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Barum Czech Rally Zlín has won the prestigious poll Golden Wheel

On Thursday 22 February a prize-giving gala of the prestigious motorist poll Golden Wheel 2017 (Zlatý Volant) was held in Prague. Organizers of the Barum Czech Rally Zlín took over the first prize in newly announced category Motorsport event of the year.

In recent months the Golden Wheel poll has gone through a major restructure, one of the innovations can be found in wider participation of public. People could influence the results right in the category Motorsport event of the year, where the Barum Czech Rally Zlín faced other important Czech races such as circuit MotoGP held in Brno, Czech Truck Prix run in Most or traditional speedway race Golden Helmet in Pardubice. But it was the Barum rally which aroused the biggest reaction of the public. **“We are really proud that the Barum rally succeeded right at the first go in this newly announced category. It is a proof of how popular is this rally and the whole rallysport in the Czech Republic. We want to thank everyone who supported our rally not only in the Golden Wheel poll, but also during the race itself. The spectators are inseparable part of every motorsport event and especially those visiting the Barum rally always create really unique atmosphere along the rally route,”** said Mr. Miloslav Regner, the Clerk of the Course Barum Czech Rally Zlín.

Triumph of Jan Kopecký in the Golden Wheel category Rally/Marathon is a direct link to Regner's words. Because Kopecký is by the way the Barum rally record breaker - he managed to win this rally already five times. Nobody else achieved this in almost five decades long Barum rally history. **“The Golden Wheel is the most prestigious award you can achieve in our country. The jury consist of professional journalists who closely follow the motorsport in the Czech Republic. My thanks go to the Škoda Motorsport team, without them we couldn't reach such results and successes. And I take it also like we get this prize together with my great co-driver Pavel Dresler. We are two in the car so the credits in this prize are claimed by 50:50,”** said Jan Kopecký, who won this prize already ten times!

The upcoming 48th edition of the Barum Czech Rally Zlín is scheduled to its traditional term at the end of summer holidays, it will go on between 24 and 26 August 2018. Further details will follow on the official website www.CzechRally.com.

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