi wins the Superstock title in Malaysia.

- **Titles number seven and eight of the season for the BMW Motorrad Motorsport community.**
- **First, second and third: BMW riders dominate the championship standings in the Italian National Trophy 1000.**
- **Amirul Hafig Azmi produces brilliant performance to win the title in the Malaysia Superbike Championship.**

Munich. The BMW Motorrad Motorsport family can celebrate titles number seven and eight. The 2018 Italian National Trophy 1000 (INT) champion is Federico D'Annunzio (ITA). Fellow BMW riders Luca Salvadori (ITA) and Remo Castellarin (ITA) ended the season in second and third place to complete a one-two-three for BMW racers in the series. In the Malaysia Superbike Championship (MSC), Amirul Hafig Azmi (MAS) was crowned champion in the Superstock class (MSC STK) after a brilliant performance on the final weekend of the season. The final races of the year were also held in the Alpe Adria Road Racing Championship (AARR) and the Italian Superbike Championship (CIV). In the AARR, Karel Hanika (CZE) and Arnaud Friedrich (GER) secured two wins each, while Luca Vitali (ITA) claimed a CIV podium finish.

Italian National Trophy 1000 at Vallelunga, Italy.

Federico D'Annunzio (ITA) arrived at the final round of the Italian National Trophy 1000 (INT) at Vallelunga (ITA), to the north of Rome, as the championship leader. The BMW racer did not make it onto the podium in either of the final two races of the year, however, 13th and seventh places earned him enough points to wrap up the title win.



The race for the title was remarkably close, with BMW racers the key protagonists. The runner-up in the overall standings after the final race is BMW rider Luca Salvadori (ITA) – just 1.5 points behind champion D’Annunzio. Third place in the championship also went to a BMW S 1000 RR rider: Remo Castellarin (ITA).

The final two races of the year both produced a win and a podium finish for BMW racers. The opening race was suspended after four laps, meaning only half points were awarded. Victory went to Agatino Alex Sgroi (ITA), with Castellarin crossing the line behind him in second place. In race two, Salvadori was first across the finish line, followed by Castellarin in third place.

Malaysia Superbike Championship at Sepang, Malaysia.

The winner of the Malaysia Superbike Championship (MSC STK) Superstock class was decided in a thrilling finale by a perfect performance from BMW racer Amirul Hafiq Azmi (MAS). The TOC HKMTOYO Racing Team rider was second overall going into the final round of the season at the “Sepang International Circuit” near Kuala Lumpur (MAS). The finale featured four races – and Hafiq Azmi won all four with a commanding lead. In doing so, he scored the full 100 points on offer and clinched the title in a manner worthy of a champion.

Sharulnizam Ramli (MAS), of FTA Liqui Moly Racing team, also claimed two podium results, with a second and a third place. Ramli ended the other two races in fourth place.

Four races were also held in the Superbike class (MSC SBK). Mohd Ramdan Rosli (MAS / TOC HKMTOYO Racing Team) made it onto the podium as runner-up in the fourth and final race. He had previously failed to finish the opening two races and ended race three in fourth place.

Amirul Hafiq Azmi: “First of all, I would like to thank everyone who has supported me, my sponsors, my family and friends. It was very hot in the races on Saturday and I really struggled for grip. That improved on Sunday, but I did not give it everything. I did not want to take any unnecessary risks. For me, it was not about setting the fastest lap time – instead, I just tried to finish the race well. My goal was to win the title.”



Alpe Adria Road Racing Championship at Oschersleben, Germany.

BMW riders once again showed what they are capable of at the Alpe Adria Road Racing Championship (AARR) finale at Oschersleben (GER). In the Superbike class (AARR SBK), Karel Hanika (CZE), of the Mercury Racing Team, was once again unbeatable. The Czech racer bagged another brace of wins at Oschersleben, also setting the fastest lap in both races. His team-mate Ondrej Jezek (CZE) came home third in race two. Jezek had previously finished sixth in the opening race. Christopher Kemmer (AUT / Bertl K. Racing Team) was fourth and fifth.

In the Superstock class (AARR STK), BMW racer Michal Filla (CZE / BMW Sikora Motorsport) had already been confirmed as champion at the penultimate event of the season at the Red Bull Ring (AUT), however, it was another BMW rider who stole the limelight at the Oschersleben finale where Team LRP Poland's Arnaud Friedrich (GER) won both races and set the fastest lap both times. BMW racers also claimed another one-two-three for the RR in the final race of the season. Friedrich was joined on the podium by Filla and Michal Prášek (CZE / Rohac and Fejta motoracing team) in second and third place respectively.

Italian Superbike Championship at Vallelunga, Italy.

The final round of the 2018 Italian Superbike Championship (CIV) also took place at Vallelunga (ITA), and there was a podium result for the BMW S 1000 RR: Luca Vitali (ITA / DMR Racing) came home second race two, having previously finished eighth in race one.

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