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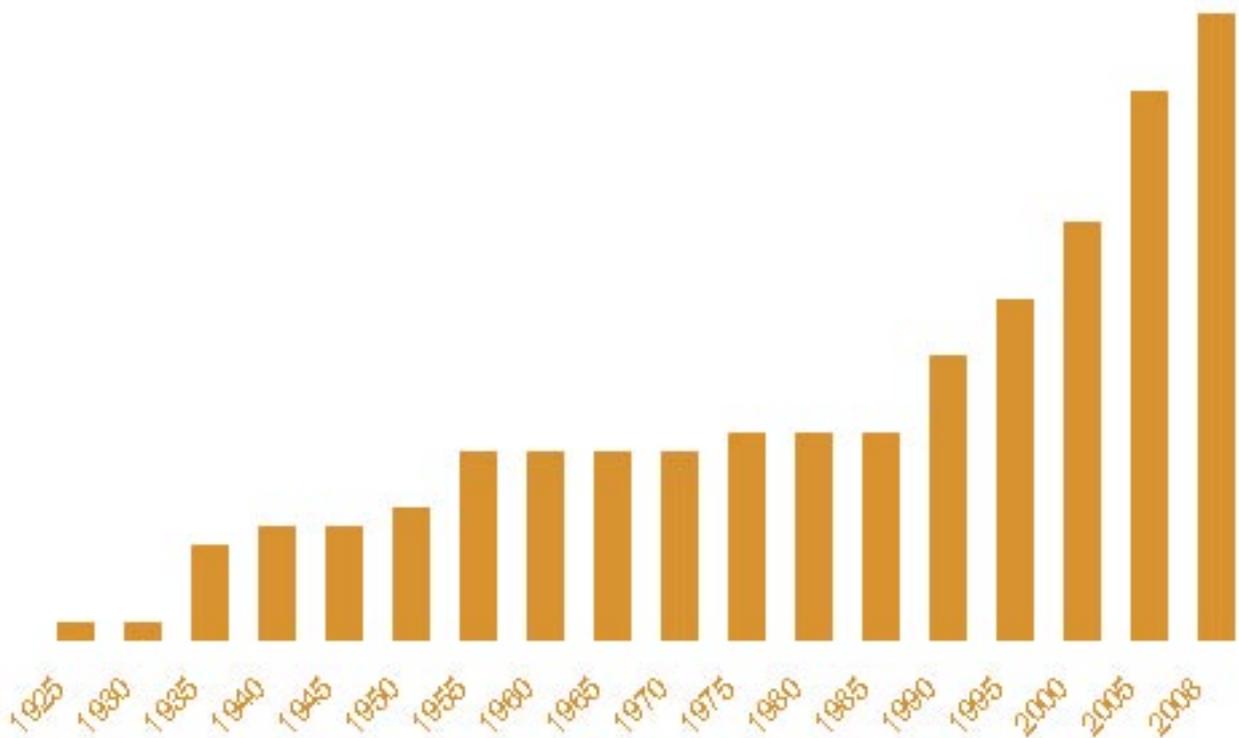
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## EDITORIAL

The Annual Conference of PIARC National Committees (NCs) took place in Marrakech (Morocco) on 28th and 29th of October, in conjunction with the 2008 Council meeting. During the conference the activities of NCs were highlighted in a series of presentations, showing the variety of tasks carried out by NCs. The content of each presentation was an excerpt of the countries' 2008 Activity Reports, available for downloading at [www.piarc.org](http://www.piarc.org) > National Committees.

At the end of a four year working circle, it is evident that the group of NCs is showing a steady growth; the influence and importance of the group has grown and its corporate identity has improved well. Almost 38 countries are represented by 33 NCs and another eight countries have shown interest in creating a National Committee. Beyond other activities PIARC NCs contributed to the PIARC Strategic Plan 2008-2011, attended PIARC congresses and organised national and international meetings and seminars with PIARC Technical Committees and other bodies.



