

APPENDIX D.1

Guidelines for Planning and Conducting PIARC International Seminars in developing countries and countries with economy in transition

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1 Introduction

The World Road Association (PIARC) emphasises the need to ensure greater involvement by developing countries and countries with economies in transition in its activities.

Since 1999, PIARC manages a programme of international seminars. 21 seminars were held between 2000 and 2003, and 24 seminars between 2004 and 2007; the programme and proceedings are available on the PIARC Website.

As part of its 2008-2011 Strategic Plan, the seminar programme is carried on during this period with the objective of two seminars per Technical Committee.

These updated guidelines provide information on how to plan and conduct a PIARC seminar and define the role and responsibilities of the various actors involved. A summary of the different steps for the preparation is presented in [attachment 9](#).

2 Objective of the Seminar Programme

The official name of the seminar programme is: ***The PIARC programme of International Seminars***.

The objective of the programme is to strengthen PIARC's presence throughout the World, to be more receptive to the needs of developing countries and countries with economies in transition, and to make the results of PIARC's work more widely known. The programme will cover all kind of road and road transport related-issues and problems of particular concern to those countries.

2.1 Scope of the Seminar Programme

All the Technical Committees are asked to organise at least two seminars during the four-year cycle. The seminars should be organised in developing countries (lower middle income or low income) or countries with economies in transition (upper middle income). The seminars will be organised as international or regional events.

The host country of the seminar has to be a PIARC member country up-to-date with payment of the Government membership fee. At least half the seminars should be held in developing countries. [Attachment 1](#) shows the classification of PIARC member countries in terms of economies.

Seminars may be organised jointly with one or more other Technical Committees. In order to broaden the prospective audience and the impacts of the seminar, it should be organized whenever possible with the existing regional organisations of road administrations and if advisable with other regional or international bodies. PIARC General Secretariat will take care of the contacts with these organizations.

It may also be effective to arrange a seminar as one or more sessions or a segment within a larger national or regional conference.

Seminars should generally be held back-to-back with plenary meetings of the Technical Committee(s) involved.

3 Responsibilities of the Technological Exchanges and Development Commission

The Technological Exchanges and Development Commission will oversee the management of the seminar programme.

The Commission will give recommendations, make a follow-up on the implementation of the seminar programme, recommend actions to be taken, carry out an evaluation of this programme and report to the Executive Committee.

The Commission has designated a Seminar Programme Manager who will, in cooperation with the PIARC General Secretariat, oversee the seminar programme and provide support to the organisation of seminars.

The Technological Exchanges and Development Commission will ensure that the seminar programme covers a wide range of relevant topics and serves different geographical regions and language groups.

The Technological Exchanges and Development Commission will follow-up on how the seminar conclusions and recommendations can be taken into account by the Technical Committees in their products and reports.

4 The Design and Implementation of the Seminar Programme

4.1 Planning of seminars by the Technical Committees

The two seminars each Technical Committee is asked to take part in, should be integrated in the work programme of the Technical Committee. Seminars can serve not only for presentation of the outputs of the Technical Committee but also to collect information from the host country and the neighbouring country on issues assigned to the Technical Committee.

Planning of these seminars should be decided as soon as possible in 2008.

For each seminar, the Technical Committee will designate one of its members as the project leader for this event.

4.2 Identification of a Seminar Topic and a Host Country

The topic of the seminar proposed by the Technical Committee has to be related to the terms of reference of the Technical Committee involved and relevant to developing countries and countries with economies in transition in the Region.

It is recommended not to make the scope of the topic too broad. A restricted scope of the topic will generally make it easier to achieve meaningful conclusions.

The host country will be a volunteer, have a particular interest in the seminar topic, and have the physical capacity to organise the seminar. The host country will nominate the local institution which will take in charge the local and practical preparation of the seminar, and a responsible person in this institution. This person will have to work directly with the Chair of the Technical Committee and with the member "project leader" for this seminar. If the host country has a PIARC National Committee and/or a Technology Transfer Centre, they will be involved in the practical arrangements.

The dates of the seminar should take into account the time required for preparing and promoting the seminar. Preparation usually takes about one year.

