



PIARC INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR SAFER ROAD OPERATIONS

10 - 12 November 2010

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HOTEL RAMADA HERRADURA

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SEMINAR SAFER ROAD OPERATIONS
10-12 November 2010
Hotel Ramada Herradura

The International Seminar “Safer Road Operations” is co-organized by the **World Road Association** (AIPCR-PIARC), the **Public Works and Transports Ministry** from Costa Rica (MOPT) and the **Costa Rican Transport Engineering Association**. The seminar has the support of the Roads Directors Council of Iberia and Ibero-America (DIRCAIBEA).

The primary objectives of the Seminar will entail the following:

- Sharing best local, regional and international practices and experiences in road safety policy and planning;
- Understanding the social factors that influence sound road safety planning and implementation; and
- Highlighting best practices in implementing road safety policies.

The International Seminar “Safer Road Operations” is part of the International Seminars Programme of PIARC (World Road Association). During the three days of the seminar (two days of meetings and one day for a technical visit) there will be presentations from experts of the C2 Technical Committee (“Safer Road Operations”) of PIARC, representatives from MOPT, CONAVI, COSEVI and other organisations from Costa Rica, as well as road safety experts from other countries of the Americas. At the end of each session there will be the opportunity for questions and debate. The seminar will also include round table discussions on road safety. The seminar participants will have the opportunity to actively participate in the discussions and exchange with road safety experts.

The official languages of the Seminar will be English and Spanish with simultaneous translation in both languages.

The official venue for the PIARC International Seminar will be the Hotel Ramada Plaza Herradura, in San Jose, Costa Rica.

The Seminar programme is structured into three main themes, focusing on the following subjects:

Theme 1 - Road Safety Policies

- Road Safety Policies and Plans
- Road Safety Policies and Plans of local authorities
- Effects of traffic legislation and regulations on road safety (enforceability, educational or preventive)
- Integration of national and local road safety policies

Theme 2 - Social aspects of road safety

- Integrating gender issues into road safety
- Civil liability and/or enforcement of road safety legislation with regard to road infrastructure
- The involvement of civil society in road safety (crash victims support groups, emergency service authorities, private companies, etc.)
- Inclusion of road safety education in civil society and raising awareness on a road safety culture change
- Traffic-related violence
- Social inequities in road safety

Theme 3 - Good practice on road safety

- Good practice on road safety
- Road safety campaigns (radio, TV, newspapers, etc)
- Prioritizing investments in road safety (case study)
- Traffic control enforcement execution (or implementation) and effectiveness
- Application of information and communication technology to road safety strategic actions
- Technological implementations for road safety (automatic speed control, vehicle advancements, etc)

Accompanying persons programme and post-Seminar programme

The tourist, agency EcoGreen, is organising an entertainment programme with technical visits for the accompanying persons in the Seminar. The activities proposed during the seminar are:

- Visit to the Arenal volcano National Park and the Thermal Water of Baldi
- Dinners with panoramic views at Ram Luna or Tuquicia

There will also be a tourist programme after the seminar with a visit to the Manuel Antonio National Park and the Poas volcano.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Wednesday 10 November 2010

- 08:00 - 08:30 Participant registration
- 08:30 - 10:30 Opening ceremony
- Introduction from PIARC Technical Committee C2 Chair, Prof. Dr. Ahmad Farhan Mohd Sadullah.
 - Introduction from Costa Rica MOPT representative
- 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

Theme 1 - Road Safety Policies

- 11:00 - 12:00 Presentations (2) including time for discussion
- 12:00 - 13:30 Lunch**
- 13:30 - 14:50 Presentations (4) including time for discussion
- 14:50 - 15:20 Coffee break
- 15:20 - 16:40 Round table discussion
- 17:00 - 17:30 Welcome Cocktail

Thursday 11 November 2010

Technical visit: San José Road– Caldera

- 08:00 - 08:30 Departure from the Hotel in San Jose
- 08:30 - 09:00 Section I: Sábana to Colón City
- 09:00 - 10:40 Section II: Colón City to Orotina
- First stop: Siquiares
 - Second stop: Escobal, coffee break
 - Presentation of the Works, including time for discussion
- 11:00 Depart for the continuation of the visit.
Section III: Orotina to Puerto Caldera
- 12:30 Lunch at Hotel Restaurant Costa del Sol, Puerto Caldera
- 15:00 Arrival at San Jose

