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## JUNCOS RACING TO TEST JULIA BALLARIO AND RENAN GUERRA AT IMS

Brownsburg, IN (October 8, 2012) - Juncos Racing is pleased to announce South American



drivers Julia Ballario and Renan Guerra will test at Indianapolis Motor Speedway next week in the Mazda Road to Indy Open Test. All Mazda Road to Indy Series (USF2000, Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear, and Firestone Indy Lights) teams will have the chance to test drivers in this open test October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> on the 2.5143 mile road course.

Julia Ballario, 20, who will test for the Juncos Racing Star Mazda team, made her name known in her racing career competing in many different series throughout South America. Ballario looks to compete the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear.

## Career Statistics:

2012: Two Top-5's and Four Top-6's in the TC 2000

2011: Competed in Formula Renault Plus, Turismo National Class 2 and TC Pista Mouras

2008-2010: Competed in Formula Renault Plus with Baypel Scudeia Team

2007: Debut in Formula Renault Plus and received Best Women Driver in Federados Amateur

Class, nominated the Escudo de Oro Award

2006: Competed in Argentine Championship in Santiago del Estero

2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in Provincial Championship

3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in Federal Championship

2005: Competed in Series Junior Provincial and Federal Championship

2004: 4<sup>th</sup> place in 125 c.c. Sudamericano Pre Junior Championship

2003: Rookie of the Jesus Maria Championship

Competed in Torneo Sudeste Cordobes and Pre Junior 125 c.c.

2002: Karting de la Asociaion del Sudeste Cordobes Championship

2001: Won first race at Nocturno Promotional Pre Junior Championship

Juncos Racing Team Owner, Ricardo Juncos, is thrilled to have the chance to test another female driver in his Star Mazda team and feels confident Ballario will adjust well to the car.



"I'm really looking forward to testing Julia next week at IMS," said Juncos. "She has made a big name in the female racer world for herself at her young age. I am confident she will have no problem adjusting to the car, and we will be there to support and teach her everything we can in the two days on track. I want to thank Julia and her family for giving Juncos Racing the chance to test her here in the United States and to hopefully take her to the Star Mazda Series."

Renan Guerra, 22, who will test for Juncos Racing's Star Mazda Series team, began his racing career at a young age and has competed in multiple series throughout South America. Currently Guerra competes in the GT Brazil / GT BR3 Series.

## Career Statistics:

2012: GT Brazil / GT BR3 Series

2011: Participated in Formula Indy at Sao Paulo Brazil in Formula 3 Sudam

Competed with CRT Team in Itaipava GT Brazil driving a Lamborghini Gallardo LP560

2010: Pole position and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at 500 Mile Interlagos Race, 2<sup>nd</sup> place at Londrina and Itaipava GT Brazil/GTBR4

2009: 2<sup>nd</sup> place with Ferrari F430 Challenge at 1000 Miles Interlagos 4<sup>th</sup> place in Itaipava Trophy Maserati Championship

2008: 2<sup>nd</sup> place with Loctile Team (Henkel) in 500 Miles of Granja Viana with teammates Nono Figuierdo (Stock Car Driver), Duda Pamplona (Stock Car Engine Builder), and Max Wilson (Former Formula One Test Driver)

2007: 1<sup>st</sup> place in Paulista Sport Prototype Light Championship

2006: 7<sup>th</sup> place at Granja Viana against drivers Nelson Piquet, Rubens Barrichello, Felipe Massa and Tony Kanaan.

Competed in 500 Miles of Interlagos and Biland Paulista Championship

2005: Competed at 500 Miles of Granja Viana and International Kart Championship of Granja Viana

2004: Juvenil Biland Championship2003: Birel Granja Viana Series2002: Liga Juvenil Birel Granja Viana

Juncos Racing Team Owner, Ricardo Juncos, is excited to test Brazilian Guerra in the Star Mazda Series and looks forward to adding Guerra to his driver development program.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing what another young driver can bring to this series as we give him his first test in the Star Mazda car next week," said Juncos. "Guerra has a lot of experience for his age and I am confident he will have no problem adjusting to the car. At Juncos Racing we are always looking for more opportunities to bring more drivers to the United States and to help build their career to the next level. Thank you to Guerra and his family for giving us the chance to test him with Juncos Racing."

About Juncos Racing: Juncos Racing is based in Brownsburg, Indiana, U.S.A. just outside the "racing capital of the world," Indianapolis, Indiana. In 1997 Ricardo Juncos, Team Owner, established Juncos Racing, a full-service Formula Racing Team, based in Buenos Aires, Argentina. For five years Juncos Racing competed in various National Championships throughout South America and eventually made their way to the United States, opening the doors in 2003 to their first karting shop based in Miami, Florida. During the next few years Juncos Racing captured 19 Local, Regional, and National karting Titles. Juncos Racing entered into the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear in 2009 and claimed their first championship in the 2010 Star Mazda Championship with driver Connor Daly. 2012 will be the biggest year for Juncos Racing marking the third year in the Star Mazda series and entering their first year in the Firestone Indy Lights Series. For more information, please visit www.juncosracing.com.