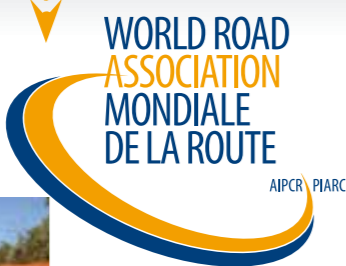


# WORLD ROAD ASSOCIATION



- > Founded in 1909 as 'Permanent International Association of Road Congresses' (PIARC)
- > Non-political, non-profit Association with consultative status to the United Nations

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Exchanging knowledge and techniques on roads and road transportation

## KNOWLEDGE ACQUISITION AND SHARING

### 18 TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

- > More than **800** experts and decision-makers from the member countries of the Association.
- > Identify best practice and the role of the international transportation system; share experiences and knowledge through **4** strategic themes.
- > Work program reviewed and redefined every **4** years.

#### ST A SUSTAINABILITY OF THE ROAD TRANSPORT SYSTEM

- A.1 Preserving the Environment
- A.2 Financing, Managing and Contracting of Road System Investment
- A.3 Road System Economics and Social Development
- A.4 Rural Road Systems and Accessibility to Rural Areas

#### ST B IMPROVING PROVISION OF SERVICES

- B.1 Good Governance of Road Administrations
- B.2 Road Network Operations
- B.3 Improved Mobility in Urban Areas
- B.4 Freight Transport and Inter Modality
- B.5 Winter Service

#### ST C SAFETY OF THE ROAD SYSTEM

- C.1 Safer Road Infrastructure
- C.2 Safer Road Operations
- C.3 Managing Operational Risk in Road Operations
- C.4 Road Tunnel Operations

#### ST D QUALITY OF ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE

- D.1 Management of Road Infrastructure Assets
- D.2 Road Pavements
  - [Sub-committees:
  - D.2.a Road surface characteristics*
  - D.2.b Flexible and semi-rigid pavements*
  - D.2.c Concrete pavements*]
- D.3 Road Bridges
- D.4 Geotechnics and Unpaved Roads

#### TERMINOLOGY

### INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS

- > Encourage knowledge transfer and exchange at the regional level in developing countries and countries in transition.
- > Organized jointly with the host country and the Technical Committees.

### NATIONAL COMMITTEES

- > Regional forum for the road and road transport community.
- > Conduct activities on behalf of the Association and disseminate information in the country.

### WORLD CONGRESSES

#### WORLD ROAD CONGRESS

Held every **4** years since 1908 for exchange on policies, approaches and techniques worldwide.



XXIVth Congress - MEXICO CITY  
26 - 30 September 2011

#### INTERNATIONAL WINTER ROAD CONGRESS

Held every **4** years to exchange information on management and operational practice in winter conditions.



XIVth Congress - ANDORRA  
4 - 7 February 2014

## COMMUNICATION AND DISSEMINATION OF KNOW-HOW

### THE PUBLICATIONS

Publicly available, free of charge in the **VIRTUAL LIBRARY** of the Association website

<http://publications.piarc.org/en/>

- > Technical Committees **REPORTS**
- > Seminar and congress **PROCEEDINGS**
- > **ROUTES/ROADS**, the quarterly and bilingual PIARC magazine (French-English): information, news and features

#### > SOFTWARE



### TERMINOLOGY

A range of multilingual and technical dictionaries and lexicons.

Online: <http://termino.piarc.org/search.php>

### THE NATIONAL COMMITTEES NEWSLETTER

Trilingual information newsletter (French-English-Spanish) on the activities of the National Committees within member countries.

## TO BECOME A MEMBER

### WHO?

- The World Road Association welcomes **4** categories of members:
- > Governments,
  - > Regional authorities,
  - > Collective members,
  - > Individual members.

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