Friday 12 November 2010

Theme 2 - Social aspects of road safety

- 08:30 - 09:00 Participant registration
- 09:00 - 10:20 Presentations (3) including time for discussion
- 10:20 - 10:40 Coffee break
- 10:40 - 12:00 Presentations (3) including time for discussion
- 12:00 - 12:30 Round table discussion

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

Theme 3 - Good practice on road safety

- 13:30 - 14:50 Presentations (3) including time for discussion
- 14:50 - 15:20 Coffee break
- 15:30 - 16:30 Presentations (3) including time for discussion
- 16:30 - 17:00 Round table discussion
- 17:00 - 17:30 Conclusions and Closing ceremony
- 18:00 Dinner

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

DATES:

Plenary sessions on 10 and 12 November 2010 will be held from 8:30am to 5:30pm
Technical visit on 11 November 2010 will be held from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

LOCATION:

Seminar: Hotel Ramada Herradura
Technical visit: Road Project San José-Caldera

REGISTRATION

Via the Seminar Coordination Committee

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Ms. Alba Rodríguez V., National Concessionaires Council
Mr. Luis Mariano Ocampo, Public Works Division
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Ms. Floribeth Mora Mena, Program of Public Works and Transport Ministry/KfW

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT COSTA RICA



Location:

Costa Rica is located in Central America, between latitudes 8° 02' 26" y 11° 13' 12" North and longitudes 82° 33' 48" y 85° 57' 57" West.

Area: 51.100 sq Km.

Population: 4.250.000 inhabitants

Official language: Spanish

Currency: Colon (¢) (1 US\$ = 550 colones approximately)

Territorial divisions: San José, Alajuela, Cartago, Heredia, Guanacaste, Puntarenas and Limón.

Relief:

The relief in Costa Rica is very diverse. There are the low lands from 0 to 800 meters, the middle lands, from 800 to 1,500 meters, and the high lands up to 3,819 meters. There is the high Central Valley. The mountain system is divided into three mountain ranges, La de Guanacaste, Volcánica Central and la de Talamanca.

Time reference: GMT -6.

Travel Information:

To obtain travel information, including visa requirements, for Costa Rica, please check the list at the end of the announcement and contact Costa Rican diplomatic representatives closest to you.

Country map



Information from: <http://www.guiascostarica.com>

Flora and Fauna:

Costa Rica has very impressive flora and fauna, further information can be found at: www.acrosscostarica.net and <http://www.museosdecostarica.com/infocostarica10.htm>

