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EDITORIAL

24th World Road Congress in Mexico New Developments at National Committees

The 24th World Road Congress, held from 26th-30th September 2011 in Mexico City with the overarching theme "Roads for a better Life" was a memorable event for more than 3000 road and transport experts attending. High quality presentations at the sessions, an overwhelming exhibition, exciting technical visits and a very professional organisation throughout the conference will let us keep this congress in mind as an outstanding and most successful highlight for the World Road Association.

National Committees contributed to the success of the congress by numerous activities, with presentations, gatherings and their presence in the common pavilion of the World Road Association at the exhibition. In my function as representative of National Committees I would like to thank all National Committees and their representatives for the efforts made in preparation and during the congress. In particular it is my pleasure, that we had the opportunity to inaugurate four new National Committees at the congress. Respective Memorandums of Understanding have been signed with Road and Transport Organisations in Argentina, Chile, the United States and Uruguay.

And I am further very pleased, that Ireland has expressed its desire to create a new National Committee as well and has sent in a draft of a constitution for approval.

Especially now, at the beginning of a new cycle, the support of National Committees to their First Delegates is of eminent importance in order to select and appoint the most eligible experts in the Technical Committees and Task Forces of the Association to put into practice the Strategic Plan 2012-2015. I wish all National Committees and representatives in the Technical Committee a good start of the working period until the next World Road Congress 2015 in Seoul (Korea).

With my best regards

Friedrich Zotter

Representative of National Committees on the PIARC Executive Committee



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NC news, events, seminars & conferences

ARGENTINA



New National Committee

From 1987 to 2011 the function of Argentine National Committee was held by the "Fundación CENATTEV". Since September 2011, this function is taken over by the "Asociación Argentina de Carreteras" (AAC). The president of the Association is Mr. Miguel Ángel Salvia. We would like to thank "Fundación CENATTEV" for their efforts and are looking forward to a fruitful co-operation with the new NC.

For more information on the AAC have a look at www.aacarreteras.org.ar/ or contact presidencia@aacarreteras.org.ar

CANADA

New President of the Canadian National Committee



Mrs. Jane Weldon, Director General for the terrestrial infrastructure, Transport Canada, has been appointed as the new First Delegate of Canada and Chair of the Canadian National Committee (CNC). She has already demonstrated her great enthusiasm within the Canadian delegation present at the World Road Congress.

Visit www.cnc-piarc-aipcr.ca/ or contact her at jane.weldon@tc.gc.ca.

CHILE

New National Committee



A new National Committee has been formed in Chile. The "Asociación Chilena de Carreteras y Transporte" (ACCT) with its Chairman, Mr. Miguel Ropert Dokmanovic, has taken over this function.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

New National Committee



After many years of active involvement in the World Road Association, AASHTO (the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, representing highway and transportation departments in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico) has now been officially recognized as National Committee. The Executive Director of AASHTO, Mr. John Horsley, is acting as the chairman of the NC.

Read more about AASHTO at www.transportation.org/ or contact jhorsley@aaashto.org

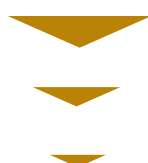
URUGUAY

New National Committee

The "Asociación Uruguaya de Caminos" (AUC) has fulfilled the role of National Committee since September 2011. Chairperson of the committee is Mr. Mario A. Pitzer, the Chair of AUC, Mr. Gerardo Fernández, Secretary General.



Have a look at the website <http://auc.com.uy/> or contact: directiva@auc.com.uy or secretaria@auc.com.uy



AUSTRIA

19th ITS World Road Congress 2012

22nd – 26th October 2012, Vienna



Call for Papers is open now

The Call for Papers for the 19th World Congress for Intelligent Transport Systems opened on 17 October 2011. ITS experts are invited to submit a technical/scientific paper or Special Interest Session for presentation at ITS Vienna 2012. The organizers also strongly encourage women in ITS to hand in their contributions. The proposals must be received by Friday 13 January 2012.

Interested people can download the Call for Papers at <http://2012.itsworldcongress.com/content/>
For questions, do not hesitate to contact Ms Valérie Mindlin v.mindlin@mail.ertico.com

FRANCE

Meeting of the French Mirror Committee on Winter Roads

15th December 2011, Grande Arche de La Defense

The 2011 meeting of the French mirror committee on Winter Roads will focus mainly on winter road surfaces and how to characterize it, maintenance concepts and winter maintenance approach, special cases of dried and salted roads, accidents on snowy and icy roads, the tools and concepts to determine the status of pavement surface in a series of presentations and discussions.



