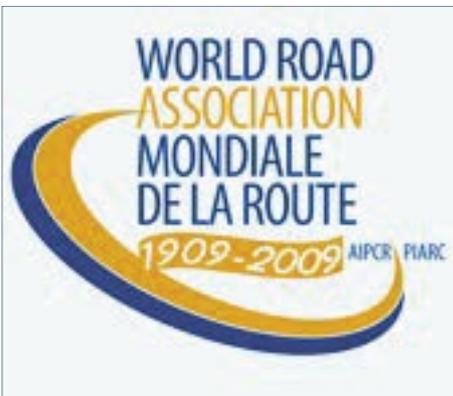




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EDITORIAL

The World Road Association 100 years – forever young

Founded in 1909, the World Road Association PIARC is celebrating its centenary in 2009.

The new “Anniversary-Logo” stands as a pivotal symbol for the start of this celebratory year. During the past 100 years, the Association has developed from a group of road engineers to an international leading forum for the exchange of ideas and know-how within the road and transport sector. With its virtual library, online access to lexicons and dictionaries, the WIN-network, training courses, technology transfer centres throughout the world, seminar programme for technological exchange and its outstanding major congresses the World Road Association is more attractive for road and transport professionals than ever before.

PIARC National Committees play an important role in this context by channelling the information between international experts and the national audience of the respective countries. During the 2008 Annual Meeting in Marrakech, Morocco, the PIARC NCs began brainstorming ideas and concepts for the celebration of this anniversary. Among the ideas suggested were: a space dedicated to the presentation of PIARC activities at national congresses, an intensified distribution of PIARC products, a special session at the 2009 Council meeting, the production of a special “Centenary” publication or video. A common umbrella for all these actions, building upon a common theme, was considered. Suggestions were made on the best way to reach a larger audience in addition to the existing PIARC “family” by celebrating this unique event throughout the world. This brainstorming was continued within the internet forum of National Committees. The decisions will be finalised during the spring meeting of the Executive Committee to be held in Mexico City in March 2009.

PIARC National Committees act as a central link of those activities on the starting point into a new “working-century”, as the working programme of the group of National Committees will have a closer involvement in development of the next Strategic Plan, a profound integration of smaller and new committees, an open base for the communication with persons and bodies outside the Association and an internal review of the membership structure in order to improve services offered by PIARC to its members and the international road and transport community.

You will discover the centenary-actions in your country and we will report on them in the next issues of the newsletter. At the end of the year it is planned to summarise the activities in a centenary brochure, concluding 100 years of work for the development of the road network, technological improvement and scientific research under the Association’s initial motto “Via Vita”.

The new motto for the next century might be less construction orientated, taking into account that good governance, sustainable transportation, economic and social development, accessibility and mobility are the major issues to be tackled in the future.

As the representative for all PIARC National Committees, I wish all my colleagues within the committees a good start for this year of celebration and invite all the readers outside PIARC to take the chance to benefit from the products and services offered by the World Road Association and its National Committees.

With my best regards

Friedrich Zotter
Representative of National Committees

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MEXICO

New Board of Directors



On 12th February 2009, after an internal election process the newly elected Board of Directors took office for the period 2009-2010. The new president of AMIVTAC is engineer, Mr. Victor Ortiz Ensastegui. www.amivtac.org

SLOVENIA

New contact address

The Slovenian National Committee has updated its website and established a new contact address: sekretariat@nc-piarc.si

ARGENTINA

XVth Argentine Congress on Roads and Transport and 6th Road Exhibition EXPOVIAL 2009

14th -18th September 2009, Mar del Plata, Buenos Aires



The XVth Argentine Road Congress will focus on theme, «The challenges of the Transport System compared to Growth». The Congress and its accompanying exhibition are meeting points for professionals within the road environment and transport sector, public sector agencies, private companies, suppliers, professionals and academics - in short, all that in one way or another make up this important sector of the national economy. The Argentine Highway Association invites professionals to present their technical work, to enhance this event. All accepted papers will be published and disseminated by the Association.

