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**Gouveia welcomes Trial World Championship in April**  
**Best riders in the world will be present in Serra da Estrela**



Gouveia will be the Headquarters for this year FIM Trial World Championship, second round of the 2004 outdoor calendar. Moto Clube Mondego will be in charge of every last detail in order to assure maximum spectacle as well as Gouveia City Hall, as Portugal is in the front row of Trial, for Lisbon welcomed in February the FIM Trial Indoor.

In its sixth visit to Portugal, the FIM Trial World Championship will have the natural beauty of Serra da Estrela landscape, ideal for some winter sports, and Gouveia will be at its centre. This year's competition is based on a 15 stages program, runned twice each day through Folgoso, Melo and São Paio, with local population as well as all the worldwide Trial enthusiasts sure not to miss a bit of the action!

For that matter, Spanish rider Adam Raga, 2003 Trial Indoor World Champion and already number 1 this year – three victories so far – and Doug Lampkin, reigning Trial Outdoor World Champion, will be the riders to watch. But don't forget Marc Freixa and Marca Colomer as well as Graham Jarvis and Japanese Takahisa Fujinami, as all of them will, no doubt, do their best to win in Portugal.

Moto Clube Mondego choose a similar program as the rest of the Trial World Championship rounds. On day one, all the riders will have the usual Documental and Technical Scrutiny to go through before the real action takes place! For scoring purposes, each rider will have an independent scoring for each day (Saturday and Sunday), while the starting order for the first competitive day will be based on the last sixth riders in World Championship overall classification going out first and so on until the last, but not least, top 6 world riders. On day three, the same procedure will be followed, based on the results of the previous day.

So, everything is getting ready an in two months time Portugal will host the second round of the FIM Trial World Championship.

**Program:**

**Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

Practice in São Paio, near the ABM restaurant

**Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

Documental and Technical Scrutiny 17h00 – 19h00

**Saturday and Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**

Competition 10h00 – 17h00



## Area's description

### Zone 1 and 2

In Melo, on top of the football field of Melo, competition will start with two areas with and easy level loose gravel.

### Zone 3 and 6

In Folgozinho, right next Castelo de Folgozinho, with loose gravel in a beautiful landscape. Riders will have to use all their knowledge.

### Zone 7 and 8

In Melo (gravel road to Folgozinho), on top of the hill, zone 7 and 8 will be in stone and dirt, with lots of difficult obstacles. No doubt a good spot for the public.

### Zone 9

Also in Melo, near the end of zone 8, gravel stage with high and difficult obstacles (big rocks) to overcome. Overall classification will suffer...

### Zone 10

In Melo, downhill, lots o stones and dirt with a good view of the following stages.

### Zone 11 and 14

In Melo, a river will be used for four spectacular stages, with a great waterfall, surely a place to be for some great pictures. Expect a lot of water, mud, rocks... and falls!

### Zone 15

In São Paio, the Adegas Cooperativas de São Paio will be the set for an artificial stage but only with natural obstacles, as in the regulation. This will lead the top riders to give their audience a great show, always with championship points in their minds.

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