

Communication and dissemination of know-how

THE PUBLICATIONS

PIARC publishes a wide range of bilingual documents (French and English), such as the PIARC quarterly magazine "Routes/Roads" (6,000 copies printed), reports produced by Technical Committees, and Congress proceedings. In addition, technical dictionaries and lexicons are available, both as hard copies and on the Internet.

Many publications are also available in full text on CD-ROM, the "CD-Route" (12,000 pages, bilingual, illustrated).


INTERNET

The trilingual PIARC Website - French, English and Spanish - provides information on membership, activities, products and on the events (congresses, conferences, seminars) organised or promoted by the association.

An electronic newsletter provides information on activities of the PIARC national committees.




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EXCHANGE KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNIQUES
ON ROADS AND ROAD TRANSPORTATION

World Road Association

SINCE IT WAS FOUNDED IN 1909, THE WORLD ROAD ASSOCIATION (PIARC) HAS LED THE WORLD AS A UNIQUE INTERNATIONAL FORUM IN THE ROAD AND TRANSPORT SECTOR. THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY, PIARC HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE ENHANCEMENT OF A BETTER GLOBAL ROAD COMMUNITY, WHICH IN TURN HAS PROMOTED ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE.

TODAY, ROAD SECTOR ACTORS, NOTABLY ADMINISTRATIONS, FACE EVER MORE COMPLEX PROBLEMS, IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING ENVIRONMENT. IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO 21ST CENTURY ISSUES, PIARC HAS DEVELOPED ITS STRATEGIC PLAN, TO ACT AS A FUTURE GUIDELINE FOR THE ASSOCIATION. WHILST RETAINING INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AS KEY ELEMENTS, THIS PLAN REORIENTATES PIARC'S ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO GIVE SPECIAL EMPHASIS TO THE EVER-EVOLVING NEEDS OF ITS MEMBERSHIP.

IN THIS WAY, PIARC WILL BUILD UPON THE LEGACY OF NINETY YEARS OF PROGRESS AND INNOVATION AND WILL BE MORE ABLE TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE IN THE SPHERE OF ROAD TRANSPORT.

VISION

PIARC will be the world leader in providing information on roads, and road transport policy and practices, within an integrated sustainable transport context.

MISSION

PIARC is a non-political and non-profit making association, which exists to serve all its members by :

- * being a leading international forum for analysis and discussion of the full spectrum of transport issues relating to roads and road transport, especially good transportation infrastructure, operations, safety and sustainability world-wide,
- * identifying, developing and disseminating best practice and giving better access to international information,
- * providing within its activities special emphasis on the needs of developing countries and countries in transition,
- * developing and promoting efficient tools for decision making on matters related to roads and road transport.

Exchange knowledge and techniques on roads and road transportation

Knowledge acquisition and sharing

In its efforts to improve the transfer of knowledge, PIARC gives particular priority to developing countries and countries in transition



WORLD CONGRESSES

PIARC organises both a World Road Congress and a Winter Congress, each of which is staged on a four-year cycle. The XXIIIrd World Road Congress will be held in Paris, France, from 17 to 21 september 2007 and the XIIth International Winter Road Congress will be held in Sestriere, Italy, in March 2006.

www.paris2007.route.equipement.gouv.fr



TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

PIARC's most important activity is to run Technical Committees, which undertake studies on various topics related to roads and road transport issues. About 800 experts and decision-makers, from about fifty countries, are involved in 18 Technical Committees, which are grouped into **four Strategic Themes** and in the Terminology Committee.

The Committees arrange seminars, and meet frequently, in order to promote technology transfer between member countries, which is one of PIARC's main aims. These seminars can be organised jointly with other international or regional associations. The PIARC Special Fund is designed to facilitate participation of members from developing countries and countries in transition in PIARC activities, especially Technical Committee activities.

NATIONAL COMMITTEES

There are PIARC National Committees in 32 member countries on 2005. They promote PIARC achievements, organise local activities such as meeting and conferences, and undertake some membership administration duties. The NC Newsletter is online on www.piarc.org

PIARC Strategic Themes

- 1 Governance and Management of the Road System
- 2 Sustainable Mobility
- 3 Safety and Road Operations
- 4 Quality of Road Infrastructure and Terminology

PIARC welcomes four categories of members

- * Governments (there were 109 governments on 1st May 2005, two thirds of these representing developing countries or countries in transition).
- * Regional authorities,
- * Collective members,
- * Individual members.

Apart from the benefit of participating in the international road community, all PIARC members receive the quarterly magazine "Routes/Roads", Congress reports and get a reduced registration fee for PIARC congresses.

In addition to that, member governments :

- * appoint at least two delegates to the Association Council,
- * nominate members to Technical Committees,
- * receive all the other documents published,
- * appoint official representatives who are exempted from paying the Congress registration fee.

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