The NCs provide valuable input to the electronic newsletter. Since the first edition in 2005, as many as 28 countries have contributed with 275 articles, presenting news and new ideas, information on upcoming events and technical activities, highlighting examples of best practice and introducing national publications. Most of these activities are recorded on the individual websites of the particular NCs which in turn are linked to the common PIARC website.

During the meeting, the group evaluated the results of a survey undertaken at the Paris 2007 World Road Congress which surveyed sentiments on the kind of participation and representation of National Committees. The design, location and programme of presentations in the joint pavilion of NCs with

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PIARC General Secretariat at the congress exhibition and the meetings held there. Proposals for an improved integration of NCs into the programme of future PIARC congresses were formulated.

Another important part of the meeting was a brainstorming session and a discussion of ideas for the celebration of the PIARC centenary in 2009. Various suggestions were made, and during the course of discussion within the Executive Committee, it was decided that the overall topic should be a social one, linking roads and human beings: pedestrian safety. A working group will be formed to should elaborate an action plan for presentation at the next meeting of the Executive Committee in March 2009. The 2009 Council meeting in Korea and other PIARC events during the year should be used as a platform for celebrating this 100 year anniversary.



At the end of the meeting, contributions for the 2009-2012 working plan for the group of NCs were presented by each NC representative. Main objectives for the new cycle include:

- a more intensive integration of the to date, less involved NCs;
- a further improvement of the information flow between experienced and less experienced Committees by NC representatives and bilateral guidance;
- an analysis of the membership structure of each NC; the results of this analysis should be the basis for the development of further promotion strategies for PIARC and PIARC outputs in order to increase the number of both individual and collective members)
- the participation of countries so far without a NC, but with an eligible membership structure in the NCs group activities on an observer basis;
- an update of the guidebook "Why and how to Create a National Committee"; and
- the establishment of a task group to assist the NC representative in developing, organising and reviewing all of the proposed actions.

As the representative of the PIARC National Committees to the Executive Committee, I am very happy indeed that due to the fruitful cooperation and helpful support of so many committees, all the tasks of my working programme 2005-2008 could be fulfilled. It is a great honour for me to have been re-elected for a second term by the Conference of NCs in Marrakech. Furthermore, the re-election is also a welcome challenge for me and I would like to thank all participants for the great confidence they have placed in me. I will try to accomplish all the propositions of the new work plan with the same enthusiasm as previous years. I would like to thank the members of my task group who will support me in emphasising the regional context, establishing new contacts, facilitating the work on the newsletter, preparing analysis and surveys, interacting at the internet platform and organising the representation of NCs at future PIARC congresses.

With all my best regards

**Friedrich Zotter**

Representative of National Committees  
on the PIARC Executive Committee

## NC news, activities, seminars and conferences

### AUSTRIA

**7th ASTRAD Symposium Road Management and Winter Maintenance - "The Austrian Winter Road Congress"**  
22nd-23rd April 2009 in Wels (Austria)



Over 130 exhibitors will welcome more than 1,200 professionals from the road management and road maintenance sector at the upcoming biennial Austrian "Winter Road Congress". The latest developments in equipment and technology for road operation and winter maintenance will be presented at several technical sessions and in an exhibition area of 18,500 square metres (indoor and outdoor). Admission is free for registered visitors. The Symposium serves as primary forum, orientated on an operational level, where industry and manufacturers can meet the users of their appliances and applications. Research and development groups will present their latest equipment, while users such as "road masters" and representatives from municipalities, provinces and local authorities can express their demands and wishes for the future. In previous years, interest and popularity of the event has been growing steadily, demonstrated by a growing international participation despite the forum's orientation at the national level.



Further Information: [www.astrad.org](http://www.astrad.org)

## LATVIA

### XXVII International Baltic Road Conference

24th -26th August 2009 in Riga, Latvia

In August 2009, Latvia will host the first International Baltic Road Conference organised since the accession of the Baltic countries to the European Union in 2004. The Baltic States wish to share their experience acquired during the first years within the EU, views on the road sector development, progress in project implementation and future plans. The last days in August of 2009 will offer wide opportunities for creative work and pleasant entertainment as well.

