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25th World Road Congress Seoul 2015

2 – 6 November 2015,
Seoul, South Korea



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Editorial

Bojan Leben
Representative of World Road
Association National Committees

Dear colleagues,

Regarding the summer issue of our Bulletin, here are a few words about our websites and about relating the information about activities of our Association to the general public.

As you may know, the General Secretariat, in cooperation with the Representative of National Committees, undertook this spring, the review of National Committees' websites. This decision came from the reasoning that all information sent by the General Secretariat to National Committees should be disseminated also to experts and general public.

The review showed up to now that only a minority of information about World Road Association was actually transmitted outside of the Association's membership base to broader public. In the long-term, this could be unfavourable for the Association because it would become inaudible to general audience. As an example, the largest events, such as the World Road Congresses, were not publicised and promoted enough through our websites, which is worrisome. In the same time, the General Secretariat also revised its information material (especially the new layouts of the Newsletter, NC bulletin and a new webpage, reaching to people over Facebook and Twitter, etc.), I think it is time that the rest of us also do our fair share of disseminating activities. Now, with the 25th World Road Congress in Seoul approaching fast, it is prime time for us to act.

Therefore, I am asking you to each one checks its own website, update it, do include the official World Road Association's logo and contact information, make a section where recent activities of the Association could be reported regularly and be sure not to leave out the information about Seoul 2015 – including the logo and link to the official website of the congress.

If you have any questions regarding above mentioned issues or need advice on how to revise your webpage, please do not hesitate to contact me or the General Secretariat for help.

Sunny greetings to all from Slovenia

Opinions and comments to Bojan Leben at bojan.leben@zag.si

ARGENTINA



Seminar and webinar

The challenges of an integrated traffic policy

27th May 2015, Buenos Aires

A one day webinar discussion was organised, on the above mentioned topic at the end of May.

More information: www.aacarreteras.org.ar

Technical Seminar Road Safety Audits - Urban and Rural

2nd – 6th June 2015, Santa Fe

Technical Conference *Towards Vision Zero* - in commemoration of the Security Vial

10th June, 2015, Buenos Aires

Technical Seminar Progress and setbacks in the Road Safety of Argentina

18th June 2015, Parana, Entre Rios

Seminar and webinar Emergency Management and Incident

24th June 2015, Buenos Aires

Seminar *Horizontal signaling*

30th June 2015, Buenos Aires

Course on *Social and Economic Assessment of Road Transport Project*

8th – 10th July 2015, Buenos Aires

Course will be conducted by Professor Haydee A. Lordi from the Secretariat of the Argentinian National Committee at the premises of Argentinian Road Association.

Seminar *Advances in the development of a system of Argentinian Integracion Geografica Road Network and incorporation of Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI)*

16th July 2015, Buenos Aires

For more information on all above mentioned events, please visit: www.aacarreteras.org.ar

AUSTRIA

8th International conference on tunnel safety and ventilation

25th – 26th April 2016, Graz



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ECUADOR



National Committee of Ecuador is currently conducting the following activities:

- we are actively promoting the World Road congress to be held in Seoul Korea in November 2015,
- we are preparing a strategic business working plan that is in line with World Road Association Strategic Plan for the next four years, and
- we are organizing technical lectures and seminars according to the recommendations of World Road Association.

FRANCE



First World Congress on Preservation of road assets (PPRS Paris 2015)

23rd – 25th February 2015, Paris

The Pavement & Recycling Alliance (AEMA, ARRA, ISSA), the Asphalt Emulsions International Federation and the Foundation for Pavement Preservation had decided to pool their efforts and resources to organize a forum that brought together stakeholders and experts preservation of road assets, and was conducive to the exchange, dissemination of best practices and the promotion of knowledge.



The event was held for the first time in Paris Convention Centre, from 23 to 25 February 2015. It included conferences, specialized workshops, an exhibition and technical visits.

The PIARC-NC France was present at the exhibition with a booth where we were pleased to receive our loyal members and to welcome some new.

