

## **Newsflash – CAI 2010 Altenfelden-Mühlthal, Austria**

Christian Iseli is going to be the 2010 parcoursdesigner of the CAI competition of Altenfelden, Austria. Since the start of the CAI-competitions 18 years ago Helmut Rath was the parcoursdesigner of our International competition. Unfortunately he was not able to continue with this assignment due to his struggle with his health.

We are delighted to inform you, that we were able to convince Mr. Christian Iseli to be the parcoursdesigner of our CAI in 2010. He is since several years a well known, Internationally acclaimed parcours designer, had assignments during several World Championships and is going to be the parcourschef of the Single World Championship 2010 in Rome.

The new board of the organising club URFV Altenfelden-Mühlthal mad a future-oriented decision to recruit Christian Iseli, which is based on the desire to secure long-term a successful CAI in Altenfelden and we are looking forward to a good cooperation!

### **Interview with Christian Iseli:**

*What was the first Impression of the competition ground and the obstacles here in Altenfelden?*

„It is a wonderful area for such a great International driving competition, which I unfortunately did not knew before, I was only here once - about 10 years ago! According to the great starter field from various different nations, which is seldom the case, one can assume, that the drivers love to come to Altenfelden and are comfortable here– and that should remain unchanged! The central location of Altenfelden and the optimal date (middle of June) are also great prerequisites for a continued development of the event.

The Obstacles are in need of renovation, they are missing the “modern touch”, there is currently only a limited ability to vary the gates within the obstacles from year to year.

We are going to modernise the obstacles and raise them to current International standard, that these variabilities are then available in the future. Therefore the competition will continue to have the right to be awarded the status of a qualification event for future World Championships.

Ulrike Janiczek, who is about to be qualified as an International parcousdesigner and is currently gaining experience with state of the art parcoursdesign on International level, is going to be my assistant!”

*What are your goals for the Altenfelden CAI 2010?*

- To modernise the obstacles and to adjust them to current International level
- To built an 8<sup>th</sup> obstacle
- To have marathon obstacles which are a challenge for all different driving classes (Singles, Pairs, Teams). Not only but also due to the very large starter field in each class.
- To make the competition and the marathon more attractive for the drivers, and to lay the foundation for a potential award of a Championship to be held in Altenfelden in the future.
- To keep the character of the event unchanged versus previous years, because the drivers are here because they like the event! This should stay unchanged!
- The winner of the CAI Altenfelden should be the favourite for coming Championships!

The intial drawings of the modernised obstacles were already drawn by Christian Iseli, the principles of the necessary modernisations were discussed with those members of our club, who are responsible for the various obstacles. Additional inspection are going to happen in March together with Ulrike Janiczek. The final completion and technical inspection of the obstacles is going to occur in May.