

## BMW K 1600 GT wins International Bike of the Year award

At a press conference hosted by MotorWereld Magazine at the Brussels Motor Show, the BMW K 1600 GT was declared the 2011 International Bike of the Year. The new BMW K 1600 GT claimed a convincing victory with 41 points, against 32 points for the Ducati Diavel. Third place went to Aprilia's naked Tuono V4APRC with 22 points, while fourth place actually went to the luxurious K 1600 GTL, which was scored separately and earned 18 points. Last year's winner – the S 1000 RR – came fifth, making it three BMW bikes in the top five.



The 2011 International Bike of the Year (IBOTY) is selected by a jury of 25 of the world's leading motorcycle magazines, who nominated a total of 23 new bikes. Now in its 27th year running, more than ever the IBOTY reflects a true global motorcycle marketplace with jurors from all continents and 30 countries throughout the world.



The IBOTY jury praised the BMW K 1600 GT as follows: “blending comfort, performance and the excellent use of innovative technology. The glorious six-in-line engine offers power, refinement and plenty of fun. Boasting every feature that you can dream of, from traction control, ABS, sat-nav, electronically-adjustable suspension, adaptive headlight to ride modes and much more make the BMW K 1600 GT the pinnacle of two-wheel touring. On the road the bike really shows what it is made of thanks to its responsive chassis and remarkably light handling. It's a truly unique riding experience with the capability to awe the most demanding touring rider and surprise unsuspecting sports riders on their favourite, twisty mountain road.”

This is the second consecutive victory for BMW Motorrad in the International Bike of the Year after winning the highly-acclaimed award last year with the S 1000 RR sports bike. It's also the first time in more than 10 years for a manufacturer to receive the IBOTY award back-to-back. As well as the RR and the K 1600 GT, BMW Motorrad has also enjoyed IBOTY wins with the R 1200 GS in 2004 and the R 1100 RS in 1993.

Magazines participating in the latest IBOTY were (in alphabetical order): Australian Motorcycle News (Australia), Auto By (Japan), Autocar India (India), Bike (Scandinavia, all editions), Bike (UK), Cycle World (USA), Der Reitwagen (Austria), Inmoto (Italy), KicXstart (the Netherlands), Kiwi Rider (New Zealand), La Moto (Spain), Maximoto (France), Moto Culture Asia (Malaysia and Singapore), Moto (Greece), Moto Journal (Canada, French speaking), Moto & Loisirs (Belgium, French speaking), Moto Mag (Israel), Motoraj (Czech Republic), Motoron (Turkey), MotoSi (Slovenia), MotorWereld (Belgium), PS Magazin (Germany), Revista Moto (Mexico), SuperBike (South Africa), Swiat Motocykli (Poland)



From left to right: Philipp von Sahr (president and CEO of BMW Group Belux), Marc De Groof (General Manager BMW Motorrad Belux) and Thierry Sarasyn on behalf of IBOTY and Chief editor of MotorWereld magazine

## Results 2011 IBOTY

- 1) **BMW K 1600 GT (41 points)**
  - 2) Ducati Diavel (32 points)
  - 3) Aprilia Tuono V4 APRC (22 points)
  - 4) **BMW K 1600 GTL (18 points)**
  - 5) Kawasaki ZX-10R and **BMW S 1000 RR (16 points)**
  - 6) Triumph Tiger 800XC (12 points)
  - 7) Triumph Daytona 675R (8 points)
  - 8) Kawasaki Z1000 (7 points)
  - 9) Kawasaki W800 (6.5 points)
  - 10) KTM 990 SM-T (6 points)
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