#### Session themes

- Road planning
- Road financing
- Road preservation
- Road construction
- Bridges
- Road safety
- Road regulations



INTERNATIONAL  
BALTIC ROAD  
CONFERENCE

During the conference, the International Exhibition Company ÒBT-1Ó will host the exhibition "Road Construction 2009". Technical tours and an accompanying programme will be offered.

Contact information and details on reports: [conference@lvceli.lv](mailto:conference@lvceli.lv)

Website: [www.lvceli.lv/en/](http://www.lvceli.lv/en/)

## BURKINA FASO

### International Seminar on Road Maintenance Management Techniques and Financing Methods

2nd-4th December 2008 in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso)



A seminar, jointly organised by the Technical Committee A.2 of the World Road Association (PIARC), the PIARC National Committee of Burkina Faso, the Association of African Road Managers and Partners (AGEPAR), the African Road Maintenance Funds Association (ARMFA) and the road maintenance fund of Burkina Faso (ERF-B), devoted to the technical management and financing of road maintenance in Africa, will be held from 2nd to 4th December 2008 in Ouagadougou.

It comes within the context of strengthening relations between PIARC and African regional organisations. This seminar will discuss important issues and is an opportunity for participants to share and develop expertise in this area through the presence of numerous national experts.

Further information on the progress and the program of this event are available at the PIARC website:

[www.piarc.org/fr/congres-seminaires/seminaires-aipcr/](http://www.piarc.org/fr/congres-seminaires/seminaires-aipcr/)



## FRANCE

### ATEC-ITS Congress and ATEXPO Exhibition 2009

4th-5th February 2009 at the Palais des Congrès in Versailles (France)

ATEXPO is a professional exhibition hosting between 30 and 35 exhibitors each year.

The ATEXPO 2009 exhibition will be held at the Versailles Congress Centre, located at the foot of the palace, on 4th and 5th February 2009 during the Annual Congress of ATEC entitled «Transportation and Innovation: What developments, for which future?». ».

Information: [www.atec-tec.net](http://www.atec-tec.net)





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## JAPAN

### 7th HORA (Heads of Road Authorities) Meeting

4th-5th June 2008 in Tokyo (Japan)

An important initiative of REAAA has been the establishment of regular meetings of Heads of Road Authorities (HORA) in the region. The objectives of the HORA Meetings include:

- Establishing a network of professionals with common interest
- Sharing knowledge and experiences
- Searching for solutions for problems on common issues in roads development
- Creating a focal point for exchange of ideas related to road engineering and its development

The 7th Meeting of the Heads of Road Authorities (HORA) was held at Mita Kaigisho in Tokyo, Japan on the 4th and 5th June. The event was hosted by Japan and organised by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport and Tourism, Japan, with the support and cooperation of Japan Road Association and other agencies, institutions and companies.

The Meeting was successful with the attendance of 72 delegates from 13 countries. PIARC was represented by Deputy Secretary General, Mr. Franck Charmaison.

Three main themes were discussed during the meeting:

- 1 Final Report on Privatisation of Road facilities and the Presentation of the "Guide to the Privatisation of Talled Expressways"
- 2 Progress Report on Disaster Risk Management
- 3 Efficient Operation of Road Network

Further information: [www.reaaa.net](http://www.reaaa.net)



# SURE 2008

## 6th International Symposium on Pavement Surface Characteristics for Roads and Airfields (SURF 2008)

20th-22nd October 2008 in Portoroz (Slovenia)

From 20th to 22nd October the 6th International Symposium on Pavement Surface Characteristics for Roads and Airfields (SURF) was held in Portoroz, Slovenia. The scientific committee, under the chairmanship of Mathieu Grondin, selected 55 papers out of 120 abstracts using the facilities of PIARC. The PIARC National Committee of Slovenia organised the event together with exhibition and social events. The event attracted 170 participants from 39 countries, who were able to attend the excellent presentations and contribute to discussions in 14 sessions on the topics of:

- Vehicle / road interaction;
- Assessment of the pavement (friction, noise and cracking);
- Data analysis tools;
- Performance criteria and Pavement Management.

