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EDITORIAL



Meeting in Andorra was a really successful event for the World Road Association, where representatives of the National Committees had the opportunity to be active within the National Committees programme.

The programme for the National Committees was organised together with the World Road Association General Secretariat and for the first time during the World Road Association Winter Road Congress an opportunity was given to National Committees to present the latest news from their countries.



The opportunity to present their national committee and its activities was utilized by Italy, Hungary, Australia, Slovenia, Japan, Austria, Canada-Quebec, Romania, France and Belgium.

Most of these 10 National Committees have also decided to give a chance to their younger colleagues to present their work to attendants from all over the world. We have mainly heard about experiences of NCs in relation to winter maintenance activities, but at the same time also about their national members' activities.



You can see some of the moments from presentations, including some discussions, in the next photos.

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ARGENTINA



Seminar on "Management of incidents and emergencies on the roads"

26th March, 2014, Argentina

A seminar intended for highways emergency services and public sector will discuss the webinar presentation of the International Road Federation (IRF) and presentations of the Office for Control of Highway Concession and National Highways.

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More information: www.aacarreteras.org.ar

Course on "Strategic Planning Transport Infrastructure"

22nd - 24th April, 2014, Argentina

The first part of the course provides an introduction to the strategic transport planning. The importance of predicting transport demand models as an aid in the process of planning and decision making of public transport policies. Basic methods of data collection, examples of applications and successful case studies will be discussed. The course will be conducted by Professors Haydee A. Lordi (Argentina) and Derek Quinn (UK).

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Seminar on "Public Private Partnership"

30th April, 2014, Argentina

At the seminar there will be a webinar presentation of the International Road Federation (IRF) and other expert presentations from members of PIARC Technical Committee 1.2 "Financing" of the Argentina Association of Route, comparing current situation to future measures that could be undertaken to promote public-private participation in the development of transport infrastructure.

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Seminar on "Sustainable Mobility"

Mid-May, 2014, La Matanza, Argentina

Seminar will be held at the National University of La Matanza, organized by the Argentinian Road Association in conjunction with the City of La Matanza, the Argentina Traffic Engineering Society and the National University of La Matanza.

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Seminar on "Sustainable Transport"

28th May, 2014, Argentina

Seminar intends to host guests from the public, private and academic sectors, which will discuss the results of the webinar of the International Road Federation (IRF), presentations and success stories that made national and international experts and members of the Technical Committees of the Argentina Association of Route, especially focused on urban passenger transport and climate change.

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AUSTRIA

7th International Conference on "Tunnel safety and ventilation - New Developments in Tunnel Safety" 12th-13th May 2014, Messecenter Graz – Tagungszentrum, Austria

Following a successful tradition, this international symposium offers again in 2014 the possibility to exchange knowledge and to gain deeper insight into the newest developments in the fields of:

- ventilation: design, fire loads;
- emission, emission-factors;
- risk analysis, limits, assessment for safety related equipment;
- choice of ventilation systems in relation to risk analysis;
- system tests (tunnel – safety – ventilation);
- system tests for commissioning, recurring tests;
- tunnel operation;
- refurbishment and upgrading of tunnels under operation;
- innovative concepts and installations.

The programme includes plenary lectures on May 12th and 13th as well as a fire test in a road tunnel on May 13th, 2014. For further information have a look at www.tunnel-graz.at or contact minarik@tugraz.at.



CANADA

TAC Celebrates Centennial Anniversary Transportation 2014: Past – Present – Future

This year marks the centennial anniversary of the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC). In a year-long celebration, TAC is undertaking special activities and events under the banner Transportation 2014, to engage the transportation industry and its stakeholders in celebrating the past, present and future of Canadian transportation.

The centennial will culminate at the 2014 TAC Conference & Exhibition, Past – Present – Future, in Montreal, Quebec from September 28 to October 1. The choice of Montreal as the host city is a testament to where the Association held its first National Roads Congress, May 18-23, 1914. The conference opening reception will welcome and pay tribute to current and long-standing TAC members and organizations that have supported TAC in its technical mandate over the years. Registration for both the 2014 Conference and Alumni Event opens this spring.

Transportation 2014 activities offered throughout the year include:

- a transportation Showcase with the theme of the Trans-Canada Highway offering archival photos and video;
- a national series of lectures on topical issues in transportation;
- a commemorative e-book on Canadian transportation developments and their impacts on the lives of Canadians

The Transportation 2014 website will feature information on the campaign's activities as well as downloadable promotional tools and materials to assist organizations in promoting their own transportation-related events and celebrations. This online toolkit, including posters, banners and ads, welcomes all groups to participate in the celebrations.