Heavyweight cycle 2012-2015

10th March 2015, Marne-la-Vallée



Philippe Chanard (DIR Massif Central) and Bernard Jacob (Ifsttar) organized, in partnership with the Union of road France (URF), a day on the theme Intelligent freight transport systems (TOS) in the premises of Ifsttar in Marne-la-Vallée. The conference day, on which about 60 people

participated, focused around three main sequences:

- Proper use of the INFRA - Intelligent access program.
- Assistance in the operation of trucks.
- Logistics, intermodal and pricing.

The program and presentations are available on our website: www.cf-aipcr.org

World Road Association Technical Day CF - ATEC ITS France

2nd July 2015, Marne-la-Vallée

New technologies, new forms of mobility and road safety – welcome to the event, which will be organized at the premises of Ifsttar.

GERMANY

International Symposium on Enhancing Highway Performance

(7th International Symposium on Highway Capacity and Quality of Service; 3rd International Symposium on Freeway and Tollway Operations)
14th – 16th June 2016, Berlin



The International Symposium on Enhancing Highway Performance, organized by the TRB and the FGSV (German Road and Transportation Research Association), will take place in the heart of Germany's capital Berlin at the Maritim proArte Hotel from June 14 to 16, 2016. This joint international symposium covers the 7th International Symposium on Highway Capacity and Quality of Service, succeeding previous symposia in Karlsruhe (1991), Sydney (1994), Copenhagen (1998), Maui (2000), Yokohama (2006), and Stockholm (2011). It also covers the 3rd International Symposium on Freeway and Tollway Operations, succeeding

previous symposia in Athens (2006) and Honolulu (2009). This international conference includes committee, subcommittee, and group meetings; pre-/post-symposium workshops; keynote speeches; country reports; and technical tours. Contributions from specialists from all over the world are invited and will be discussed. Participation in the conference will provide a common platform for decision makers, managers, traffic engineers, practitioners, and researchers to share their international experience in highway and transportation capacity, quality of service, and freeway and tollway operations. Proceedings of the symposium will be made available to all delegates and published by Elsevier.

11th International Conference on Concrete Block Pavement (ICCBP)

9th – 11th September 2015, Dresden

11th International Conference on Concrete Block Pavement, organised by the FGSV (German Road and Transportation Research Association) and TU Dresden (Technical University Dresden), Chair of Pavement Engineering, will take place from 9 to 11 September 2015 in Dresden, Germany.

The conference is a continuation of the successful events held in San Francisco, Buenos Aires, and Shanghai. It is part of a permanent conference for the presentation and discussion of technical and academic progress and recent developments in the planning and construction of concrete block pavements around the world. The conference will be accompanied by an exhibition.

For more details and registration information, please visit: www.iccbp.org

Meeting of World Road Association Technical Committees in Germany

TC 4.2 *Road Pavements* from 16th–18th March 2015, Cologne

TC 4.4 *Earthworks and Unpaved Roads* from 20th – 22nd April 2015, Cologne

Committee on *Terminology* from 23rd – 24th April 2015, Cologne

ITALY

Italian World Road Association NC Photo contest



The Italian National Committee, after the success of the National Conference last November and the World Road Association competition for the University of Italy, in the context of its participation at the XXVth World Road Association Congress, to be held from 2nd to 6th November in Seoul (South Korea), is holding a competition for the best pictures concerning roads.

The competition is designed to promote the Association and lure a broader public, while stimulating the interest towards World Road Association activities and purposes. The two issues on which to focus the proposed work are:

Theme A - *The Road and the Landscape*

i.e. - images of roads, included in the peculiar environmental Italian landscape and with the aim of emphasizing the beauty of our country;

Theme B - *The Road, Man and Security*

i.e. - images representing circumstances and situations, showing close relationship between human behavior and road safety, highlighting significant virtuous aspects or despicable everyday behavior.

The competition is open to all professionals and amateurs who may send up to three photos for each of the two themes.

The photos must be unpublished and of undoubted property of the author. Photos will be judged by a panel of experts in the field of photography. 50 photos will be selected in total, among which a winner for each of the two issues will be awarded and



another eight chosen by the panel. The selected photographs will be exhibited, quoting the authors, in the Italian Pavilion which will be set up in Seoul at the World Road Congress and will be shown by the World Road Association and Fotoamatore and in their websites as well as on the occasion of other initiatives, planned in the near future.