At the end of the conference a series of joined activities was organised:

- Meetings of the sub-committees of PIARC Technical Committees D2 (TC D.2a, TC D.2b and TC D.2c)
- Workshop on the TYROSAFE project financed by EC > <http://tyrosafe.fehrl.org>
- Cultural evening with participants of the 9th Slovenian Road and Transportation Congress

Selected presentations from the conference were recorded and will be published on the largest educational video repository in the EU «<http://videlectures.net/>».





## SPAIN

### 11th International Symposium on Concrete Roads

13th-15th October 2010 in Seville (Spain)

The Spanish Cement Association (OFICEMEN), the Spanish Institute of Cement and its Applications (IECA), the European Concrete Paving Association (EUPAVE) and the World Road Association (PIARC) are pleased to invite you to take part in the eleventh edition of the International Symposium on Concrete Roads which has an emphasis on the exchange of knowledge and experience.

“The answer to new challenges”: climate change, economical constraints, skills shortages, rising oil prices – no matter what obstacles our fast-changing world presents, concrete roads can meet the challenge. Careful planning, cost efficient designs, sustainable construction and focused maintenance are key issues when discussing concrete roads. Past experience has provided us with a wealth of knowledge upon which to build – modern day alternatives and innovative special applications provide direction for the future.

The technical sessions of this symposium will assist the participants to find the answers to new challenges. Be an informed part of a quality roads infrastructure future in concrete!

See you in Seville!!!

For more information, contact: [marketing@oficemen.com](mailto:marketing@oficemen.com)

Updated information will be available on [www.2010concreteroads.org](http://www.2010concreteroads.org)

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



The Transportation Research Board (TRB) 88th Annual Meeting will be held in Washington, D.C., at the Connecticut Avenue Collection hotels: Marriott Wardman Park, Omni Shoreham, and Hilton Washington.

The TRB Annual Meeting program covers all transportation modes, with more than 3,000 presentations in nearly 600 sessions addressing topics of interest to all attendees—policy makers, administrators, practitioners, researchers, and representatives of government, industry, and academic institutions.

The spotlight theme for 2009 is Transportation, Energy, and Climate Change.

The Interactive Programme is now available to conduct searches by session title, paper title, keywords, author, and subject area. Registration enables the planning of personalised itineraries and access to event room names. <http://www.trb.org/am/ip/default.asp?e=445>

Further information is available at [www.trb.org](http://www.trb.org)



# Other NC activities and examples of good practice

## CANADA

### Offering an internet platform

Dear Sir or Madam,

In an effort to encourage discussion among Canadian National Committee (CNC) members, National Committees (NCs) members and World Road Association (PIARC) members, we have decided to help people connect using the latest networking technology.

After speaking with some of you in Helsinki, I am pleased to announce that I have launched two networking tools on CNC's new Website (<<http://www.cnc-piarc-aipcr.ca>>) to facilitate information sharing among CNC members and the national and international road communities:

#### 1. First Delegate's Blog:

This blog is interactive, and I would like it to be a forum for direct communication with CNC members and with national and international road communities. I look forward to reading and replying to your messages. The blog provides a discussion forum on our Web site.

#### 2. CNC- PIARC Facebook:

This social networking site helps CNC members communicate with each other. It can also be used to distribute information to Canadian members of PIARC technical committees, and for them to share with their Canadian colleagues what they learned on their respective committees.

Secondly, the site helps CNC members connect with the international road community, since all PIARC members are able to participate in our discussions. CNC - PIARC Facebook will also help CNC members communicate with other colleagues.

I encourage first delegates, NC chairs, secretaries general and other PIARC colleagues to set up forums and invite your colleagues, young engineers, students and other participants to join in on our discussions.