SUGGESTED HOTELS

HOTEL	Single room USD \$	Double room USD \$	Telephone
<p>Hotel Ramada Plaza Herradura Seminar hotel, 5km from the airport (15 minutes drive) The price includes: Buffet breakfast Wi-fi Internet access Transport service airport- Hotel- Airport (5:00am. to 9:45pm.) Access to Cariari Club, which has 18 holes golf, 12 tennis courts, gym, Olympic swimming pool, table games, etc.</p>	<p>Superior Room (Sencilla) \$90.00+13%</p>	<p>Superior Room (Sencilla) \$95.00+13%</p>	<p>Tel.(506) 2209-9800 Ext.7223 Fax. .(506) 2293-0136 Lucía Bolaños E-mail: lbolaños@ramadaherradura.com</p>
<p>Hotel Radisson Europa 15km (30 minutes drive) to the seminar The price includes: Buffet breakfast Wi-fi Internet access</p> <p>Transport service to the airport is <i>not</i> included.</p>	<p>Room (Sencilla) \$88+13%</p>	<p>Room Double \$98+13%</p>	<p>Tel.(506) 2257-8220 Fax. .(506) 2257-819 Mobile: 8828-4337 Andrés Guzmán E-mail: aguzman@radisson.co.cr</p>
<p>Hotel San José Palacio 2km (15 minutes walk) to the seminar The price includes: Buffet breakfast Wi-fi Internet access Transfer to airport</p>	<p>Room Sencilla \$110.00 +13%</p>	<p>Room Double \$115.00 +13%</p>	<p>Tel. 2220-2034 Ext. 656 Fax. 2520-2046 Mobile: 8883-66-57 Javier Camacho E-mail: jcamacho@barcelocr.com</p>
<p>Hotel Aurola Holiday Inn A 10km (30 min drive) to the seminar The price includes: Buffet breakfast Wi-fi Internet access Local phone calls</p>	<p>\$125+ 13% double or single room</p>	<p>\$125+ 13% double or single room</p>	<p>Tel. 2523-1265 Fax.2255-1036 Mobile: 8378-0882 Marissa Valverde O. E-mail: mvalverde@aurolahotels.com</p>
<p>Villas de Cariari 700 m (5 minute walk) to the seminar The price includes: All the apartments have a living room, dinning room, kitchen, bathroom and balcony with panoramic views over the golf course; there is also phone and TV.</p>	<p>Villa Sencilla \$65+13% per day</p>	<p>Villa Doble \$80 +13% per day</p>	<p>Tel.2293-3033 Fax. 2239-1153 Teresita Miranda Bermúdez E-mail: vcariari@racsa.co.cr</p>

VISA INFORMATION

GENERAL VISA RULES FOR NON-RESIDENTS

FIRST GROUP

The citizens of the following countries may enter Costa Rica without a visa and for a maximum stay of up to 90 days.

GERMANY
ANDORRA
ARGENTINA
AUSTRALIA*
AUSTRIA
BAHAMAS
BARBADOS
BELGIUM
BRAZIL
BULGARIA
CANADA
CROATIA
CHILE
CYPRUS
DENMARK
SLOVAK REPUBLIC
SLOVENIA
SPAIN
UNITED STATES
ESTONIA
FINLAND
FRANCE
HUNGARY
IRELAND
ICELAND
ISRAEL
ITALY
JAPAN
LATVIA
LIECHTENSTEIN
LITHUANIA
LUXEMBOURG
MALTA
MEXICO
MONTENEGRO
NORWAY
NEW ZEALAND
NETHERLANDS
PANAMA
PARAGUAY
POLAND
PORTUGAL
PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO
SAN MARINO
PUERTO RICO
SERBIA
SOUTH AFRICA
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND **
CZECH REPUBLIC

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH KOREA
GREECE
ROMANIA
VATICAN CITY
SINGAPORE
SWEDEN
SWITZERLAND
TAIWAN
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
URUGUAY
** Includes England, Wales and Scotland

SECOND GROUP

The citizens of the following countries may enter Costa Rica without a visa for a stay of up to 30 days.

ANTIGUA AND BARBADOS
BELIZE
BOLIVIA
DOMINICA
EL SALVADOR
PHILLIPINES
FIJI
GRENADA
GUATEMALA
GUYANA
HONDURAS
NORTHERN MARIANAS
MARSHALL ISLANDS
SOLOMON ISLANDS
KIRIBATI
MALDIVES
MAURITIUS
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
NAURU
PALAU
KINGDOM OF TONGA
SAMOA
SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS
VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
SAINT LUCIA
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
SEYCHELLES
SURINAME
TUVALU
TURKEY
VANUATU
VENEZUELA

THIRD GROUP

The citizens of the following countries may enter Costa Rica with a Consular Visa for a maximum stay of 30 days.

