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From 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October 1981 the island hosted the 56<sup>th</sup> edition of the ISDE, the International Six-Days Enduro, known as the Olympics of the motorcycle.

For the first time the competition, born in 1913, was registered for the title as Champion in the world of Enduro.

After six days of tight racing, the Italian teams won first places in the rankings - an unprecedented success.

To celebrate this great race, still remembered internationally as one of the most beautiful editions, MG events has organized in partnership with the Moto Club Elba Island and under the auspices of the FMI (Italian Motorcycle Federation) and FIM Europe (International Federation), a three-day race for vintage motorcycles that will take place in the same places, over the same routes and in the same period of the original race.

From 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October 2015, 250 riders from all over the world, many of whom participated in the original edition, will gather once again on the island to compete for the Trophy and the Silver Vase.

There will be many former world champions present again at the start, some even with the same bikes that saw them triumph in 1981, including the overall winner and 1981 World Champion Alessandro Gritti.

The competition will be open only to those motorcycles with a certificate of historical importance. In addition to these riders, the race will be open to some fifty 'Gentlemen Riders' who will participate outside the classification.

Everywhere in the world races and re-enactments take place, but an event like this has never before been organized. Three days of competition on routes obviously age-appropriate to vehicles and drivers will create an environment of great interest and charm, with all riders again ready, in the spirit of the times, to do battle in the Elba mountains.



In addition to the 250 participants, to date we have over 160 registrations with riders and teams from 9 countries including Japan, Canada and Australia. Public participation will be similarly numerous and of course the media will be present, as in the old edition.





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The Paddock will be set up on the docks of Portoferraio, and that in itself promises to be quite a spectacle, while the Parc Fermé and the departure will be positioned within the historic center of Portoferraio. All 250 riders will then parade along the coastal road to compete in the special Enduro, Cross and Acceleration tests.

There are some important side events programmed, such as a display of original and never before seen photographs taken during the race by Walter Arosio and Tinin Brizio, as well as a display of some important motorcycles that took place in the original Six Days.

The event is unique of its type and is intended to become a fixed appointment to round off the European classic Enduro season each year.

The period chosen was reasoned to be appropriate also for the still active hotels calendar, avoiding an overlap with the tourist season, allowing a reduction in accommodation costs since there is no provision to assist the riders who will bear the financial burden themselves. This includes all the local costs, transfers and entry fees that will be especially heavy for Northern European riders.

So for both riders and passionate fans and spectators, the race starts from 13.30 on 16th October 2015 at the Portoferraio docks.

Don't miss it.



*photos courtesy Walter Arosio & Tinin Brizio*