When choosing the venue, one should take into account its accessibility, particularly by plane in order to minimize travel time and cost.

4.3 Approval of the seminars proposals

After the identification of a topic, a host country, an approximate period for the seminar and its duration (preferably 12 months ahead of the date of the seminar), the Chair of the Technical Committee should send the proposal to the Technological Exchanges and Development Commission through the designated Seminar Programme Manager for approval of the Commission or recommendations for changes. A copy of the proposal will also be sent to the Chairs and Secretaries of the other Technical Committees within the Strategic Theme, the Strategic Theme Coordinator and the PIARC General Secretariat. [Attachment 2](#) gives an example of form for a seminar proposal.

If the Technical Committee has not found a host country for the proposed seminar, the Technological Exchanges and Development Commission, through the Seminar Programme Manager and the PIARC Secretary General should be contacted for advice in making necessary enquiries.

Once the Technological Exchanges and Development Commission has given the approval of the proposed seminar to the Chair of the Technical Committee, the PIARC Secretary General will write a formal letter to the First Delegate of the potential host country in order to:

- ✓ Receive an official confirmation of the country to host the seminar,
- ✓ Provide the host country with information on the financial support from PIARC.

4.4 Organising Committee (Technical Committee + Host Country)

The country offering to host the seminar is responsible for setting up an organising committee of the seminar including representatives of the Technical Committees involved, in particular the member nominated as project leader (Ref [section 4.1](#))

The organising committee will be responsible for the technical and organisational matters in relation to the preparation and implementation of the seminar including:

- ✓ Promoting the seminar,
- ✓ Preparing the seminar budget and request seminar funds from the PIARC Secretary General,
- ✓ Preparing the seminar programme,
- ✓ Producing the seminar proceedings.

4.5 Technical Programme

The Technical Committee Chair together with the named representatives from the host country will decide on the Technical Programme of the planned seminar. The Technological Exchanges and Development Commission through the appointed Seminar Programme Manager shall receive the draft of the Technical Programme together with a copy to the Strategic Theme Coordinator, Chairs and Secretaries of the other Technical Committees within the Strategic Theme and the PIARC General Secretariat.

The precise format of the seminar is flexible. However, based on the evaluation of the programme during the previous periods, the following requirements will contribute to the success of the events:

- ✓ The recommended duration of the seminar is three days, including one day field visit when relevant.
- ✓ It is recommended to spend at least 40% of the time on discussions and not more than 60% of the time on formal presentations.
- ✓ In order to help the speakers prepare successful presentations, attachment 3 provides guidelines.
- ✓ The discussion periods or round-tables sessions should be prepared in advance by the organising committee, with the nomination of a moderator, the definition of some key questions, a good control of the time, etc.
- ✓ The field visit should be planned in such a manner that it will provide information on the actual local situation in order to enhance understanding during the session discussions.
- ✓ At least half an hour should be set aside for a presentation on PIARC, at the beginning of the seminar (an example can be downloaded from the PIARC website).
- ✓ At least one of the languages of the seminar should be English or French with interpretation provided in this language.

4.6 Participants and Speakers

The seminar will be open to participants from all countries. Participation from the host country and from the region should be encouraged. Students should also be invited to attend the seminar in order to promote PIARC's activities amongst young people.

Participants and speakers from various disciplines and professions are encouraged to join the seminar in order to give the broadest possible perspective on the seminar topic.

At least half the speakers should be from outside the host country.

4.7 Promotion

It is recommended to make the First Announcement/Call for Papers not later than ten months in advance and the Second Announcement approx. four months in advance. General information about the host country and visa requirements of the host country must appear in the Second Announcement.

In order to enter the host country, the participants might need a visa. General information on how to apply for a visa shall be given.

Attachments [4](#) and [5](#) provide examples of the announcements.

For promotional purposes, it is recommended to create a seminar web page in addition to circulating the announcements. This can be done locally (in this case a link to this web page will be created in the PIARC website) or on the PIARC website, provided that the PIARC General Secretariat receives the information.

The PIARC Secretary General will support the host country in promoting the seminar.