Additional information and terms and conditions for submitting contributions:

www.congresodevialidad.org.ar

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Inauguration of the new website

Austroroads Bridge Conference

26th – 30th May 2009, Auckland, New Zealand

Austroroads bridge conferences are held every two or three years, bringing together professionals with an interest in bridge engineering to investigate the progress and future directions for bridge engineering both nationally and internationally. The conferences are relevant for anyone involved in bridge engineering, including asset managers, technical staff, contractors, suppliers and consultants.

The 2009 conference is being hosted by NZ Transport Agency and will be held in Auckland, New Zealand from 26th until 29th May 2009. This will be the first time in New Zealand and will coincide with the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Auckland Harbour Bridge on 30 May. The theme of the 2009 conference focuses on the important role of bridges within the transport network.

The 2009 conference aims to promote discussion on contemporary bridge engineering and management issues and initiatives; showcase innovation, progress and new directions in bridge engineering, management, research and training; facilitate collaboration and information sharing by bringing together bridge engineering and management practitioners; and encourage the participation of young engineers through attendance as well as presenting papers.

This conference is an ideal opportunity to share information, explore opportunities, and investigate progress and future directions in bridge engineering and management.

For more information email douceline.vanarts@nzta.govt.nz



International Public Works Conference

6th – 10th September 2009, Melbourne

The IPWEA conference is held every two years. The theme for the 2009 conference is 'Global Issues, Local Solutions - Delivering for the Next Generation'. Public Works engineers from around the world are at the forefront in dealing with such challenges as sustainable management of infrastructure, skills shortage and climate change. This gathering will present a real opportunity to pool knowledge and share experiences in these critical areas as well as present an opportunity to foster cultural exchange and friendships.

Visit the IPWEA conference website for more information and to register an interest in attending. <http://www.alloccasionsgroup.com/IPWEA>

CANADA-QUEBEC

44th Annual Conference of the Association du transport et des routes (AQTR)

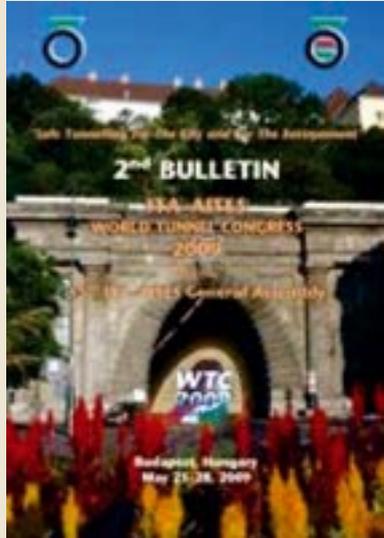
6th – 8th April 2009, Montréal, Palais des congrès

The theme for the 2009 conference is intended to reflect the reality of the transportation industry: A World of Change! The transportation industry is undergoing constant changes. New projects, new ideas, numerous worksites, an unprecedented mobilisation of resources... Changes that can be felt at all levels. Oh, what challenges!



For more information on the conference:

<http://www.aqtr.qc.ca/cgi-cs/cs.waframe.content?topic=37328&lang=1> [French only]



HUNGARY

ITA-AITES World Tunnel Congress 2009

23rd - 28th May 2009, Budapest

The 2009 World Tunnel Congress "Safe Tunnelling for the City and Environment" will be held from 23rd to 28th May 2009 at the Budapest Congress and World Trade Center, organised by the Hungarian Tunnelling Association.

The list of accepted abstracts, oral presentations, poster presentations and exhibiting companies can be seen on the website www.wtc2009.org, on-line registration is possible as well.