SPAIN

6th Symposium on Road Tunnels

11th – 13th March 2015, Zaragoza

The VI Symposium on Road Tunnels with the title *Sustainable Road Tunnel Operations* was held with great success. The Symposium has been attended by over 500 professionals and 14 exhibitors from the public and private sector.

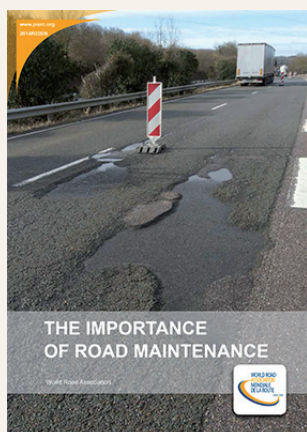


On the occasion of this event, the World Road Association Spanish National Committee published a book containing all the presentations made during this Symposium. All those attending the event have received a free copy of this book.

1st Multisectoral Road Congress For the Innovation, Maintenance, Competitiveness and Employment

11th – 12th May 2015, Valladolid

The most representative associations from Spain related to transport infrastructures were involved in the organization of this congress, namely AEC, ASEFMA, ACEX as well as the World Road Association Spanish National Committee (ATC). A large number of experts, both at national and international level gathered in Valladolid to discuss and exchange best practices on innovation, maintenance, competitiveness and employment.



The opening conference was given by the President of the World Road Association, Mr Oscar de Buen, who presented the report *The Importance of Road Maintenance* recently published by the World Road Association.

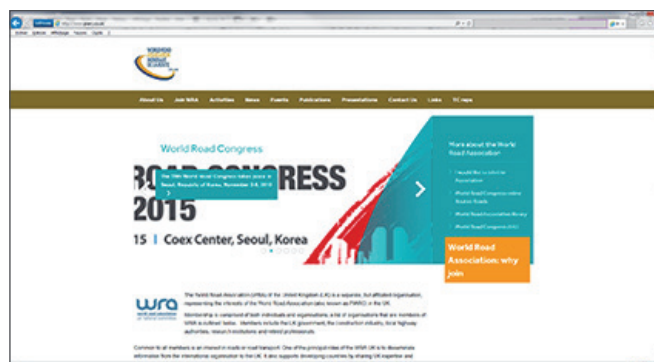
The closing conference was given by the Sub-Secretary for the Ministry of Public Works, Mr Mario Garcés, who awarded a prize for the best paper.

Further information at:

www.multisectorialcarretera.es

UNITED KINGDOM

The UK is pleased to be able to announce the launch of their new website, available at <http://www.piarc.co.uk>



The new website provides information for both national and international activities and aims to create greater awareness of the work of the Association. The UK was very pleased to see the launch of the Association's document on the Importance of Road Maintenance last year. And the recent launch of the Snow and Ice Data Book is being considered by winter maintenance practitioners.

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ARGENTINA



Workshop on road safety

28th January 2015, Buenos Aires, Argentina

On January 28, 2015, the Argentinian Roads Association, held a workshop in order to identify some of the causes of deaths and serious injuries as well as some measures to reduce the number of vulnerable road users (pedestrians and cyclists) on roads in Latin America, mainly in Argentina.

The same topic was covered in a webinar, organized by International Road Federation (IRF), titled Protection of vulnerable road users, which featured special participation of the World Road Association Technical Committee 3.2 on Design and operation of safer road infrastructure and numerous other experts from public, private and academic sectors.

More information www.aacarreteras.org.ar

SPAIN



Technical Training activities

For further information on our Technical Training activities: online courses and classroom courses, please visit our website: www.atcpiarc.com

SPAIN

RUTAS Magazine

The Monographic issue of the Spanish RUTAS Magazine with the title *Roads and Society* has been publicly presented at the Professional Association of Civil Engineers - CICCIP in Madrid, Spain on 4th March 2015.

Number 162 of our quarterly Rutas Magazine has been published as well.





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