

THE TEAM TAKES UP THE TORCH!

After more than twenty years of organisation and loyal service to the world of regularity rallies, Viviane and Patrick Zaniroli have decided to prepare their exit. It's a smooth and transitional departure, as the organising couple, one of the most famous in France, have chosen to accompany the resumption of the Rallye Neige et Glace and, eventually, the Trophée des Alpes for two years. Here are the details.



As announced, not without some emotion, on the prize-giving podium of the 68th Neige et Glace Rally last February in Malbuisson, Viviane and Patrick Zaniroli have decided to step down.

"It was a magnificent last rally for us as organisers," announced Patrick, who had moved on with equal success from the role of driver, winner of the Paris-Dakar in 1985, to that of organiser. "After 19 editions of the Neige et Glace and more than 40 years as a driver, then as organiser of the Dakar, but also, alongside Viviane, of the Princesses Rally and the Trophée des Alpes, it's time to hand over the reins".

The weeks have gone by and, in the end, it is to their loyal organising team that the Zaniroli have chosen to pass the baton, while accompanying them during two years of transition up to 2025, in what looks in every way like a handover.

"Who better to guarantee the future of our regularity events than those who have already organised the Rallye Neige et Glace and the Trophée des Alpes," ask the 'Zani', as they are known. "Two of the main driving forces behind the organisation, Nicolas Prieur and Philippe Janssens, joined forces on behalf of the team to fulfil the conditions for this takeover. With the creation of Zoulou Racing Héritage, the future of the Neige et Glace and ultimately the Trophée des Alpes is assured! Their decision to rely on the existing team is essential in our eyes to ensure continuity and the survival of our events.

While Viviane and Patrick Zaniroli continue their 'Echappées', tourist and epicurean excursions in and around France, as well as La TransMaroc, a regularity rally-raid in the Moroccan desert, the Zoulou Racing Héritage team is already hard at work preparing the 69th edition of the Rallye Neige et Glace scheduled for 17-21 February 2024, again with Malbuisson as base camp and the magnificent landscapes of the Doubs and Jura.

More details about the route and the various new features will be announced in the coming weeks.

For more information on the Snow and Ice Rally

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