JAPAN

CALL FOR PAPERS

11th International Conference on Asphalt Pavements 2010

1th - 6th August 2010, Nagoya (Japan)

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ISAP NAGOYA 2010

The 11th International Conference on Asphalt Pavements 2010

August 1 to 6, 2010



Japan Road Association, in conjunction with the International Society of Asphalt Pavements is organising the ISAP NAGOYA 2010 conference, to be held for the first time in Asia. This event offers an excellent opportunity to discuss the latest developments in asphalt pavement technologies.

The papers to be produced for ISAP NAGOYA 2010 will deal with academic, practical and case studies concerning:

- Environment and Safety
- Structural and Surface Design for Pavements
- Pavement Materials
- Construction Technologies
- Management
- Low-cost Road Construction
- Advanced Applications

Deadline for the submission of abstracts is **25th May 2009**.

The Second Announcement can be downloaded at:

www.isap-nagoya2010.jp



MEXICO

PIARC International Seminar and 6th Mexican Congress on Asphalt for World Class Pavements

24th – 28th August 2009 in Cancún, Quintana Roo

The PIARC International Seminar on Maintenance Techniques to Improve Pavement Performance will be held jointly with the 6th Mexican Congress on Asphalt for World Class Pavements on 24th – 28th August 2009 in Cancun, Quintana Roo.

Information is available on the Mexican Asphalt Association website at:

www.amaac.org.mx





ROMANIA

XIIIth National Congress of Roads and Bridges

15th - 17th September 2010 in Poiana Brasov (Romania)

In a long series, the XIIIth National Romanian Congress of Roads and Bridges will be held in Poiana Brasov. The congress will cover the themes:

- Sustainability of the Road Transport System
- Improving the Provision of Services
- Safety on the Road System
- Quality of Road Infrastructure

The deadline for submission of abstracts is 31st May 2009. All abstracts should be forwarded to: apdp@ir.ro.

A technical exhibition and an accompanying persons' programme will be provided.

Further information and the Circular No.1 are available at: www.apdp.ro.

Other NC activities and examples of good practice

ARGENTINA

Internet discussion forum



A discussion forum for road safety has been established (in Spanish) on the homepage of "Fundacion CENATTEV", the Argentinean National Committee of PIARC:

www.mundovial.com.ar/discus

Participants are invited to register online. Instructions for participation are provided.

The Safety Forum covers the following sections:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accident research • Road safety audits • Road user education • The role of state agencies in road safety • Management of road safety • Socio-economic importance of road safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of road safety problems and their solutions • Traffic engineering and its impact on road safety • NGOs and road safety • The road safety as part of transport policies • Intelligent transportation systems and road safety |
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"Mundovial", www.mundovial.com.ar, is the internet portal for road issues of the Foundation CENATTEV. On this site you will find various categories of road, industry events and admission to the Forums of Road Safety and Environmental Issues.

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Austroroads involvement in PIARC Technical Committees

Technical committees produce reports based on best practice and recommendations in their respective fields to assist decision makers, road engineers and research engineers. They consist of distinguished engineers and experts appointed by World Road Association member countries. There are within the four strategic themes on various field of which Australia and New Zealand committees commenced in 2008 under Strategic Plan. Since the new strategic Zealand representatives have attended one in Sydney, Australia. Another meeting is planned for Australia in April 2009 for the Assets committee (TC D.1) in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia. Of the 14 meetings attended, 12 reports have been received.



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Information at: www.austroroads.com.au



CANADA-QUEBEC

Fall Meeting of the Québec National Committee (PIARC-Québec)

The autumn meeting of the PIARC-Québec Committee was held on the 28th November last year, chaired by Daniel Toutant, President of the Québec National Committee, and in the presence of 33 members, including the First Delegate Anne-Marie Leclerc. This meeting had a number of goals: following up on the meetings in Marrakech and the election of a new Executive Committee; following up on TC kick-off meetings; initiating the preparation of activities for the Association's 100th anniversary; establishing the state of affairs of the PIARC-Québec Committee; and, lastly, marking the election of the Canada-Québec delegation's First Delegate as President of the World Road Association for the 2009-2012 period.