Please keep in mind that these sites are still a work in progress and we are one of the first organizations to set up these kinds of sites. Renewal involves continued team work. Renewal is not about fixing something for all time but updating what we do and how we do it in order to remain relevant and effective now and in the future. It is about keeping the CNC dynamic, fresh and respected. And renewal is not something others do; the impetus for renewal has to come from within, and it has to involve all of us.

I encourage everyone to take advantage of these new tools.

Sincerely,

**Bryce CONRAD**  
Canada First Delegate to PIARC



## FRANCE

### Annual meeting of the French National Committee of PIARC

4th December 2008 in Paris, Arche de la Defense



The annual meeting between members of the French National Committee, French experts in the international PIARC Technical Committees and members of the respective national technical groups has evolved into a central platform of communication for the entire French road community. The next meeting will be held on 4th December in Paris, Arche de la Défense.

Information: [www.cf-aipcr.org/](http://www.cf-aipcr.org/)



## SWITZERLAND

### Annual conference of the Swiss National Committee of PIARC

6th November 2008 in Zurich



The annual conference of the Swiss National Committee of PIARC on 6th November in Zurich was dedicated to the theme of "Risk Management". The effects of climate change, respective risks for road infrastructure, natural disasters as well as modes of prevention, crisis management and insurance aspects were presented and discussed at a round table forum. The new president of the Swiss National Committee, Mr. Rene Suter, chaired the conference.

Information: [www.swissroads.ch/home/aipcr/aipcr.php](http://www.swissroads.ch/home/aipcr/aipcr.php)

## NC Publications and software

### AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

#### Review of Surface Texture Measurement Method for Seal Design Input



This report presents an extensive literature review of pavement surface texture measurement methods with a specific interest in how they affect operator safety and delays to traffic. The literature review shows that there are a number of methods in use, such as the volumetric technique, image analysis technique and the laser profile techniques.

See more details at [www.onlinepublications.austroads.com.au](http://www.onlinepublications.austroads.com.au)

### CANADA

#### Presentations from the CNC Round Table Discussion at the TAC Conference

The round table discussion was held on 22nd September 2008 at the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) Conference and Exhibition in Toronto. The presentations from the round table are listed below and are available in the Virtual Library of the CNC.

- PPP Financing: Challenges Ahead, the Devil is in the details. Presented by: *Christiane BERGEVIN*
- Portsmouth PFI: 5 years down the road. Presented by: *Andy FINCH and Eric BRANGIER*
- PPP's for Canadian Road Projects. Presented by: *Richard DESLAURIERS*
- Le parachèvement et l'exploitation de l'Autoroute 25 en PPP (French Only). Presented by: *Marc FLAMAND and Daniel TOUTANT*
- Ontario AFP Experience. *George STEWART*



Visit the Virtual Library to view and download these presentations at

<http://www.cnc-piarc-aipcr.ca/en/library.htm>

## CANADA-QUÉBEC

**ROUTES & TRANSPORTS**

**NEIGE**



### "Roads & Transport" and "Snow" Journals

6th November 2008 in Zurich

The magazine "Roads and Transport" is published, four times per year for all those interested in the issues affecting the transport network. Also, the AQTR publishes annually the magazine "Snow" which is dedicated specifically to winter service. The publications are an essential advertising vehicle that will contribute to achieving the goals of business development.

Further information at: [www.aqtr.qc.ca](http://www.aqtr.qc.ca)

## FRANCE

Issue number 21 of the French National Committee's Newsletter (La Lettre du CF n° 21) is available for download at [www.cf-aipcr.org/](http://www.cf-aipcr.org/)



Contents:

- Editorial by Michel Démarre
- General Assembly, Governing Council
- Security Steps in the Infrastructure
- The motorway companies ready for an electronic toll European interoperable
- The 2008 CF - PIARC prize
- Upcoming events



## SPAIN

No. 127 of the Spanish Road Magazine "Rutas" has been published.

