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In this short Bulletin, you will learn that the proposed World Championships in 2018 in China have been cancelled and that we are in discussions with another country to host them for us.

I am sorry this information has taken so long to reach you and that you may already have received it via rumour or other independent social media. I and all our other Vice Presidents have been working tirelessly for some considerable time with the Chinese Taiyuan Hovercraft Association to see if there was any way we could keep their World Championships on track. In the end, it proved impossible and that is why we find ourselves in this situation.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Tony M. Drake'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Tony M. Drake JP. WHF President.

Cancellation of the World Hovercraft Championships in China.

You may recall that at the last WHF Board meeting in the UK in 2016 the Board accepted a bid from the Chinese Taiyuan Hovercraft Association (CTHA) to host our World Championships in 2018. As China is new to WHF it is necessary that the CTHA organize a major trial race meeting on the proposed site one year prior to a full World Championship. This is to demonstrate to the WHF that they are competent in all respects to organize a major event and that a full World Championship may take place.

Despite everyone's best endeavours there was not sufficient evidence to demonstrate that a trial race meeting was possible this year so the decision was taken to withdraw our permission for the CTHA to host our World Championships in 2018.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the CTHA offer everyone their unreserved apologies for not being able to honour their commitment to host our World Championships but promise to continue to build experience so that they may re-bid again in the future. In return, the WHF have offered all the assistance we can give to assist them in their aims.

Alternative World Championships 2018.

You may also recall at our last Board meeting that if for any reason the World Championships in China did not come to fruition then the Hover Club of Germany may be able to step in. It is pleasing to report that investigations to see if this is possible are already taking place and a decision will be announced soon.

Formula 50 ~ alternative engine.

Just a reminder ~ A WHF Board e-mail vote took place in 2015 concerning the addition of an alternative engine for Formula 50. The vote confirmed that the Russian engine type RM-500 (also known as PM3-500, RMZ-500 or TAJGA-500) with its standard exhaust is an acceptable engine for Formula 50. This vote was too late for inclusion for the World Championships in 2016 but is now acceptable for all future World Championship events.

A New Member Country.

Our Secretary has recently received a message indicating that Spain wish to become a member of the WHF and he is currently dealing with their application.

Circulation.

As usual this Bulletin will be circulated to as many people as possible but please pass it on to anyone who you think may be interested.

And a Final REMINDER.

Please do discuss any of the above issues, or other matters that concern you, with your colleagues and your Country's representative. This way the WHF can take your views into account and develop for the future.

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Please inform our Secretary, Sacha Rouchier, at whf@hovercraftitalia.com , if your country has made any changes.