ALBANIA
ANGOLA
SAUDI ARABIA
ALGERIA
ARMENIA
AZERBAIJAN
BAHRAIN

BENIN
BELARUS
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
BOTSWANA
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
BURKINA FASO
BURUNDI
BHUTAN
CAPE VERDE
CAMBODIA
CAMEROON
COLOMBIA
IVORY COAST
COMOROS
CHAD
ECUADOR
EGYPT
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
ERITREA
ETHIOPIA
RUSSIAN FEDERATION
GABON
GAMBIA
GEORGIA
GHANA
GUINEA
GUINEA BISSAU
EQUATORIAL GUINEA
INDIA
INDONESIA
JAMAICA
JORDAN
KAZAKHSTAN
KENYA
KYRGYZSTAN
KUWAIT
LESOTHO
LIBERIA
LIBYA
LEBANON
MADAGASCAR
MALAYSIA
MALAWI
MALI
MOROCCO
MAURITANIA
MOLDOVA
MONGOLIA
MOZAMBIQUE
NAMIBIA
NEPAL
NICARAGUA
NIGER
NIGERIA
OMAN
PAKISTAN
PAPUA NEW GUINEA
PERU

QATAR
SAHARAHUI ARAB REPUBLIC
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
LAOS
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
RWANDA
SENEGAL
SIERRA LEONE
SUDAN
SWAZILAND
THAILAND
TAJKISTAN
EAST TIMOR
TOGO
TUNISIA
TURKMENISTAN
UKRAINE
UGANDA
UZBEKISTAN
VIETNAM
YEMEN
DJIBOUTI
ZIMBABWE

NOTE: The nationals of the countries located in the third group will have to request for consular visa in their country of origin, except for the following exceptions:

- a) The nationals of the countries located in the third group that have already a visa to enter the United States of America, Canada and/or the countries of the European Union, stamped in their passport, valid for three months minimum, will be able to enter Costa Rica without a consular visa, with the same conditions as those of the nationals of the countries located in the first group.
- b) The nationals of the countries located in the third group that are in quality of legal permanency with a non inferior use to six months, in the countries of the first group not referred in cluster 'a', will be able to request for consular visa in that country of legal permanency whenever they present before the respective Costa Rican consul, the document that credits that condition. The Costa Rican consuls will have to verify before the migratory authorities of the country of permanence, the authenticity that condition.
- c) The nationals of the countries located in the third group, with a legal permanency status minimum of six months in the United States of America, Canada and/or the countries of the European Union, will be able to enter Costa Rica without consular visa, with the same conditions as of the nationals of the countries located in the first group.
- d) The nationals of the countries located in the third group that are in quality of permanent resident with a non inferior use to six months in Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua or El Salvador, will be able to request for consular visa in that country of permanent residence, whenever they present before the respective Costa Rican consul, the document that credits that legal permanence. The Costa Rican consuls will have to verify before the migratory authorities of the residence country, the authenticity of the permanent residence.

For other national foreigners of a country of the third group that request for entrance visa before a Costa Rican consulate other than its country of origin or residence and that is not within the exceptions indicated before, the consular agent will have to send the request to the office of the General Director of Migration and Foreignship via fax, for their evaluation. This request will be solved in accordance with the applicable elements of fact and law. The General Director of Migration and Foreignship will be able to deny these requests according to pertinent considerations. In any case, there must be reasonable indications that the foreigner does not try to stay in the country, because it would be cause of denial to the migratory category of no Resident.

FOURTH GROUP

ADMITTED WITH RESTRICTED AND AUTHORIZED VISA BY GENERAL DIRECTOR OF MIGRATION AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION OF RESTRICTED VISAS:

AFGHANISTAN
BANGLADESH
CUBA
HAITI
IRAQ
MYANMAR
PALESTINIAN TERRITORY
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA
SOMALIA
SRI LANKA

NOTES:

- a) The nationals of the countries located in the fourth group, originating from countries that have diplomatic relations with Costa Rica and that have already a visa to enter the United States of America, Canada or the countries of the European Union, stamped in their passport, valid for three months minimum, will be able to enter Costa Rica without consular visa, with the same conditions as of the nationals of the countries located in the second group. The nationals of the countries that fulfill this disposition will be exempted from the warranty deposit, as they have the same conditions as the nationals of the countries located in the second group.
- b) The nationals of the countries located in the fourth group that are in quality of legal permanency with a non inferior use to six months, in the countries of the first group, will be able to request for consular visa in that country of legal permanency, whenever they present before the respective Costa Rican consul, the document that credits that legal permanence. The Costa Rican consuls will have to verify before the migratory authorities of the country of permanency, the authenticity of that condition.
- c) The nationals of the countries located in the fourth group, originating from countries that have diplomatic relations with Costa Rica, with a legal permanency status minimum of six months in the United States of America, Canada and/or the countries of the European Union, will be able to enter Costa Rica without consular visa, with the same conditions as of the nationals of the countries located in the second group.
- d) The carrying nationals of Hong Kong of British passports for overseas citizens (British National Overseas/BN) that is effective, will receive the same treatment that the nationals of the first group of the present regulation, reason why will not require visa to enter the country and its permanence will be up to 90 days natural. The nationals of Hong Kong who do not carry the referred document of trip, will require consular visa.
- e) In case of businessmen and investment natives of the Popular Republic of China, which conducted its course from the Costa Rican Consulate in China, supported by a letter from the Trade Development Bureau (attached to the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Trade), the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), the China Investment Promotion Agency (CIPA) or PROCOMER's Office in China, the entry requirements will be identified for the foreign people in the third group, that is to say, enter by means of consular visa. PROCOMER's Office in China will only provide the visa in those cases in which the foreigners visit Costa Rica in order to participate in an activity related to the promotion of exportations and investments in Costarican territory, organized by PROCOMER. The letter of supports provided by the organisms cited in this clouster, must have the minimum requirements that for this purpose provides the Costa Rican Consulate in China.

TRANSITORY I

Citizens of countries that are not in the four groups mentioned above are included in the fourth group.

TRANSITORY II

British, French, Dutch, American, Norwegian, Australian and New Zealand dependences have the same treatment if their citizens have passport of the country that they depend on.

DEPENDENCES

BRITISH

ANGUILA ANGUILLA
ASCENCIÓN ASCENCION
BERMUDAS BERMUDA
GIBRALTAR GIBRALTAR
ISLAS CAIMÁN CAYMAN ISLAND
ISLAS CANAL CANAL ISLAND
ISLAS DE MAN ISLAND OF MAN
ISLAS MALVINAS FALKLAND ISLAND
ISLAS PITCAIRN PITCAIRN ISLAND
ISLAS TURCAS Y CAICOS TURKS AND CAICOS ISLAND
ISLAS VÍRGENES BRITÁNICAS BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS
MONSERRAT MONSERRAT
SANTA HELENA ST. HELENA
TERRITORIO BRITÁNICO DEL OCEANO INDICO BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY

FRENCH

GUADALUPE GUADELOUPE
GUYANA FRANCESA FRENCH GUIANA
MARTINICA MARTINIQUE
MAYOTTE MAYOTTE
NUEVA CALEDONIA NEW CALEDONIA
POLINESIA FRANCESA FRENCH POLYNESIA
REUNIÓN REUNION
SAN PEDRO Y MIGUELÓN SAINT PIERRE AND MIGUELON
SAN MARTIN SAN MARTIN
TERRITORIOS AUSTRALES FRANCESES FRENCH SOUTHERN TERRITORIES
WALLIS Y FORTUNA WALLIS AND FORTUNA

DUTCH

ANTILLAS NEERLANDESAS NETHERLANDS ANTILLES
ARUBA ARUBA
BONAIRE BONAIRE
CURAZAO CURAZAO

DANISH

GROENLANDIA GREENLAND
ISLAS FEROÉ FAROE ISLAND

AUSTRALIAN

ISLAS COCOS COCOS ISLANDS
ISLAS CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS ISLANDS
ISLAS HEARD Y McDONALD HEARD AND McDONALD ISLANDS
ISLAS NORFOLK NORFOLK ISLANDS

AMERICAN

GUAM GUAM
ISLAS MENORES ALEJADAS DE ESTADOS UNIDOS UNITED STATES MINOR OUTLYING ISLANDS
ISLAS VÍRGENES AMERICANAS US. VIRGIN ISLANDS
SAMOA AMERICANA AMERICAN SAMOA

NEW ZEALAND

ISLAS COOK COOK ISLANDS
NIUE NIUE
TOLKELAU TOLKELAU

NORWEGIAN
ISLAS BOUVET BOUVET ISLANDS
SVALBARD Y JAN MAYEN SVALBARD