The meeting will be opened by Yves Robichon, President of the French Mirror Committee 3, will include a presentation of new chair of the PIARC Technical Committee 2.4., Mr. Didier Giloppe and the closing of the day will be done by Michel Demarre, President of the French National Committee of PIARC.

If you want to attend or to get a detailed program please contact cf-aipcr@ifsttar.fr before 7th December 2011. The meeting day will be in French language only.

On further activities of the French NC have a look at: www.cf-aipcr.org/



GERMANY

3rd International Seminar on Earthworks

19th -20th March 2012, Berlin

The 3rd International Seminar on Earthworks in Europe, organised by BAST (German Federal Highway Research Institute), FGSV (German Road and Transportation Research Association) and TUM (Munich University of Technology, Centre for Geotechnics) will take place in Berlin, Germany from 19th to 20th March 2012. The conference is a succession of the two conferences which took place successfully in Paris, France in 2005 and in London, United Kingdom in 2009. This international seminar is to be organised as the third of a planned long term series of events to discuss and promote technical progress and understanding of recent developments/issues in the design and construction of earthworks in European countries.

Further information can be downloaded at www.fgsv.de.
The programme will be published on this site soon.



GREECE

4th Transport Research Arena (TRA) Conference 2012

23rd – 26th April 2012, Athens



The TRA Conference takes place every two years. The Fourth TRA Conference, organized by the European Commission (D.G.s: RTD, MOVE, INFSO), the Conference of European Directors for Roads (C.E.D.R.), the European Road Transport Research Advisory Council (E.R.T.R.A.C.), the European Rail Research Advisory Council (E.R.R.A.C.), the European Technology Platform Waterborne (WATERBORNE T.P.) and the Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks of Greece.

Under the overarching theme "Sustainable mobility through innovation" TRA2012 will gather decision-makers, researchers and stakeholders from all surface transport modes to discuss common challenges and their solutions. To do so, TRA will align political expectations with scientific knowledge and professional insight. TRA2012 offers the opportunity to discuss and promote your agenda. Whether you are in politics or industry, in the road, rail or shipping sector, TRA2012 will connect you to the right people.

The target of TRA 2012 is:

- to give the opportunity to the road, rail and maritime sectors' stakeholders to address common challenges and share knowledge, in order to deliver together a greener, safer and smarter transport system worldwide
- to cover a wide spectrum of research and innovation activities, ranging from basic sciences to application-oriented engineering and
- to represent social, technical and economic aspects, as well as policy and standards.
- to address demonstration activities.

Program of the Conference :

six pillars, built around the European research and innovation strategies while focusing on the issues of climate change, reduction of CO₂ emissions, fuel efficiency and supply.

Additional information can be sought from the Conference web-site: www.traconference.eu

The Greek National Committee of PIARC is actively involved in the preparations and would like to invite you to participate in the Conference:

- through the organisation of a special session (or workshop or round-table) on a subject of your interest and/or
- as a conference participant / exhibitor / sponsor relevant calls will be announced soon on the Conference web-site.

Contact person of the Greek National Committee is Mr. Dionysis Makris, General Director of Transportation Projects, Ministry of Infrastructure Transport & Networks of Greece and Vice President of the Management Committee TRA 2012

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SAUDI ARABIA

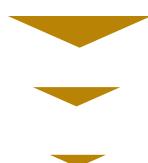
17th IRF 2013 World Meeting & Exhibition

9th-13th November 2013, Riyadh (Saudi Arabia)

IRF (the International Road Federation) officially announced the host country and location of its 2013 World Meeting & Exhibition at the PIARC World Road Congress in Mexico. The 2012 World Meeting will be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from November 9-13, 2013. The IRF World Meeting, which is held every four years, is the largest gathering of industry leaders from the public, private and academic sectors from around the world who will address critical challenges, exchange knowledge, and develop solutions to achieve sustained global prosperity.



More information at: www.irf2013.com



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Seminar on "Road Infrastructure Safety Management"

6th-9th December 2011, Orlando, Florida



The seminar series will focus on all key issues necessary to implement a successful Road Infrastructure Safety Management System with the goal of integrating safety into all aspects of design, planning, and construction, while ensuring the best use of the road agencies' limited resources.

The seminar will also feature an introduction and workshop on the NEW 2011 AASHTO Roadside Design Guide.

If you are interested, please contact Magid Elabyad at melabyad@irfnews.org.

Other NC activities and examples of good practice

BELGIUM

Belgian evening during the World Road Congress in Mexico City

During the World Road Association Congress in Mexico City, the Belgian Road Association (ABR-BWV), which is the Belgian National Committee of PIARC, revived the tradition to organize a "Belgian evening". This event, which took place at Hotel Presidente Intercontinental on Tuesday 27th September 2011, enabled some 160 participants to taste Mexican dishes accompanied for the occasion by Belgian beers, which are renowned throughout the world.