In order to promote regional participation, the host country shall consult the PIARC Secretary General that will inform the First Delegates of the neighbouring countries.

4.8 Budget prepared by the host country and PIARC Funding

The organizing committee must prepare a realistic budget for the seminar.

When the seminar proposal is accepted by The Technological Exchanges and Development Commission and once a budget has been prepared and sent to the PIARC Secretary General, PIARC will consider the allocation of a maximum sum of 8000 EUR to contribute to the costs of the seminar. Expenditures eligible for the use of PIARC seminar funds are listed in [Attachment 6](#).

The payment of the 8000 EUR will be made after the seminar and only on the basis of documented expenses.

In order to have a balanced budget for the seminar, the host country may consider requesting the payment of a participant fee (depending on the economic situation of her/his country) see [Attachment 10](#). If possible, this fee should not exceed 300 EUR, and 100 EUR for the participants from developing countries.

Members of the PIARC Technical Committee who take an active part in the seminar (preparation, presentation, moderation of session...) should be exempted from registration fee or asked to contribute to the cover marginal costs for meals.

Members of PIARC, up-to-date with the payment of their membership fee should be granted a reduced rate of registration (minimum reduction 25%).

Sponsorship of the seminar by partners is acceptable provided it does not create a situation of conflict of interest. PIARC General Secretariat should be referred to by the host country before making a decision.

4.9 PIARC Support to Participants

Given the importance for the participation of delegates from developing countries and countries with economies in transition which are PIARC members, can be entitled support, subject to a number of requirements, from the PIARC Special Fund. The funding can cover up to 100% of travel expenses or up to 100% of accommodation expenses. The support is subject to the agreement of the PIARC First Delegate.

The rules relating to the Special Fund are presented in section 12 of the PIARC "Blue Guide".

4.10 Evaluation

The seminar participants will be asked to complete a special evaluation form at the end of the seminar. [Attachment 7](#) provides this form. The seminar proceedings should include an evaluation synthesis.

The Technological Exchanges and Development Commission will finally make an overall evaluation of the Seminar Programme based on the evaluation produced for each seminar and will report the results to the Executive Committee.

4.11 Proceedings

Seminar proceedings should be made available not later than two months after the seminar. [Attachment 8](#) outlines the expected content of the proceedings.

The Organising Committee is responsible for producing and sending an electronic version of the proceedings to the Technological Exchanges and Development Commission, through the Seminar Programme Management, and to the PIARC General Secretariat which will post them on the PIARC website.

4.12 Publications

In addition to the proceedings of the seminar posted on the PIARC Internet website, the Technical committee should produce a short paper for publication in the PIARC magazine Routes/Roads highlighting the most significant features of the presentations and discussion and the host country should also promote the outcome of the seminar in national magazines and papers.

Attachment 1
PIARC Member Governments - Ranking of economies (2009)

Gross National Income per capita (July 2008) - Source: World Bank

High income (GNI per capita > 11,906 USD)	Upper middle income (GNI per capita between 3,856 and 11,905 USD)	Lower middle income And low income (GNI per capita < 3,855 USD)	
①	②	③	④
37 countries	25 countries	55 countries	55 countries
Andorra Australia Austria Belgium Canada Canada-Québec Croatia Czech Republic Denmark Estonia Finland France Germany Greece Hungary Iceland Ireland Israel Italy Japan Korea Kuwait Luxembourg Monaco The Netherlands New Zealand Norway Portugal Saudi Arabia Singapore Slovak Republic	Algeria Argentina Brazil Bulgaria Chile Colombia Costa Rica Cuba Dominican Rep. Gabon Latvia Lithuania Malaysia Mauritius Mexico Namibia Panama Peru Poland Romania Russian Federation South Africa Turkey Uruguay Venezuela	Angola Azerbaijan Bangladesh Benin Bhutan Bolivia Burkina Faso Burundi Cambodia Cameroon Cape Verde Chad China Congo (DR) Congo (R) Côte d'Ivoire Ecuador Egypt Ghana Guatemala Guinea Honduras India Indonesia Iran Kenya Madagascar Mali	Mauritania Moldavia Mongolia Morocco Nepal Nicaragua Niger Pakistan Papua NG Paraguay Philippines Salvador Senegal Sri Lanka Swaziland Syria Tanzania Thailand Togo Tonga Tunisia Uganda Ukraine Uzbekistan Vietnam Yemen Zimbabwe
Slovenia Spain Sweden Switzerland United Kingdom United States of America	<p align="center">In blue: new PIARC member governments (highlighted in grey): countries with new WB classification</p>		