The Strategic Theme Coordinators of the four strategic themes presented an excellent report on the workings of each Technical Committee. The Québec representatives on Technical Committees A.3, B.5 and C.4 reported on the meetings hosted in Québec. A progress report on the organisation of the XIIIth International Winter Road Congress was made by a representative of the organising committee. Appointments to the Committee's new board of directors and a presentation on the World Road Association's 100th anniversary completed the agenda for this meeting.

The election of the First Delegate for Canada-Québec as President of the Association led the Québec National Committee's executive to renew its workforce. Accordingly, the composition of the PIARC-Québec Committee's new executive, as of January 1, 2009, is as follows: Mr Claude Carette, President of the Committee; Mr Daniel Toutant, Outgoing President, Mr Denys Jean, First Delegate, Mr Bertrand Fournier, Second Delegate, Mr François Barsalo, Secretary General, Ms. Dominique Lacoste and Ms. Sharon Clavet, Representatives for the Association québécoise du transport et des routes, Ms. Lise Fournier, Technical Coordinator, Ms. Josée Arsenault, Ms. Chantal Girouard, Ms. Lyne Vézina and Ms. Annick Bédard, coordinators of Strategic Theme A, B, C and D.



100th anniversary of PIARC

The Québec National Committee will mark PIARC's 100th anniversary on 7th April 2009, as part of the 44th Annual Conference of the Association québécoise du transport et des routes. Prestigious guests should take part in this day of commemoration.

The programme will start with breakfast and the distribution of awards for the Dessau/PIARC-Québec abstract contest. The meeting of Committee members, open to all delegates in attendance will follow. Among other things, the exemplary contribution of several members will be highlighted with the distribution of plaques. Then, a tour of the exhibit, in particular the stalls promoting the organisation of the congresses taking place in Québec in 2010 and Mexico in 2011.

Participants will also take part in the lunch, with the Minister of Transport as the guest of honour. This lunch will be followed by the special PIARC-Québec session chaired by PIARC President Anne-Marie Leclerc. The first part of the session will be devoted to promoting the congresses to be held in Québec and Mexico and the second to a roundtable on "Sustainable Mobility".

A cocktail reception will follow during which various speakers will highlight PIARC's 100th anniversary, in the presence of the Secretary General, Jean-François Corté.

A detailed report of this day will be published in the next Newsletter.

Happy celebrating!



MEXICO

Mexican Association of Land Transport Engineers (AMIVTAC)

On 5th and 6th November 2008, AMIVTAC organised a seminar about international experiences on "Permanent Monitoring of Infrastructure", with the participation of expert speakers from Spain, France and Mexico. The event had an attendance of 140 students and professionals from land transport engineering.

As part of the event, a ceremony took place to recognise Mr. Oscar de Buen, Undersecretary for Infrastructure of México and Vice President of the World Road Association as an Honorary Member of AMIVTAC, for his outstanding professional contributions.

www.amivtac.org

NC Publications and software

Argentina

Edition No. 192 of the Argentine Road Magazine "Revista Carreteras" has recently been published. This edition deals with environmental assessment of road infrastructure, the evaluation of concrete pavements, the implementation of contra-flow lanes and the impacts on land use and fragmentation of the land by roads.

www.aacarreteras.org.ar/

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Austroads Guide to Road Safety

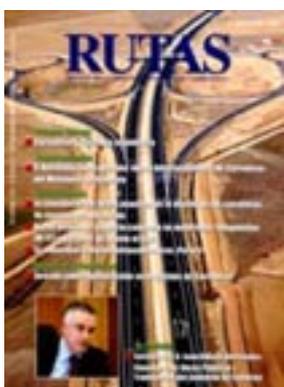
The Austroads Guide to Road Safety was recently completed with the final three parts released in February 2009. The Guide to Road Safety provides comprehensive coverage of road safety issues for practitioners involved in traffic engineering, road design and road safety. It is part of a comprehensive range of publications which are available to assist road and road transport authorities in the planning, design, construction, maintenance, operation and stewardship of roads.

