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Biker Fest International, “King” Carl Fogarty has been named ambassador of the 40th edition

The King of 1990s production-based racing will be in Lignano Sabbiadoro (Italy) for the 40th anniversary of BFI. Alongside Fogarty, Rubén Xaus with the BRL Europe project and Gianluca Nannelli with his Academy for young riders will also attend

A total of 220 races contested, 59 victories, 109 podiums and, above all, four world titles - figures that establish him as the **true King of 1990s Superbike racing**. We are talking about **Carl Fogarty**, the British ace who, thanks to his exploits aboard the Ducati 916 and 996, remains to this day the second most successful rider in the history of the production-based World Championship and one of the most spectacular protagonists of the golden age of **World Superbike**. He will serve as the **official ambassador** of the **2026 edition of Biker Fest International**, scheduled to take place **from May 14 to 17 in Lignano Sabbiadoro (Udine, Italy)**, where the event will celebrate its **40th anniversary**.

Fogarty will attend the **official opening ceremony** at the Luna Park Area (Friday, May 15 at 12:00 PM), meeting fans and enthusiasts for photos and autographs on both **Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16**. As part of the **Custom Bike Show**, he will also present the *Foggy's Best* award, selecting his favorite among the custom motorcycles entered in the competition.

Renowned for his extreme riding style and fiercely competitive attitude both on and off the track, “King” Carl is not only an icon for Ducati fans - the brand with which the englishman is most closely associated - but also a true symbol of **old-school motorsport**. Between the late 1980s and 1990s, he competed and won multiple times at the legendary **Isle of Man Tourist Trophy**, and also took part in several **Motorcycle World Championship GPs** in the 250 and 500cc classes.

However, the Blackburn-born champion will not be the only prominent figure from the racing world attending the event. For the second consecutive year, **Rubén Xaus** will also be present. After a long career in both World Superbike and MotoGP, Xaus is now the promoter of the **Bagger Racing League Europe**, the first European championship dedicated to racing baggers.

Finally, making his debut at Biker Fest International will be **Gianluca Nannelli**, the tuscan rider who thrilled italian fans in the **Supersport World Championship** during the 2000s, when the 600cc class was dominated by Japanese manufacturers. His victory at Imola in 2005 aboard the silver Ducati 749 of Team Caracchi - more than thirty years after Paul Smart's triumph on the 750 Desmo - remains one of the sport's most memorable moments. “Nanna” will attend BFI with the courses of his **Nannelli Riders Academy**, an FMI-certified riding school that uses electric motorcycles and quads to introduce children and young people to riding.

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