List of PIARC member countries available at: <http://www.piarc.org/en/about-piarc/members.htm>
 WB 2009 country classification:
<http://siteresources.worldbank.org/DATASTATISTICS/Resources/CLASS.XLS>

Attachment 2
Form for proposal of a seminar by a Technical Committee

Technical Committee making the proposal:

Other Technical Committee(s) involved:

Topic proposed for the seminar:

Host country:

Approximate Dates:

Envisaged duration for:

- ✓ technical presentations
- ✓ discussion sessions
- ✓ technical visit

Other organizations suggested for participating and possibly co-sponsoring the seminar.

This form must be returned by the Chair of the Technical Committee to the Manager of the seminar programme of the Technological Exchanges and Development Commission, preferably 12 months ahead of the seminar dates.

Copy to: The Chairs and Secretaries of the other TCs of the Strategic Theme, the Strategic Theme Coordinator and the PIARC General Secretariat.

Attachment 3

Guidelines for the preparation of Visual Aids for Speakers

The speakers are invited to prepare the visual aids in conformity with the indications given below.

1 Visual aids for speakers

A visual aid should be prepared using PowerPoint. Acceptable versions are PowerPoint 2003, XP, 2000 and 97.

2 Language

Visual aids should be prepared in one of the languages of the seminar.

3 Amount of information

The information shall be presented in a clear and understandable manner:

Use headings and point form to help guide the reader through the information

Use a minimum of text (six to seven lines maximum per slide)

Use graphs instead of tables with figures where possible

Show only what is essential

If a complex picture is required, try to split it into several simple images

The keys of the diagrams should be written horizontally. The outline of drawings should be thick.

4 Colours and size of font

For an adequate legibility, it is important to choose high contrast colours.

Use a font size no smaller than 28-point for lettering. Use a sans serif typeface such as Helvetica, Arial, or Universal instead of a serif typeface like Times.

5 Contents

Any political, religious or commercial reference is not acceptable. Commercial references are strictly limited to the case where it is absolutely essential for the understanding of the main content of the paper.

Attachment 4
Example of First Announcement/Call for Papers

(Logo of Organisers)

International Seminar on ...

Venue
Dates

First Announcement/Call for Papers

Organised in cooperation by ...

Introduction

- ✓ Context (PIARC Programme of International Seminars, Technical Committee (s), organisers, etc.)
- ✓ Seminar topic
- ✓ Seminar objective(s)
- ✓ Participants

Methodology

- ✓ Presentations, discussions, group work, etc.

Languages

- ✓ Official language(s) of the seminar
- ✓ Simultaneous translation provided

Preliminary Programme

Sessions and field visit

Call for Papers

Technical papers are invited for the seminar presentation and publication.

Abstracts of papers should:

- ✓ not exceed ... words
- ✓ be submitted in (language)
- ✓ be submitted in paper and electronic format

Abstracts should be sent to:

Timetable for receipt of papers:

- Submission of abstracts of papers: 6 months before the seminar
- Review of abstracts: 5 months before the seminar
- Notification to the authors: 5 months before the seminar
- Submission of full papers: 3 months before the seminar

PIARC Special Fund

The PIARC Special Fund can cover, subject to a number of requirements, up to 100% of travel expenses or up to 100% of accommodation expenses of one participant per [PIARC member country](#) classified by the World Bank as [a lower middle income and a low income country](#) subject to the agreement of the First Delegate. Requests for Special Fund should be made by the First Delegate to PIARC Secretary General, e-mail: info@piarc.org

The rules relating to the use of the Special Fund are available on the PIARC web site: www.piarc.org, in section 12 of the Blue Guide.

