



Esanatoglia ready to host the Internazionali d'Italia series

The second stage of the Internazionali d'Italia series will be held in the Marche on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st March with the Santoporo XC.

A tried and tested track, with a number of technical improvements, for an event that has already attracted a record number of bookings, which will benefit the entire surrounding area.

Santoporo XC is preparing for its second edition within the Internazionali d'Italia series, after the great success of last season.

The team coordinated by Rossano Mazzieri - General Manager of the Superbike Team and coordinator of Santoporo XC - is already working on the track, which will be largely the same as last year, but with some interesting improvements.

The circuit is 3.6 kilometres long and is located on the Gina Libani Repetti International Cross-Country Track, a permanent circuit that will allow cross-country enthusiasts in the area to try their hand at cross-country skiing at night.

It is a quite demanding and very pleasant track, where different types of terrain alternate, as in the case of one of the decisive points: the rock garden. In fact, this section is divided into two different parts: the first is natural and then leads into the artificial rock garden.

It is here that the organisers have made a change from last year, as Mazzieri explains: "Just before this section, which is so special and important, we have built an easy line that will allow the athletes to enter the rock garden in complete safety". But the changes don't stop there, continues the Santoporo XC coordinator: "We have also included a more technical section on the descent to the Jurassic Trail, which we have called the "Drop Arrow". It is a parabolic curve that will make this section even more spectacular and at the same time allow the riders to reach the next section, the Jurassic Trail, with more momentum".

The improvements have not been limited to the track, but have also included the team and camper areas, which have been enlarged to accommodate the large number of competitors expected for the weekend of the Internazionali d'Italia series.

The hotel facilities in Esanatoglia have already sold out, so much so that the organisers have had to call in hotels in neighbouring towns, some dozens of kilometres away, to cope with the demand. It is therefore expected to be a very popular edition, which will be of great benefit to the entire area.

As the Mayor of Esanatoglia, Luigi Nazzareno Bartocci, points out: "For Esanatoglia, the appointment to the Internazionali d'Italia series is renewed this year, thanks to the great commitment of the organisers and the many volunteers who make it possible. Such an important race can only be an excellent showcase for our territory, so rich in trekking and MTB trails.

All the more so as it will be using a structure in our parish, the Cross Course, which is already being planned for further expansion. I can only thank the entire International team, because this year we



are expecting an impressive number of spectators, so much so that we are extending the motorhome areas in order to accommodate everyone in the best possible way. We are looking forward to welcoming the big names at the start of the races on Saturday, as well as the young people who will be competing on Sunday, young people who are our future and who, thanks to events like this, can grow by learning the fundamental values of sporting culture. Finally, I would like to thank CONI and the Marche Region for including this event among the ten most important sporting events for the region in 2024, a recognition that fills us with even more pride and responsibility".

The first athletes will arrive in Esanatoglia on Friday 29th March for the free training session scheduled from 15:00 to 18:00.

On Saturday 30th April, the Santoporo XC programme will begin with the Junior Men's race at 11.00, followed by the Women's (Open and Junior) at 12.00 and the Open Men's at 14.30.

The next day, Sunday 31st March, the focus will be on the young riders, starting at 10:00 with the Rookies, Juniors and Youngsters categories.