Among the guests present may be mentioned – in addition to the vast majority of the Belgian participants in the Congress (including the three Belgian delegates to PIARC: Mr Dirk De Smet, director general of DGO1 of the Walloon Public Service SPW; Mr Tom Roelants, administrator general of the Flemish Roads and Traffic Agency (AWV); and Mr Jean-Claude Moureau, director general of Bruxelles Mobilité-AED/Mobiel Brussel-BUV) – Mrs Brigitte Grouwels, minister of the Government of the Brussels Capital Region, in charge of public works and transport, informatics and the port of Brussels; His Excellency Mr Boudewyn Dereymaeker, the ambassador of Belgium in Mexico; representatives of international organizations (including Mrs Anne-Marie Leclerc and Mr Jean-François Corté, president and secretary general of PIARC, respectively; Mr Steve Phillips, secretary general of FEHRL, and Mrs Carole Coune, secretary general of OECD); and Congress participants from some twenty countries (including Mr Martin Lamb of the United Kingdom, co-winner of the Belgian prize in the field of road design and construction).

After a short introduction by Mr Dirk De Smet, the Belgian first delegate to PIARC and president of ABR-BWV, Mr Claude Van Rooten, member of the PIARC Executive Committee, secretary of ABR-BWV and director of the Belgian Road Research Centre (BRRC), honoured the memory of Mr Robert De Paepe, honorary vice-president of PIARC, who passed away recently. Claude Van Rooten highlighted the long-standing participation of Belgium in both the technical committees and administrative bodies of PIARC, as well as the country's firm intention to continue or even expand these efforts at all levels – in spite of budgetary margins decreasing everywhere. He concluded by greeting the general secretariat of PIARC and its entire team, while thanking them for their active cooperation.

In her address, Mrs Anne-Marie Leclerc underlined her great appreciation of Belgium's active participation in PIARC and praised the initiative taken by ABR-BWV to organize this evening.

Finally, Mrs Brigitte Grouwels, as a minister in the capital of Europe, confirmed the wish of the Belgian political world to continue its action at the European and global levels. Innovation and research are international in essence, and infrastructure management and technology widely extend beyond borders. The multilingual vocation of our small country is featured by Mr Daniël Verfaillie of BRRC continuing as chairman of the PIARC Committee on Terminology. The minister concluded her address with a few words in Spanish to thank the organizers of the Congress for their considerable efforts.



More information at: www.abr-bwv.be/



CANADA QUEBEC

Forum on Integrated Transport: innovative tools Sharing of best practices in support of integrated transport

On October 12 & 13th 2011, a Forum on Integrated Transport, organized by the Ministry of Transport of Quebec, in collaboration with the Department of International Relations, was held in Montreal.

Representatives from the seven partner regions responded to the invitation of Quebec to share best practices and their innovative tools for integrated transport for people and goods. Delegations of the Western Cape, from São Paulo, Upper Austria, Bavaria, Georgia and Shandong took part in the activities of the forum.

To view the presentations of the Forum on Integrated Transport and the participant workbook please contact francois.barsalo@mtq.gouv.qc.ca



JAPAN

PIARC Seminar

The Japanese National Committee held its PIARC Report Seminar on 5th September 2011 in Tokyo. The Seminar encouraged sharing the knowledge and activities of each Technical Committee of PIARC for Japanese members of each TC. In conjunction with this seminar, NC invited the ambassador of Mexico in Japan in order to speak on the state of affairs in Mexico.

Japan Road Conference

The 29th Japan Road Conference was held on 1st and 2nd November 2011 in Tokyo, featuring "*initiatives toward recovery of Japan*".

NC organized an International Session; "*Application of Risk Management Technology to Disaster Prevention and Mitigation*". PIARC TC C.3 Chair, Dr. Michio Okahara, and TC C.3 members, Ms. Connie Yew (from US, by videotaped presentation) and Mr. Yves Ennesser (from France) gave informative presentations and held a fruitful panel discussion.



