

Formula Zero welcomes new champion

The Solvay Umicore Zero Emission Racing Team from Leuven, Belgium, has won the [Formula Zero](#) European Championship 2009, which was held this summer. The students from Group-T dominated the world's first racing series powered by hydrogen and fuel cell technology by winning three out of four Grands Prix, although their main rivals from Spain, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom were close behind, battling for 0th place. (See new [videos!](#))

All teams worked hard to get ready for the four European races held in each of the team's home country. In the presence of multiple press representatives and dignitaries, the Belgian team set the pace right from the beginning, but UnizartechH2 from Zaragoza (Spain) was close behind. Greenchoice Forze from Delft, the Netherlands, took one first and four second places with their brand new zero emission vehicle, but was the most unlucky team this season. As the racing series and teams are developing and using new technologies, it can happen that unexpected technical difficulties appear. But the students from Technical University Delft solved their problems and demonstrated their ability to go around the circuits quickly. Imperial Racing Green from London took advantage and ended second in the championship standings behind the Belgian and Spanish teams, but in front of the Dutch.



UnizartechH2 battling for 0th place, Solvay Umicore Zero Emission Racing Team wins championship

"Competition is a funny thing. Until the race begins participants typically all believe they are the best, but in reality only one is", says Formula Zero CEO Godert van Hardenbroek. "The human energy released by winning is incredible, and the effect of seeing your competitor win can be quite a blow. This measurement of strength however is an enormous stimulus to improve, to innovate and to unleash creativity. The last few weeks we have seen a sportsmanlike showdown between the Formula Zero teams that has left a big hunger to do better the next time. It is an inspiration to see the dedication of the team members and we are looking forward to see the Championship expand with new teams, the vehicles becoming even faster and all of that without emissions!"

The four Formula Zero European teams will not get much rest as a new Grand Prix will be hosted this October. The official announcement will follow shortly.

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Kind regards,
The Formula Zero Team