Registration Fees

- ✓ Participants from lower middle income and low income countries:
- ✓ Participants from upper middle income and high income countries:
- ✓ Technical Committee members:
- ✓ Students:
- ✓ Companions:
- ✓ ...

The registration fee includes participant kit, seminar literature and proceedings, local transport, lunch and tea/coffee during technical sessions, official dinner, field visit, etc.

Accommodation

Lodging and travel information will be provided in the second announcement which will be sent out four months before the seminar.

Programme for Companions

The programme for companions will be provided in the second announcement which will be sent out 4 months before the seminar.

Pre-registration

Please return the filled-in form to:

- ✓ Name and contact details of the organising committee

Please check the appropriate boxes:

- ✓ I am planning to attend the seminar
- ✓ I would like to make a presentation

Name: Title:

Organisation:

Address: Phone: Fax:

E-mail:

**Attachment 5
Example of Second Announcement**

(Logo of Organisers)

International Seminar on ...

**Venue
Dates**

Second Announcement

Organised in cooperation by ...

Introduction

- ✓ Context (PIARC Programme of International Seminars, Technical Committee (s), organisers, etc.)
- ✓ Seminar topic
- ✓ Seminar objective(s)
- ✓ Participants

Methodology

- ✓ Presentations, discussions, group work, etc.

Languages

- ✓ Official language(s) of the seminar
- ✓ Simultaneous translation provided

Programme

Include a table

Field Visit

- ✓ Brief description of the field visit

PIARC Special Fund

The PIARC Special Fund can cover up to 100% of travel expenses or up to 100% of accommodation expenses of participants from developing countries (lower middle income and low income countries). It can cover the expenses of one participant per PIARC member country, subject to the agreement of the First Delegate. Requests for Special Fund should be made by the First Delegate to PIARC Secretary General, e-mail: info@piarc.org

The rules relating to the use of the Special Fund are available on the PIARC web site: www.piarc.org, in section 12 of the Blue Guide.

Accommodation

- ✓ Transport service between hotel and airport
- ✓ List of hotels with rates, location and contact details

Programme for Companions

- ✓ Brief description of organised tours and the rates and duration

General Information about the Host Country

- ✓ Currency, credit cards, passport and visa, vaccinations, electricity, water, climate, what to wear, rental cars, etc.

Registration Form

Please return this filled-in registration form within to:

Name and contact details of the organising committee

Personal Information

Participants: Title – Surname – First Name – Organisation – Nationality – Passport No. – Address – Phone – Fax – Email

If you are author/presenter, please provide the title of your paper:

If you bring your companion, please provide the name and passport no. of your companion: Visa will be issued in:

Estimated time of arrival:

Registration Fees

- ✓ Participants from lower middle income and low income countries:
- ✓ Participants from upper middle income and high income countries:
- ✓ Members of PIARC :
- ✓ Students:
- ✓ Companions:
- ✓

The registration fee includes participant kit, seminar literature and proceedings, local transport, lunch and tea/coffee during technical sessions, official dinner, field visit, etc.

Payment

How to remit the registration fee: name, type and number of bank account, bank name, remarks

Cancellation Policy

The date up to which cancellations will be refunded

Attachment 6

Expenditures Eligible for the Use of PIARC Seminar Funds

PIARC seminar funds can be used to support the costs of:

- ✓ promotion, incl. seminar announcement, web page, etc.
- ✓ simultaneous translation
- ✓ seminar facilities
- ✓ local transport

PIARC seminar funds **cannot be used** to support:

- ✓ social functions or meals
- ✓ hotel accommodation for participants or speakers
- ✓ participants fees
- ✓ speakers fees

Attachment 7 Seminar Evaluation by Participants

Thank you for participating in this seminar. Your opinion is important to us. Please take a few minutes to complete this evaluation form.