For more information contact japanfd@road.or.jp or have a look at the web-site www.road.or.jp

MEXICO

The Mexican National Committee has been working in the following activities:

- It organized a meeting for the Canada – Quebec – Mexican National Committees during the World Road Congress in the World Road Association Pavillon.
- Organization of an International Seminar of Interoperability for toll road networks, November 3th-4th, 2011. This seminar has been organized because the Mexican Toll Road Network will need to change the systems of toll collection. Since in Mexico we have different concessionaires and operations enterprises a change is needed on the operation systems and toll collection to have the same technical specifications and uniformity in the users management.
- Organization of the Technical course in Road Safety on October 26th, 2011. To present the knowledge about design, construction and maintenance of road safety devices and mechanisms using in some issues the Road Safety Manual (Piarc).
- To organize courses and seminars AMIVTAC, The National Mexican Committee, has a courses catalog that is offered to the 30 Delegations in the States and a lists of experts that can give the courses. The Delegates propose the courses and seminars or they ask for a specific one to be designed and prepared by the AMIVTAC's Technical Advisors.
- The AMIVTAC has its own magazine and is going to make the proposal to all Mexican participants in the Piarc's Technical Committees to produce a synthesis of the final reports to be published in the next magazines. That will help to promote the activities of Piarc between the members of the Mexican Association and produce interest of them to participate in the Technical Committees of the next period.

More information on all these activities you will find at: www.amivtac.org/



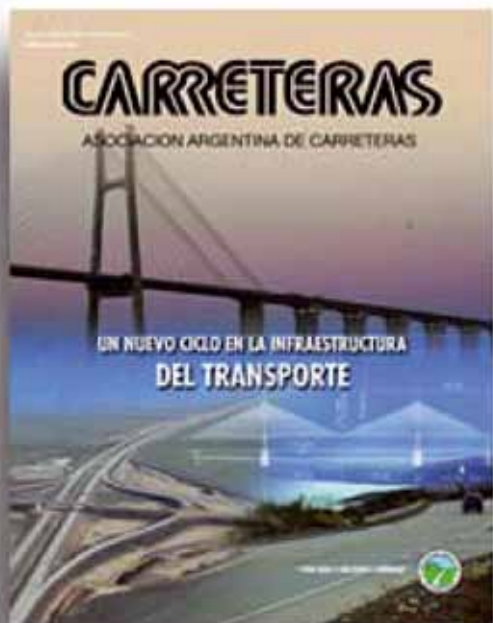
UNITED KINGDOM

The UK, following the World Congress, is facilitating international good practice through the use of webinars, planned with South Africa and Norway.

Joe Burns, the chair of the UK National Committee, attended the branch events of the Chartered Institution of Highways & Transportation to raise the profile of the work of the World Road Association and gave a presentation at the 2011 Conference of the Irish National Roads Authority in Cork on the benefits a country could have by PIARC membership and a National Committee within the country.

Get informed further by a look at: www.piarc.co.uk

NC Publications and software



ARGENTINA

Revista Carreteras

No. 203 - October 2011 of the Argentine Road Magazine "Revista Carreteras" has been published and contains an editorial on A New Cycle in Transport Infrastructure, an overview on upcoming events, great construction sites and great highway bridges within the country, the "Reconquista" Bridge Project in Goya, the 59th Anniversary of the AAC, Road Safety Campaign in municipalities in the Province of Buenos Aires, congress reports on the XVI Argentine Congress of Roads and Traffic and CISEV, an Argentine Letter of Road Safety and a report on the New Port la Plata.

Have a look at: www.aacarreteras.org.ar/

Revista Vial

No. 81 of the Magazine "Revista Vial" is available on-line at www.editorialrevistas.com.ar/



PIARC Congresses

PIARC CONGRESS XXVth World Road Congress Seoul 2015



Read below some key data of the congress:

- Date: 2nd – 6th November 2015
- Venue: Coex Convention & Exhibition Center
- Official Language: English, French, Spanish, Korean

- Host: Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs, World Road Association (PIARC), Korea Expressway Corporation, Korea Road & Transportation Association, Korean National Committee
- Program: Opening & Closing Ceremony, Ministers' Session, Technical Session, Exhibition
- Technical Tours, Social Events & Accompanying Persons Program

Further information will be available soon on www.piarc.org and the web-site of the Korean National Committee

www.piarc.or.kr/eng/

14th International Winter Road Congress 2014 **4th-7th February 2014, Andorra la Vella (Andorra)**



The 14th International Winter Road Congress in 2014 will be held in Andorra la Vella. With its privileged geographical situation and unsurpassable climatic conditions Andorra is the perfect setting for holding this important congress on winter service.

The conference centre has a main hall with capacity for 1000 people, with the additional facility that everything that is going on in the main hall can be followed by videoconference, from adjacent rooms and the exterior covered exhibition areas.

The exhibition space of 5,000 m² is adjacent to the conference halls. This area will be supplemented with an outside space of 4,300 m², where the most modern machinery used in the tasks to guarantee winter road viability will be displayed.

Visit the website

www.aipcrandorra2014.org

for further information or meet the colleagues from Andorra at the 2011 Mexico World Road Congress.

Your opinions and comments to

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