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## **Targa Florio Classica 2020**

***Today the press conference at AC Palermo: "The Targa Florio does not stop"***

Palermo, 14 October 2020 - The press conference for the presentation of the **Targa Florio Classica 2020** took place today at the headquarters of the **Automobile Club Palermo**. To tell the story of the event, born from the joint efforts of **ACI** and **AC Palermo**, with the support of **ACI Sport** and **ACI Storico**, were **Angelo Pizzuto**, **President of the Automobile Club Palermo** and **Marco Rogano**, **General Manager of ACI Sport SpA**, who wanted to reaffirm the commitment of the organization in carrying on the legend of the **Targa Florio**, in its version of historical re-enactment, although necessarily having to make some waivers in compliance with current regulations regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. This edition will in fact be closed to the public and will not stage the traditional start with the line-up of the cars in Piazza Verdi, in order to avoid gatherings and situations of health risk. But the **Targa Florio** is a symbol of Sicily, **Angelo Pizzuto** wanted to emphasize, and as such it does not stop.

The route was also presented, which consists of **2 official stages plus an optional one** that will constitute a stand-alone competitive event. The first day, **Friday 16 October**, represents the variable part of the itinerary, designed with the aim of showing each year new areas of a magnificent territory, steeped in history and culture, which fits perfectly with the spirit of the revival event. This year we will start on the road of the salt pans, towards **Trapani**, then the stop in **Marsala**, at the well-known **Cantine Florio** where the iconic wine that takes its name from the town is produced, then a passage to **Campobello di Mazara**, which gave birth to top drivers such as **Moceri** and **Passanante**, hence the return path to **Palermo**.

For the second day the classic route of the **Targa Florio** will return to the scene through the **Madonie**, towards **Termini Imerese**, to then revive the myth of **Floriopoli** and the **Piccolo Circuito delle Madonie**, on which, **Professor Salvatore Requierez** wanted to remember "*it was made the history of motorsport!*". The stands of **Cerda**, **Caltavuturo**, **Polizzi Generosa**, **Collesano** and **Campofelice di Roccella** will be the historic locations crossed by the caravan of cars.



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Finally, it will end on **Sunday 18 October**, with a last lap outside the ranking, in a competitive event on the **Circuito della Favorita**, a short but highly prestigious route, which represents a worthy end to an event of great historical and sporting value, valid for the **Campionato Italiano Grandi Eventi ACI Sport**.

**Nino Vaccarella and Giovanni Mocerì**, champions of yesterday and today, also took part in the conference, confronting each other in different ways and eras along this route. "*The Targa Florio is a legend, it is right that it continues to stay alive in all its forms*", said the "*preside volante*", also recalling the times of speed. **Mocerì**, on the other hand, a specialist in classic regularity in search of the fifth Sicilian victory, underlined the difficulty of blocking the stopwatch to the hundredth of a second, in a challenge that is first of all with oneself; he wanted then to compliment the organization of the competitive path, for the commitment and the large number of chronometric and average tests.

The participation of the sponsors, **Mafra, ACI Global Servizi and Sara Assicurazioni**, was also fundamental for the event; As well as the technical partners **Chinotto Neri, Fiuggi and Duca di Salaparuta**; of the **Museum of Motors of the Museum System of the University of Palermo** which, as a technical partner, will be the organizational headquarters on competition days and the essential work of the **official timekeeper Tag Heuer**.

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