Please indicate the level of agreement that most accurately reflects your opinion of the seminar:

(Scale: 5 = Strongly agree, 4 = Agree, 3 = Neutral, 2 = Disagree, 1 = Strongly disagree)

The seminar provided useful information/knowledge.	5	4	3	2	1
The content of the seminar was current and relevant.	5	4	3	2	1
The methodology of the seminar was productive.	5	4	3	2	1
The seminar responded to my expectations.	5	4	3	2	1
The content of the seminar met its terms of reference.	5	4	3	2	1
The quality of the presentations was high.	5	4	3	2	1
The quality of the discussions was high.	5	4	3	2	1
Time for discussions was adequate.	5	4	3	2	1

What are your comments regarding the program of this seminar (topics covered or topics which should have been addressed, presenters, etc...)?

What are your comments regarding the organization of this seminar?

What do you consider as the greatest benefit you gained in attending this seminar?

How did you become aware of this seminar?

Any suggestion you wish to make regarding PIARC seminars for improvement of future events?

Thank you for your feedback. Your comments and suggestions will help us to improve future seminars.

Attachment 8

Outline of Seminar Proceedings

The seminar organising committee is asked to prepare proceedings of the seminar within two months after the seminar. These proceedings will be made available on line on the PIARC website.

The seminar proceedings should, as a minimum, contain, in electronic form, the issues outlined below.

1. Seminar Programme
2. Seminar Presentations and Papers
3. Note covering :
 - ✓ Synthesis of discussions
 - ✓ Technical conclusions
 - ✓ Recommendations for consideration by the Technical Committee or by PIARC
 - ✓ Comments or recommendations about the organisation of seminars
4. List of participants
5. Seminar Summary Sheet (see below)
6. Synthesis of the Evaluation by Participants

Seminar Summary Sheet

1	PIARC Technical Committee	
2	Host country	
3	Seminar title	
4	Seminar venue	
5	Seminar dates	
6	Number of speakers from lower middle income and low income countries	
7	Number of speakers from upper middle income countries	
8	Number of speakers from high income countries	
9	Number of participants (exclusive speakers) from lower middle income and low income countries	
10	Number of participants (exclusive speakers) from upper middle income countries	
11	Number of participants (exclusive speakers) from high income countries	
12	Total participants (sum of Q6-Q11)	
13	Total participants from host country	
14	Number of lower middle income and low income countries represented	
15	Number of upper middle income countries represented	
16	Number of high income countries represented	
17	Was a PIARC Technical Committee meeting held the same week?	
18	Was the seminar held in connection with another non-PIARC event? If yes, which event and organisation?	
19	Duration of the seminar, incl. field visit. Was a field visit organised?	
20	Registration fees – (Currency)	1. 2. 3. 4.

Attachment 9

Preparation of a seminar at a glance

Step 1: Identification by the TC of a seminar topic, a host country, an approximate period and a duration ([section 4.2](#))

Step 2: Nomination of a “project leader” in the TC ([section 4.1](#))

Step 3: Designation by the host country of a local institution and of a responsible person ([section 4.2](#))

Step 4: Approval of the proposal ([section 4.3](#))

- ✓ The TC Chair sends the proposal to the SPM; copy to the Chairs and Secretaries of the other TC within the Strategic Theme, the Strategic Theme Coordinator and the PIARC General Secretariat.
- ✓ The SPM gives the approval to the TC Chair.

Step 5: Confirmation of the seminar ([section 4.3](#))

- ✓ The PIARC Secretary General writes to the First Delegate
- ✓ The First Delegate sends an official confirmation

Step 6: Creation by the host country of an organising committee ([section 4.4](#))

Step 7: Preparation of a preliminary technical programme ([section 4.5](#))

- ✓ The organising committee sends the preliminary programme to the SPM, the Strategic Theme Coordinator, Chairs and Secretaries of the other Technical Committees within the Strategic Theme and the PIARC General Secretariat.

Step 8: Practical arrangements (facilities, materials, equipments, translation, technical visit, etc)

Step 9: Preparation of a budget ([section 4.8](#))

- ✓ The organising committee sends the budget to the PIARC Secretary General

Step 10: Publication of the first announcement / Call for papers – ten months before the seminar ([attachment 4](#))

- ✓ The organising committee sends the first announcement to the SPM and to the PIARC General Secretariat.

