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WEATHER TODAY Partly cloudy, no rain expected,
winds W 2 m/s.
Hi: 13°C, Lo: 4 °C



The Final List

This year there is a big change in the Statues for the Car of the Year, considering the eligibility of Candidates. At the General Assembly, held in February, the members of the Jury decided to remove the previous requirement that a car must have "foreseeable annual sales" of at least 5 000 cars in Europe to be eligible.

There is no secret that one of the driving reasons behind the change was the fact that the *BMW i8* was not included on the list last year. The expected sales in Europe were far below 5 000.

The discussion then started around a possibility to include cars of special interest, with new technology and drivetrains.

The removal of the 5000-limit is the reason that you now can find Candidates like the *Ferrari 488 GTB* and *McLaren 570S* on the provisional list. Unfortunately no one of them is present in Tannis.

However, there are also other requirements to be met to be eligible as a Candidate.

The car has to be in series production and it must have been available to the majority of

members of the Jury for test drives "sufficient to form a founded opinion" during the current calendar year. It must also be commercially available in at least five European markets by the end of the year.

By "commercially available", it is understood that a price list has been published and that orders are accepted by distributors and dealers at the published prices.

The final list of Candidates will be established at the end of November. Some of the cars today announced as "possible Candidates" will probably not reach the final list.

For instance the *Toyota Mirai*, available here in Tannis, is still up for discussion. The question is if it will be available on five markets this year. Candidate or not, it is a very interesting car, and if it doesn't reach this year's final list – it will probably be a Candidate next year.

All the other cars here in Tannis will most likely be Candidates, and that for sure keeps members busy all day long during the week - testing, comparing and judging.

What a great way to start the journey towards the Car of the Year 2016!

Håkan Matson



Possible COTY candidates 2016 (“Tannis cars” marked with *)

Alfa Giulia
Audi A4*
Audi R8*
Audi Q7*
BMW 7-series*
BMW X1*
Fiat Agea
Ferrari 488GTB
Ford Mustang*
Ford S-max / Galaxy*
Honda HR-V*
Honda Jazz*
Hyundai Tucson*
Infiniti Q30
Jaguar XE*
Jaguar XF*
Kia Optima*
Kia Sorento*
Land Rover Discovery Sport*
Mazda2*
Mazda CX-3*
Mazda MX-5*
McLaren 570S
Mercedes AMG GT
Mercedes-Benz GLC*
Mercedes-Benz GLE/GLE Coupé
Mini Clubman*
Opel Astra*
Opel Karl*
Renault Espace*
Renault Kadjar*
Renault Talisman
Skoda Suberb*
Ssangyong Tivoli
Subaru Levorg*
Subaru Outback*
Suzuki Vitara*
Tesla Model X
Toyota Mirai*
Volvo XC90*
Volkswagen Touran*



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Born: April 20 1966 in Dürrenroth, Switzerland.

Lives: Koppigen, 30 km northeast of Bern, Switzerland.

Family: Married to Nina, two children, Gian, 11, and Anna, 9.

Working for: Freelance, mainly working for newspapers and online magazines.

Journalist life: Started in 1985, been working for the daily newspaper Blick first, also some years in advertising. Now I have my one agency since 2004, working for printed and online newspaper. Five years ago I started my intermagazine, radical-mag.com, the biggest car magazine in Switzerland.

Motoring journalist since: 1986 for thirty years in the car business next year. Five books so far, next is - about Bizzarrini - already on its way

Private car: Land Rover Defender 2006. I am in love with classic cars.

Best car driven: Donkervoort GTO, Radical RXC Turbo, Ferrari 458 Speciale 2014 and some old cars.

Jurors in Tannis

Every year jurors from all over Europe come to the Tannistest, but what do You know about them?

Last year in *The Tannistest Today* You met the six Nordic jurors. This year You will get to know six of the jurors from other countries, today the swiss juror Peter Ruch.

I definitely prefer "real" cars, fun to drive. I am not at all into "autonomous driving".

Worst car driven: Too many. I sometimes wonder why manufacturers spend so much money in developing - and make such stupid mistakes.

Years in Tannis: Since 2008 I think. And every year since then. Whenever it is possible I bring my family to Tannis.

Best of Tannis: The food. The weather

Coming back next year?: Yup, for the food. And the weather.

Importance of Coty: Getting smaller. We definitely should work on that.

Your car of the Year 2016: Will be a difficult choice. Most of the time I have a clear favorite, but not this year. That is also a good reason to come to Tannis.

My favourite for Car of the Year 2016: Donkervoort GTO and Corvette C7 Z06. But I know they will not...

Today's program:

07.00 – 09.00 Breakfast

08.00 – 12.30 Free testing

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 18.00 Free testing

19.30 – Dinner, menu:

Starter: Fish soup

Main course: Carvery buffet

Dessert: Fruit and berries with ice cream

Remember, someone is watching you!

It should be reasonable weather today as well as tomorrow. It means that we follow the original plan. In other words this day is free for individual testing and tomorrow morning we will have the group photo shooting on the beach.

There are already 13 COTY jurors and their teams on the spot. Altogether there are almost forty persons taking part in testing and photographing. And during the day we still expect two jurors and their collaborators to arrive.

Just like in previous years, the test event has been noticed in Tversted/Tannisby neighbourhood. Our new interesting cars have been seen on streets and curious people have swarmed around them on the Tannishus parking areas. Our operation is carefully watched. So, it is very important that you all drive decently especially in residential areas.