The nine parts of the Guide to Road Safety include:

1. An overview of the Guide to Road Safety and discussion of road crash costs and road authorities' duty of care to provide safe travel.
2. Guidance about the process of strategy development, monitoring and evaluation. It also outlines options for strategy development and the value of a 'vision' in driving strategy development.
3. An overview of speed limits and their application as a speed management tool. The use of appropriate speed limits is an integral part of a safe road system.
4. How local government and community road safety programs are structured in Australia and New Zealand, what types of activity they involve, and how they contribute to road safety outcomes.
5. Quantifies the road safety problem on rural and remote roads in Australia and New Zealand, and describes the characteristics of those crashes. It also identifies the people who are at most risk of being involved in a crash and factors that contribute to the occurrence or increased severity of crashes on rural and remote roads.
6. A comprehensive overview of the road safety audit process and its application. Clear details of the process are provided, together with a number of real audit case studies. It discusses legal liability, costs and benefits, the audit process, safety principles and technical issues which need to be considered in road safety engineering. This part will replace the Austroads Road Safety Audit 2nd Edition (published in 2002).
7. Introduces the concepts of risk assessment and risk management in the road safety network context. The issues discussed include communication and consultation, establishing the context, identifying risks, analysing risks, evaluating risks, treating risks, monitoring and review.
8. Provides advice to help practitioners in road authorities investigate and treat locations on the road system which are experiencing traffic crashes.
9. Guidance is provided in reducing the incidence and severity of run-off-road crashes. This part examines roadside hazard management and the road environment to reduce the potential for road users to lose control of their vehicle and run off the road, with advice about a roadside environment that is free of hazards and more forgiving should a run-off occur.

More information at www.austroads.com.au

SPAIN



Issue No. 129 of the Spanish Road Magazine "Rutas" has been published and is available at www.atc-piarc.org

Within the magazine you can find an open forum on the key theme "Highways and economic recession". Also presented is the appointment of D. Aureliano Lopez Heredia as the new Director General of Public Highways in the Ministry, as well as technical articles on "The consideration of the users in the design of roads - An example of application", "New design of composite materials used in a highway viaduct", "Road safety and infrastructure (part 1)", information about symposia and congresses and an interview with D. Juan Ramon Hernandez, Director of Public Works and Transportation of the Government of the Canary Islands.

More information at: www.atc-piarc.com



13TH PIARC WINTER ROAD CONGRESS 8th – 11th February 2010 in Quebec City



Sustainable Winter Service for Road Users

In less than a year, Québec will be set to host the XIIIth International Winter Road Congress!

Have you reserved your national pavilion?

Québec, Canada, the Nordic countries, Italy, France and Japan have already reserved space for their national pavilions. Have you? Take advantage of the best spaces by contacting Jean-Sébastien CLOUTIER without delay at

jean-sebastien.cloutier@mtq.gouv.qc.ca

Over 200 abstract proposals have been received!

The entire XIIIth International Winter Road Congress organising team wishes to thank all those who submitted a proposal (summary). The B.5 Technical Committee on Winter Service is currently reviewing the proposals received and will notify authors of the acceptance or refusal of their summary on 1st April 2009.

Thank you for contributing to the success of this congress!

Many National Committees are working to promote the congress by distributing Bulletin 1 within their networks and placing a link to the official website (www.piarcquebec2010.org) on their respective websites. Keep promoting the congress and do not hesitate to ask for our brand-new congress posters (64 cm X 99 cm) by contacting claudine.tremblay@mtq.gouv.qc.ca.

www.piarcquebec2010.org

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

The Memorandum of Agreement between the World Road Association and the Mexican Government was signed as part of the activities of the new Executive Committee during its meeting in Mexico City. During the meeting, the Executive Committee made a site inspection to Centro Banamex, the venue for the next World Road Congress in September 2011.



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