Step 11: Finalisation of the technical programme (sections [4.5](#) and [4.6](#))

Step 12: Publication of the second announcement – four months before the seminar ([attachment 5](#))

- ✓ The organising committee sends the second announcement to the SPM and to the PIARC General Secretariat.

Step 13: Promotion of the seminar by the organising committee and the host country ([section 4.7](#))

Seminar

The organising committee asks the participants to complete the evaluation form ([attachment 7](#))

Step 14: Publication of the proceedings on PIARC website – ([attachment 8](#))

- ✓ The organising committee sends the proceedings to the SPM and to the PIARC General Secretariat less than two months after the seminar.
- ✓ PIARC General Secretariat posts the corresponding elements on PIARC website in the following month.

Step 15: Payment of the PIARC allocation ([section 4.8](#))

- ✓ The organising committee sends the documented expenses to the PIARC General Secretariat.

TC: Technical Committee

SPM: Seminar Programme Manager (in the Technological exchanges and Development Commission)

Attachment 10 Registration fees – Good practice

The purpose of this document is to provide guidelines to the organizers of PIARC International Seminars in setting the applicable registration fees for to the different categories of participants. It is based on both PIARC internal documents, in particular the PIARC Member Guide (“Blue Guide”), and on the experiences of the past years.

This “pricing policy” should be developed considering the general objectives of PIARC, i.e. wide dissemination of knowledge in roads and road transport, in particular towards developing countries and transition economies.

A – When should fees be applied?

Firstly, it should be noted that it is not an obligation to apply registration fees for PIARC International Seminars. Access to the seminar can be free of charge if other sources of financing can cover the needs.

B- Which prices? For whom?

Registration fees vary according to the participant’s classification, as follows :

- **Technical Committee Participants:**

Chair	Exempted
Members	Marginal cost or exempted

- **Host country participants:** to be defined by the local organizer. Specific fees may be applied for certain categories, students for example.

- **Other participants and participants from other countries**

Developing country or country in transition	PIARC members: reduced rate 2
	Non PIARC members: reduced rate 1
Other countries	PIARC members: reduced rate 1
	Non PIARC members: full rate

PIARC members (up-to-date with payment of membership fees): road administrations of PIARC member countries (list on enclosed table), collective members, individual members.

- **Participants from PIARC General Secretariat:** exempted from registration fees.

The objective of these different rates is (i) to improve access to the seminar for participants from developing countries and countries in transition (ii) to encourage participants to become a member of PIARC, and therefore benefit from a reduced registration fee. In that regard, the reduced rate 2 should be lower than the reduced rate 1.

C – Financial support from PIARC

Financial support from PIARC is not linked to the value of the fees applied, but to the actual expenses. On this subject, Appendix D1 of the Blue Guide provides details on the preparation of PIARC international seminars (see page 18).

