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What a stunning edition of the UIM AWARDS GIVING GALA!

The fifth UIM Awards Giving Gala has been unquestionably a great success. An impressive event, organized at the Salle des Etoiles in the Principality of Monaco, where a remarkable audience gathered to crown the last Powerboating season champions and the prestigious UIM Awards winners. The event has been opened by HSH Prince Albert II in front of 500 guests, which included VIP's, national authorities, celebrities, and the UIM World Champions and Awards winners.

Monaco gave again a warm welcome to all the Powerboating stakeholders and fans convened from all over the world. Over 60 UIM World Champions from 40 different countries attended the UIM yearly event receiving their well deserved honours. During the Ceremony, the 2013 UIM Environmental Award Winner (Columbus Yachts, 40S Hybrid) and the three UIM Special Mentions (Azimut-Benetti Group, Vripack and VSY) received their recognitions.

This year the Stefano Casiraghi Memorial Trophy has been awarded to Her Royal Highness Princess Ann, Royal Yachting Association President. The RYA is the driving force behind the dedicated training and racing section who constantly strive to reach the highest achievements. **The UIM Safety Award in the name of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum has been given to the Bergamo Scuba Angels for their continuous efforts in performing and improving all the rescue operations in Powerboating races.**

The UIM President Dr. Raffaele Chiulli stated: *"let me thank HSH Prince Albert II that honoured us with his presence at the cocktail reception and the President of SportAccord Mr. Vizer and all the Presidents and authorities of International Sport Federations who were with us at the Night of our World Champions. We will continue to serve all our stakeholders and our sport's growth and development through values such as loyalty, dedication and passion. Our World Champions are the best ambassadors for our sport and for our values.*



HSH Prince Albert II and Dr. Raffaele Chiulli opening the event



The Sam Griffith trophy awarded to the 2013 Offshore Class 1 World Champions Mohammed Al Marri and Arif Al Zaffain by Dr. Raffaele Chiulli, UIM president, Mr. Marius Vizer, SportAccord president and Mario Cipollini, 2002 Cycling UCI road world Champion.



We are also proud to be a proactive member of our larger sport family, the ARISF, SportAccord and the overall Olympic Movement and that's why to keep this large family united and successful we need team spirit among sports, among federations among nations and among our athletes who make our values and message tangible for millions of people worldwide. I do believe that we all, together, can build a bright future”.



The official opening ceremony

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The Press conference attended by 2013 World Champions – from left Dr. Raffaele Chiulli, UIM President, Alex Carella, F1 World Champion, Rok Florjancic, Aquabike Freestyle World Champion, Pija Sumer, Aquabike Ski Ladies World Champion.



Cyrille Lemoine, Aquabike Runabout GP1 Slalom World Champion, awarded by Mr. Raimondo di San Germano (UIM Aquabike contracted Promoter left) and Mr. Kuno Ritschard (IWWF President – right)



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The UIM is the world governing body for all Powerboating activities. It is fully recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and is a member of the Association of the IOC Recognized International Sports Federations (ARISF) and of SportAccord for whom the UIM President serves as President and Council member. The UIM has almost 60 affiliated National Federations. Circuit, Offshore, Pleasure Navigation and Aquabike are among the main disciplines. The UIM has signed a Cooperation Agreement with the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) to further its range of environmental initiatives, share expertise and work together for “greening” the Sport.

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