

CRG RACING TEAM

## FIA AWARDED THE STRONGEST PAIRING IN THE WORLD MADE BY CRG

Jorrit Pex received the trophy for the victory of the KZ World Championship at the yearly FIA Prize Giving ceremony. Former CRG driver Max Verstappen received three prizes for his brilliant F1 season.



The yearly FIA Prize Giving Ceremony held on 4th December in Paris celebrated the 2015 champions. The young Dutch driver of CRG Jorrit Pex, 22 years old, got on the stage at the Lido on the Champs-Élysées to receive the FIA 2015 trophy for his stunning victory of the KZ World Championship in Le Mans on 13th September.

Three awards were also given in Paris to the other Dutch enfant prodige **Max Verstappen**, 18 years old, who has been Jorrit Pex's team mate at CRG until 2013 before becoming the Formula 1 rising star with Toro Rosso. **Max Verstappen** was celebrated for his excellent first F1 season receiving the **FIA Personality of the Year** (prize decided by a panel of journalists), the **Rookie of the Year** award (decided by the FIA Drivers Commission led by Emerson Fittipaldi) and he also was given the **Action of the Year** trophy, prize decided by fans for the best race action that he already received in 2014 for his great Formula 3 season. In 2013 **Max Verstappen** already won the **Driver of the Year** by WSK Promotion trophy for the victory, with CRG at 15 years of age, of

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the KZ World Championship, KF European Championship, KZ European Championship, WSK Euro Series KZ1 and WSK Master Series KZ2, all in the same year.

**Verstappen** and **Pex**, are a pairing of exceptional drivers born and bred at CRG, as other two stunning drivers awarded in Paris: the three times F1 World Champion **Lewis Hamilton** and **Nico Rosberg**, now team mates at Mercedes after being team mates at CRG until 2000.

**Jorrit Pex** has been the jewel in the crown of CRG's 2015 Karting season securing the victory in the KZ World Championship. Pex also has the European KZ1 and WSK Euro Series 2012 under his belt, as well as four German KZ2 Titles from 2011 to 2014 all won with CRG.

Among the most representative CRG drivers of 2015, **Paolo De Conto** (CRG-Maxter) was second in the KZ World Championship in Le Mans and has been fighting with Jorrit Pex until the very end. He also ended second in Euro Rotax Challenge, while **Pedro Hiltbrand** has been protagonist of the CIK-FIA International KZ2 Super Cup and came second in the KZ2 European Championship. **Felice Tiene** was fourth in the KF European Championship and third in the WSK Super Master Series, **Alex Quinn** was seventh in the KF Junior European Championship, while the very young **Dennis Hauger** won the WSK Champions Cup, WSK Gold Cup and WSK Super Master Series with Team Gamoto. **Simo Puhakka** came second in the WSK Super Master Series KZ2, while **Davide Forè** was crowned US Open Champion and won the Race of Stars in Australia, was third in Las Vegas and second in the German Championship. **Stan Pex** (Jorrit's brother) won the Rotax International Open in category Senior.

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In the pictures: 1) Max Verstappen and Jorrit Pex in Paris at FIA's Prize Giving ceremony; 2) Jorrit Pex on the stage of the FIA Prize Giving 2015 in Paris as winner of the KZ World Championship.

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