Headlines:

Interview with D. Vicente Martínez-Vilanova Falero, Deputy Director General of the Ministry of Preservation and Operations of Public Works

Open forums:

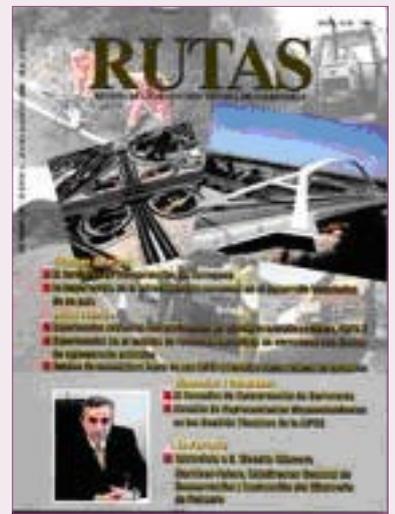
- The importance of road infrastructure to the economic development of a country
- Technical issues: Recent experience with continuous reinforced concrete pavements.
- Experiences in the use of metal reinforcement on roads crowded with asphalt pavements
- Use of shredded tyres as embankment fill

Symposiums and conferences:

- XI Conference on Maintenance, Tarragona
- Meeting of Representatives on PIARC Technical Committees

Previous issues can be ordered via the website of the Spanish National Committee

[www.atc-piarc.com/rutas](http://www.atc-piarc.com/rutas)



## PIARC Congresses



### 13TH PIARC WINTER ROAD CONGRESS 8 – 11 February 2010 in Québec City

Bulletin no.1 of the congress is available since 20 September 2008 and could be downloaded at the website of the congress.

Bulletin no.1 includes:

- themes of the congress
- call for communications
- information on booking stands

The call for papers opened on 1st September 2008. To submit an abstract of your proposed paper, visit the Submit an abstract page on the official website of the Congress, at <http://www.aipcrquebec2010.org/>.

Registration for the congress will begin on 1st June 2009 over the Congress website. Visit the site regularly to find out the latest news, and add your name to the information mailing list by sending us an email message to [quebec2010@agoracom.qc.ca](mailto:quebec2010@agoracom.qc.ca)



## 24TH WORLD ROAD CONGRESS 25 – 30 September 2011, Mexico City

The 24th World Road Congress of the World Road Association will be held in Mexico City (Mexico) from 25th to 30th September 2011.

The memorandum of agreement has been signed between the World Road Association and the Mexican Secretariat of Communications and Transport.

The Council of the World Road Association approved at its 2008 meeting in Marrakech "Mobility, Sustainability and Development" as the overarching theme for the XXIVth World Road Congress and the proposed general structure of the Congress.

Centro Banamex is the biggest business centre in Mexico and will offer the best infrastructure and the most professional team to organise the event.

### Technical Visits

During the next five years Mexico expects to invest more than 25 billion US dollars in several road projects that will offer multiple opportunities for technical visits.



### Social Events

The wide diversity of options in Mexico City will make the XXIV World Road Congress an event to remember!

#### Welcome Reception

A fine cocktail with a great selection of wines and distinctive hors d'oeuvres will lead the way to the internationally recognized National Folklore Ballet.

#### Gala dinner: Mexican Night

A gala dinner will be staged to reflect the internationally recognized Mexican cuisine at the National Museum of Anthropology, accompanied by the traditional Mariachi.

#### Accompanying Persons Program

There will be the following guided tours:

- City tour
- Cuernavaca-Taxco
- Teotihuacan Pyramids
- Shopping tour



**MÉXICO**  
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### Pre and Post Congress Tours

Mexico City is a strategic point for traveling on to various destinations such as beaches and colonial cities.

Enjoy nearby cities in a Pre or Post Tour that you will never forget!

- Aztec Tour
- Agave Landscape and Former Industrial Tequila Facilities
- Puebla Valley
- The First 16th Century Monasteries on the slopes of the Popocatepetl Volcano
- Cuernavaca & Taxco
- Historic Center of Oaxaca and Monte Albán
- The Mayan Route and Cancún
- Colonial Sites
- Los Cabos
- Barrancas del Cobre (Copper Canyon)
- Islands and protected areas of the Gulf of California
- Pacific Coast Beaches



We look forward to  
see you in Mexico!!

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