

## Rapport d'activités des CN 2008

## Activity Report Form 2008

## RÉSUMÉ

## SUMMARY

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## 1. Information générale

## 1. General information

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## Country

The Nordic Countries: Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden

## Nom du CN

## Name of NC

Nordic Road Association (NRA/NVF). The National Sections of NVF (except for the Faroe Islands) have the status of PIARC NC:s. This report is a common Nordic report given by the chair countries Finland (until 30 June) and Iceland (from 1 July).

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| <b>Nombre the membres collectifs / individuels</b>  | <b>Number of individual / collective members</b>          |
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| 299 collective members (Denmark 75, Faroe Islands 24, Finland 55, Iceland 18, Norway 57, Sweden 70) | 37 individual members (Finland 1, Norway 1 and Sweden 35) |
| Note that the collective and individual members are members of NRA only, not PIARC.                 |   |

| <b>Organisation et structure</b>   | <b>Organisation and structure</b> |
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| Nordic Road Association (NRA/NVF) has activities on both a Nordic and a national level. NVF is managed by a Board, the members of which being the Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Secretaries of the 6 National Boards. The Chair rotates in periods of 4 years, being now in Iceland.   |                                   |
| The main work is done in the 14 Technical Committees and 2 Theme Groups of NVF (until 30 June 15 TC:s and 3 TG:s) also having activities on both a Nordic and a national level. The total number of road experts participating in the work of the TC:s is approximately 800. The themes of the TC:s cover all important areas of road management and road transport. |                                   |
| The Chair Country organizes at the end of its Chairmanship period a Nordic Road Congress. Via Nordica 2008 in Helsinki in June ended the Finnish period.   |                                   |

| <b>2. Conferences, seminaires, réunions des CT en 2008</b> | <b>2. Conferences, Seminars, TC meetings in 2008</b> |
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| <b>Organisation des CN: national/international</b>   | <b>Organisation by NC: national/international</b> |
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| Since the last Activity Report the TC:s of NRA have arranged 8 Nordic Seminars on topical issues.  |   |
| More information about the seminars is available in Nordic languages<br><a href="http://ptl.fi/NVFnorden/document.asp-page=document&amp;objno=72528.htm">http://ptl.fi/NVFnorden/document.asp-page=document&amp;objno=72528.htm</a>  |   |
| <u>In cooperation with the Baltic Road Association (BRA):</u><br>Seminar on Pavement Design and Performance Indicators in Norway in February, Seminar on Traffic Safety in Latvia in February, Seminar on Handicap Issues in Lithuania in April and 3rd Seminar on Restructuring Road Management in Latvia in September.<br>Presentations available through the link above.  |   |
| <u>Via Nordica 2008</u><br>The 20th Nordic Road Congress, Via Nordica 2008, was arranged in Helsinki on 8-11 June 2008.<br>The congress gathered 1242 participants from 23 countries. The main part of the participants came from the Nordic countries. All presentations were interpreted into English. Four parallel series of sessions. The exhibition attracted exhibitors from 13 countries.<br>Read more on <a href="http://www.vianordica2008.fi">www.vianordica2008.fi</a> or <a href="http://www.nvfnorden.org">www.nvfnorden.org</a> . |   |

| <b>Travail conjoint avec d'autres organisations nationales</b> | <b>Joint organisation with other national institutions</b> |
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| <b>Travail conjoint avec d'autres CN</b> | <b>Joint organisation with other NC</b> |
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See above

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| <b>Réunion des CT</b> | <b>TC meetings</b> |
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All NRA TC:s have had meetings on both a Nordic and a national level.  
PIARC TC meetings have not been arranged by NRA.

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| <b>3. Publications en 2007</b> | <b>3. Publications in 2007</b> |
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| <b>Publications nationales, rapports</b> | <b>National publications, reports</b> |
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The result of the work of the committees is traditionally presented in printed and/or electronic publications, mainly in Nordic languages.  
The main media used for the dissemination of results and other information is our web site [www.nvfnorden.org](http://www.nvfnorden.org). The material is mainly in the Nordic languages, but the amount of material in English is constantly increasing.

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| <b>Articles dans Routes/Roads</b> | <b>Articles in Routes / Roads</b> |
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2/2008 Why have the road traffic fatalities gone up the last year in the Nordic countries, Lars Ekman (Sweden)

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| <b>Bulletin national ou revue des CN</b> | <b>National newsletter or magazine of NC</b> |
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| <b>4. Soutien aux Premiers délégués</b> | <b>4. Support to First Delegate</b> |
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| <b>Nomination des membres des CT</b> | <b>Nomination of TC members</b> |
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The nomination of TC members is decided in the respective countries but the nominations especially regarding chairmen of TC:s are discussed and coordinated within NVF.

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| <b>Enquêtes et sondages</b> | <b>Surveys and questionnaires</b> |
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| <b>5. Congrès de l'AIPCR</b> | <b>5. PIARC Congresses</b> |
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**6. Autres activités en 2007****6. Other activities in 2008****Assemblée générale, réunions avec les membres des CT, rencontres avec d'autres organisations nationales****General Assembly, meetings with TC members, meetings with other national organisations**

Nordic board meeting in Helsinki on 29 November 2007 and in Helsinki on 6 March.  
 Common meeting with the Board and the chairmen and secretaries of all Nordic technical committees in Helsinki on 28 November 2006  
 General assemblies are held once a year in all national sections  
 Several national board meetings and meetings of the Nordic secretaries group  
 Several meetings and seminars on topical issues of the technical committees and theme groups.  
 To start the new period (2008-2012) chairmen and secretaries of all Nordic technical committees came to a kick off meeting in Reykjavik on 4-5<sup>th</sup> September.

**Relations internationales****International relations**

Agreement of understanding with Baltic Road Association. 2 joint secretaries meetings every year and one common board meeting every two years. The Nordic/Baltic common board meeting was held in Helsinki on 8 June in connection to the Via Nordica 2008 - congress

The technical committees arrange common Baltic-Nordic seminars (2-3 per year)  
 Seminars from last 12 months are listed in section 2 of this report.

**Promotion de l'AIPCR****Promotion of PIARC**

The results of the work within PIARC are distributed to the committees of NVF. NVF supports PIARC by sending a senior adviser to the Head Office of PIARC. The mandate period of the advisor is one year at a time. The NVF representative comes from Finland, Norway or Sweden. The present representative is Fredrik Friberg, whose period ends in December 2008. He will be followed by a Finnish representative.

The President of NRA is a member of the Executive Committee, the Strategic Commission and the International Relations Commission.

The Nordic Road Association and The Finnish Road Administration hosted the PIARC Executive Committee and Strategic Planning Commission meetings in Helsinki on 11-13 June 2008 directly after the Via Nordica congress.

The President of PIARC, Mr. Colin Jordan, acted as one of the main speakers in the opening session of the congress and the co-operation between the two associations was highlighted in many ways.

| <b>Site Internet des CN</b> | <b>NC website</b> |
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| www.nvfnorden.org           |                   |

| <b>Autres</b> | <b>Other business</b> |
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**DETAILED REPORT ON HIGHLIGHTS**