



Lopresto's magnificent Isotta Fraschini 8ASS was Spaltalia Best of Show

Castagna honoured with Belgian win

CORRADO LOPRESTO'S sensational Castagna-bodied 1931 Isotta Fraschini 8ASS Torpedo Sport was Best of Show at Spaltalia, Belgium's annual celebration of Latin classics. Castagna was the honoured coachbuilder for this year's festival at Spa-Francorchamps on 13-14 June, and other delectable beauties included Benetto Simi de Burgis' 1935 Fiat 508 Balilla. The triumph echoed Lopresto's victory last year with his 1949 Alfa Romeo 6C-2500 SS.

Elsewhere, Jean Detienne took top honours in the 'Nicest Bodywork for a Berline' class. It marked the third year on the trot that the

prize has been taken by a Ferrari-engined Lancia Thema 8.32.

Ferraris, Fiats and Alfas were prevalent among the 1300 cars at the eighth running of the static-show-cum-track-day, which drew some 6000 visitors to Spa. Stand-outs included everything from a Fiat

1100 Giardinetta to an Iso Grifo.

Action on the track was frenetic, with the open groups throwing up fascinating combinations such as a Lamborghini Urraco diving into La Source beside a new Fiat 500. For details of next year's event from 19-20 June, see www.spaltalia.be



Handsome and unusual Fiat 1100 woodie



Large Ferrari V8 line-up headed by 308GTB