Learn more about Transportation 2014 at www.transportation2014.ca and the 2014 TAC Conference & Exhibition at www.tac-atc.ca



CANADA-QUÉBEC

Québec celebrates its 40th anniversary as a government member of the World Road Association

Québec obtained the status of government member of the World Road Association (PIARC) in 1973 under the name "Canada-Québec". To celebrate Québec's forty years of involvement with the Association, a celebration event was held in December 2013 in the presence a number of members of the PIARC-Québec National Committee who helped promote PIARC's influence in Québec. An award was granted to the five members who contributed most to promoting Québec's image of excellence on the international scene, namely Mrs Anne-Marie Leclerc and MM. Liguori Hinse, Gérard Laganière, Raymond Landry et Daniel Toutant.

Furthermore, in November 2013, during a meeting of the PIARC Council in Rome, Raymond Landry was appointed Honorary Member of the World Road Association. Mr. Landry is the first Quebecer to obtain this position and the whole Québec road community is extremely proud of this.



Mr. André Meloche, First Delegate of Québec to PIARC, and Mr. Claude Carette, Chairman of the PIARC-Québec National Committee, giving the recognition award to **Ms. Anne-Marie Leclerc**, PIARC past president.

ITALIA



The year 2013 represented an important target for the Italian members of the World Road Association and for the Italian National Committee. Starting from April 4th 1913 (we have to go back to this date for the Italian Government adhesion to the Association), 100 years of endless Italian activity within PIARC have passed, marked by great engagement, support and enthusiasm.

We therefore took the opportunity to host at the beginning of last November in Rome the annual World Road Association meetings in order to celebrate at international level such a prestigious event. Most INC efforts during the second semester of 2013 were therefore concentrated on the organization of the above events. The acknowledgements of the different participating countries confirmed that we achieved our goal.

Our participation to the Andorra 2014 Congress was marked by the presence of Italian pavilion and as regards the technical contributions three Italian papers have been accepted. Among the activities foreseen for the near future, a special mention is to be made to:

- strengthening the World Road Association knowledge at national level, by circulating its products to all the institutions and private bodies that could take advantage of the enormous patrimony of technical information produced by the World Road Association;
- involve in our activity the competent Parliamentary commissions and let them have access to the World Road Association technical products to be used in their work of establishing regulations and rules; the same goes for the Ministries Legislative Offices and General Directions involved in the road sector;
- strengthening the World Road Association's role for young professionals. INC is presently working at granting a Prize for graduates in 2014 with theses on the four Strategic Themes: not only will the winners be offered the publication of their thesis but also a stage with the main members of the World Road Association;
- strengthening our relationship with the World Road Association presidency and secretariat and our contacts with the representatives of other countries, intensifying our contribution to ROUTES /ROADS magazine;
- an intense cooperation with the European Commission is underway, concerning the new satellite navigation program "Galileo" which presents several applications to the road sector: next year, a meeting in Rome will be held (in cooperation with the World Road Association members from UK and United States National Committees), in order to present some scientific pilot experiences in the road field;
- promote cooperation with member countries: Italy is concentrating its action in SubSaharan French-speaking African countries in order to develop a common action in the field of rural viability.



Other Activities and Examples of Good Practice

SPAIN

Course on Geotechnical Maintenance of Road Works and Course on Professional Expert on Pavements of Civil Works

For international professionals: throughout 2014, on-line;

For national professionals: Group one – 3rd February, 2014; Group two – 5th May, 2014, on-line.

The course is addressed to professionals involved in geotechnical aspects, maintenance and repair of road infrastructures.

Course on Slope Stability Evaluations by Limit Equilibrium Methods and Course on Graphic Processing of Information in Civil Engineering Projects

For national and international professionals: Group one – 3rd February, 2014, on-line;

For national and international professionals: Group two – 1st April, 2014, on-line.

Technical Conference on Improvement of Road Safety and Maintenance for Existing Bridges and Technical Conference on New Technologies Applied to Concrete Roads

For national and international professionals: opened throughout the year 2014, on-line

This online Conference is intended for professionals related with bridges, road safety, maintenance and management of linear infrastructures.

More information about the activities of the PIARC Spanish National Committee is available on www.atc-piarc.com.



The World Road Association Congresses

XXVth World Road Congress Seoul 2015

2 – 6 November 2015, Seoul, South Korea

For any information:

<http://www.piarcseoul2015.org>



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