PIARC member countries (Oct. 2009)		PIARC Non member countries	
118 member countries		76 countries	
<i>Algeria</i>	<i>Latvia</i>	<i>Afghanistan</i>	<i>Liberia</i>
Andorra	<i>Lithuania</i>	<i>Albania</i>	<i>Libya</i>
<i>Angola</i>	Luxembourg	Antigua and Barbuda	Liechtenstein
<i>Argentina</i>	<i>Madagascar</i>	<i>Armenia</i>	<i>Macedonia (FYR)</i>
Australia	<i>Malaysia</i>	Bahamas	<i>Malawi</i>
Austria	<i>Mali</i>	Bahrain	<i>Maldives</i>
<i>Azerbaijan</i>	<i>Mauritania</i>	Barbade	Malta
<i>Bangladesh</i>	<i>Mauritius</i>	<i>Belarus</i>	<i>Marshall Islands</i>
Belgium	<i>Mexico</i>	<i>Belize</i>	<i>Micronesia (FS)</i>
<i>Benin</i>	Moldavia	Bermudes	<i>Montenegro</i>
<i>Bhutan</i>	Monaco	<i>Bosnia and Herzegovina</i>	<i>Mozambique</i>
<i>Bolivia</i>	<i>Mongolia</i>	<i>Botswana</i>	<i>Myanmar</i>
<i>Brazil</i>	<i>Morocco</i>	Brunei Darussalam	<i>Nauru</i>
<i>Bulgaria</i>	<i>Namibia</i>	<i>Central African Rep.</i>	<i>Nigeria</i>
<i>Burkina Faso</i>	<i>Nepal</i>	Comoros	Oman
<i>Burundi</i>	Netherlands	<i>Djibouti</i>	<i>Palau</i>
<i>Cambodia</i>	New Zealand	<i>Dominica</i>	Qatar
<i>Cameroon</i>	<i>Nicaragua</i>	<i>East Timor</i>	<i>Rwanda</i>
Canada	Niger	Equatorial Guinea	<i>Salomon Islands</i>
Canada-Québec	Norway	<i>Eritrea</i>	<i>Samoa</i>
<i>Cape Verde</i>	<i>Pakistan</i>	<i>Ethiopia</i>	San Marino
<i>Chad</i>	<i>Panama</i>	<i>Fiji</i>	<i>Sao Tome & Principe</i>
<i>Chile</i>	<i>Papua New Guinea</i>	<i>Gambia</i>	<i>Serbia</i>
<i>China (P.R.)</i>	<i>Paraguay</i>	<i>Georgia</i>	<i>Seychelles</i>
<i>Colombia</i>	<i>Peru</i>	<i>Grenada</i>	<i>Sierra Leone</i>
<i>Congo (Dem. Rep.)</i>	<i>Philippines</i>	<i>Guinea Bissau</i>	<i>Somalia</i>
<i>Congo (Rep.)</i>	<i>Poland</i>	<i>Guyana</i>	<i>St. Kitts & Nevis</i>
<i>Costa Rica</i>	Portugal	<i>Haiti</i>	<i>St. Vincent & Grenadines</i>
<i>Côte d'Ivoire</i>	<i>Romania</i>	<i>Iraq</i>	<i>St Lucia</i>
Croatia	<i>Russia</i>	<i>Jamaica</i>	<i>Sudan</i>
<i>Cuba</i>	<i>Salvador</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Suriname</i>
Cyprus	Saudi Arabia	<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>Tajikistan</i>
Czech Republic	<i>Senegal</i>	<i>Kiribati</i>	Trinidad & Tobago
Denmark	Singapore	<i>Korea (PDR)</i>	<i>Turkmenistan</i>
<i>Dominican Republic</i>	Slovakia	<i>Kyrgyzstan</i>	<i>Tuvalu</i>
<i>Ecuador</i>	Slovenia	<i>Laos</i>	United Arab Emirates
<i>Egypt</i>	<i>South Africa</i>	<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>Vanuatu</i>
Estonia	Spain	<i>Lesotho</i>	<i>Zambia</i>
Finland	<i>Sri Lanka</i>		
France	<i>Swaziland</i>		
<i>Gabon</i>	Sweden		
Germany	Switzerland		
<i>Ghana</i>	<i>Syria</i>		
Greece	<i>Tanzania</i>		
<i>Guatemala</i>	<i>Thailand</i>		
<i>Guinea (Rép.)</i>	<i>Togo</i>		
<i>Honduras</i>	<i>Tonga</i>		
Hungary	<i>Tunisia</i>		
Iceland	<i>Turkey</i>		
<i>India</i>	<i>Uganda</i>		
<i>Indonesia</i>	<i>Ukraine</i>		
<i>Iran</i>	United Kingdom		
Ireland	<i>Uruguay</i>		
Israel	USA		
Italy	<i>Uzbekistan</i>		
Japan	<i>Venezuela</i>		
<i>Kenya</i>	<i>Vietnam</i>		
Korea (Rep.)	<i>Yemen</i>		
Kuwait	<i>Zimbabwe</i>		

Classification of countries according to the gross national income (GNI) per head (July 2008)	
In black colour : high income countries (2008 GNI per head > 11 906 USD)	
In blue italics: developing or transition economy country (2008 GNI per head ≤ 11 905 USD)	
	New member countries
	New rich countries
	Additions /Modifications

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