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Another great weekend for the BMW S 1000 RR: A stunning performance in WSBK and a double podium in South Africa.

BMW racer Markus Reiterberger caused a stir at the second round of the 2016 FIM World Superbike Championship in Thailand, while Lance Isaacs celebrated being on the podium twice in South Africa.

Munich (DE), 16th March 2016. Racing on two different continents: Last weekend, the international BMW Motorrad Motorsport racing family was in action in Thailand and in South Africa. The races for the FIM Superbike World Championship (WSBK) in Buriram (TH) and the South African SuperGP Champions Trophy (RSA SBK) in Phakisa (ZA) brought more successes for the BMW S 1000 RR.

FIM Superbike World Championship in Buriram, Thailand.

For round two of the 2016 FIM Superbike World Championship (WSBK), the BMW teams and riders and the experts from BMW Motorrad Motorsport travelled to Asia. The Thai round of the elite class was held at "Chang International Circuit" near Buriram (TH) last weekend. The two BMW customer teams in the WSBK, the Althea BMW Racing Team and Milwaukee BMW, were greeted by hot conditions with ambient temperatures rising up to 36 degrees Celsius and track temperatures in the mid-40ies. This did not prevent the BMW riders from once more being the best privateers in the field.

The 22-year old BMW racer Markus Reiterberger (DE) especially received a lot of attention: The Althea BMW Racing Team rider, who is only contesting his first full season in the WSBK, impressed with another strong performance. In the first race on Saturday, he claimed a stunning fifth place amid the strong field of factory riders. In Sunday's second race, Reiterberger was again the best privateer rider, crossing the line in seventh. His team-mate Jordi Torres (ES) contributed to the strong team result by Althea BMW. The Spaniard set the third-fastest time overall in Friday's practices and finished both races in eighth position.

For Milwaukee BMW, Buriram marked the second racing event on the world stage. The team worked on further fine-tuning the set-up to the needs of riders Karel Abraham (CZ) and Josh Brookes (AU). One of the targets for the weekend was to qualify for the deciding Superpole 2. This was achieved by Abraham, who set the fastest time in Superpole 1. Brookes also nearly qualified for the final qualifying session, but missed it by two thousandths of a second. In race one, Abraham was fighting for 11th position when he crashed on the final lap. Brookes collected a point by finishing 15th. In race two, Abraham was 15th, directly followed by Brookes in 16th.

The WSBK now returns to Europe, with the third round of the 2016 season being held at MotorLand Aragón (ES) from 1st to 3rd April.

South African SuperGP Champions Trophy in Phakisa, South Africa.

The success story of the BMW S 1000 RR in South Africa continues with another double podium. The second round of the 2016 South African SuperGP Champions Trophy was held

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at Phakisa (ZA) last weekend. A strong contingent of no less than 11 BMW privateers linedup on the grid.

The BMW array was spearheaded by Lance Isaacs (ZA): The experienced South African BMW S 1000 RR rider claimed third on the podium in both races. In race one two other BMW racers also finished within the top-ten: Nicolas Grobler (ZA) was seventh, Daryn Upton (ZA) came home tenth. The second race saw four RRs crossing the line in the first ten positions. Upton followed closely behind third-placed Isaacs in fourth, Garick Vlok (ZA) was ninth and Grobler tenth.

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