



## CONCORSO D'ELEGANZA

# VILLA D'ESTE

Photos: Johann Lemercier

**T**his year marks the eighth time that BMW has supported this most prestigious event – and it was perfect. Excellent weather, better presentation on the public day, and an even better selection of fabulous concours motor cars.

With a more significant attendance of concept cars this year, the balance between old and new was much improved. Wolfgang Egger, Head of Alfa Romeo Centro Stile, was delighted to receive the Design Award for his superb 8C Spider. It was interesting to compare the efforts of Zagato and Giugiaro based on the Ferrari

575M and 612 chassis. Meanwhile, the debut of the first Russian supercar, the Maybach-engined Russo Balt, took everyone by surprise.

The coveted Coppo d'Oro award went to Corrado Lopresto's glamorous 1930 Isotta Fraschini 8ASS. We are delighted that Corrado is an *Auto Italia* reader and has offered us the chance to run a feature on the Isotta and other cars in his collection, which includes the prototype Alfetta GT we ran as a Mystery Car in issue 113.

A full feature on the concours is planned to appear in *Auto Italia* soon. **Phil Ward**

