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EDITORIAL

Centenary actions of PIARC National Committees

PIARC National Committees carried on in celebrating of the 100th anniversary of the Association by various publications, events and other actions. A few of them are highlighted in this editorial.

AUSTRALIA

Austrroads marked the centenary of the Association at a dinner on 1 July 2009 which also marked the 20th anniversary of Austrroads. It was a major occasion with representatives from all road agencies as well as road research institutions. The First Delegate gave a speech on the history of the Association and its continued relevance to the current road industry. There is information on the centenary of the Association in the PIARC section of Austrroads website with a link to the PIARC site. Articles on the centenary have been prepared for the Austrroads newsletter.

www.austrroads.com.au/wra_australian_national.html

BELGIUM



The Belgian National Committee of PIARC (the Belgian Road Association) holds its national congress in Ghent from the 22nd till the 25th of September 2009. The Belgian first delegate to PIARC, Mr. Chris Caestecker is the chairman of that congress and he will take care of highlighting the centenary of the Association on that occasion.

www.congresdelaroute.be

ITALY



The Italian National Committee of PIARC intensified its activities concerning seminars and workshops on the occasion of the PIARC anniversary. They organised a workshop on Road Safety will be hosting Technical Committee meetings of A4 Accessibility and C4 on Road Tunnel Safety in September and November 2009 and the Italian chair of Technical Committee D3 organised a Seminar in Malaysia on the drafting of guidelines on the design, construction and maintenance of bridges and increasing their lifespan.

www.aipcr.it

JAPAN



In Japan the meeting of all chairpersons and secretaries of the Strategic Theme B in July 2009 and PIARC & REAAA Joint Seminar have been used as a centenary action for PIARC. It was a seminar in order to strengthen the cooperation of PIARC & REAAA in Asia-Pacific region. Within the seminar the issues of "Traffic management in urban areas and application of ITS» were discussed, participants exchanged their opinions on the activity contents of both organizations and the example of each Asian country, and activity efforts of them and knowledge of each country were shared.



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**ROMANIA**

During the National Assembly in Iasi on 2nd July 2009 Prof. Dr. Eng. Stelian Dorobantu presented an extensive paper regarding the anniversary of 100 years since the establishing of PIARC. The paper is going to be published both in Drumuri – Poduri (Roads – Bridges, the magazine of the Professional Association for Roads and Bridges) and in the newspaper Universul Ingineresc (The Engineering Universe) of the General Association of Engineers in Romania. An abstract will be published in the next issue of this newsletter.



www.apdp.ro

SWITZERLAND

The Swiss National Committee is contributing to the PIARC centenary by a special article in the summer edition of the Swiss Road and Transport Magazine "strasse und verkehr". The report is headed by an interview with the President of the Swiss National Committee, Mr. Kurt Suter, followed by essays on the contribution of the Swiss Federal Roads Office (FEDRO) in PIARC, the PIARC Strategic plan, the operation method of PIARC Technical Committees and the benefit deriving from participation in PIARC activities.

www.vss.ch

UNITED KINGDOM

In the United Kingdom the PIARC centenary will be celebrated at the National 2009 WRA Congress, to be held at the Copthorne Hotel in Birmingham, 5th November 2009. The main theme of the congress will be: It's a Risk Business - In these changing times how do we deliver a consistent service the travelling public?



www.piarc.co.uk

We will continue in reporting on the centenary actions of PIARC National Committees within the next issue of the newsletter.

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NC news, events, seminars & conferences

ARGENTINA

Recent information on the XV Argentinian Conference on Road Safety & Traffic and the exhibition Expovial 2009 is available at www.aacarreteras.org.ar



XV CONGRESO ARGENTINO DE VIALIDAD Y TRANSITO
VIII CONGRESO INTERNACIONAL ITS
6º EXPOVIAL ARGENTINA
NH GRAN HOTEL PROVINCIAL



14 AL 18 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2009 | MAR DEL PLATA | BUENOS AIRES | ARGENTINA

GERMANY

**Concrete Pavement Conference 2009**

17-18 September 2009 in Würzburg

The German Road and Transportation Research Association (FGSV) is hosting the Concrete Pavement Conference 2009 in the Congress Centre in Würzburg, which will focus on the latest developments in concrete pavement construction and consider them from a variety of angles.

The first series of lectures will focus on the results of investigations and research projects, followed by the latest investigation results for the 'continuously reinforced concrete pavement' method and concrete pavements featuring CEM II / CEM III cements.

The second series of lectures is entitled 'Regulations, dimensions, and testing'. Germany's technical test regulations for materials and material blends for bases featuring hydraulic binders and concrete pavements (TP Beton-StB), alternative compositions for bases without binders beneath concrete pavements and the properties of concrete pavements in terms of noise emission will be presented.

The third series of lectures will focus on experiences with concrete pavements. Rigid concrete carriageways, concrete pavements on the A11 motorway in the state of Brandenburg, and the use of concrete pavements on roads other than motorways will be covered here. The congress will conclude with a report on the Netherlands' long-term experience with exposed-aggregate concrete.

For a detailed programme, please contact: www.fgsv.de

Please note the new address since 1 July 2009:

Forschungsgesellschaft für Straßen-
und Verkehrswesen
An Lyskirchen 14
50676 Köln

JAPAN**International Workshop on Public Private Partnership in Road Sector**

13-14 October 2009 in Osaka



The Japan Road Association (PIARC National Committee of Japan) and PIARC Technical Committee A.2 on Financing, Managing and Contracting of Road System Investment invite you to participate in a forthcoming workshop on Public-Private Partnerships in the Road Sector. This workshop is organised in partnership with Hanshin Expressway Co. Ltd and in co-operation with REAAA (the Road Engineering Association of Asia and Australasia). It is part of the PIARC Technical Committee A.2 work programme for 2008-2011.

The workshop has two objectives, namely:

- The primary objective is to exchange and to disseminate information on current experience and future applications of public-private partnerships in the road sector among road transport professionals, particularly from Japan and Asia-Pacific region; and
- The secondary objective is for PIARC TC A.2 members to gather information on the roles of public and private sectors in the ownership, regulation, delivery, operation, procurement, funding and financing of sustainable road systems to address the TC's Terms of Reference.



Deadline to register: 4 September 2009.

Information at: www.road.or.jp or www.piarc.org

**MOROCCO****Call for papers: 8th National Road Congress**

3-4 June 2010 in 'Ifrane

The Moroccan National Committee of PIARC, the Permanente Moroccan Association of Road Congresses (AMPCR) will hold its next national road convention which is held every 4 years) on 3 and 4 June 2010 in the city 'IFRANE.

Under the general theme of the congress "Major road traffic and structuring space" four themes and a panel discussion are planned:

- Theme 1: Economic Aspects and mobility
- Theme 2: Operation and management of major trafficking
- Theme 3: Innovative Technologies and Sustainable Development
- Theme 4: Bridges and tunnels
- Roundtable: What integration of the infrastructure for a better mobility?

Anyone wishing to participate in the running of this conference is invited to submit an abstract before 15 October 2009 to the secretariat of AMPCR: himmi@mtpnet.gov.ma

ROMANIA**International Seminar on Environment and sustainable Transport**

16-18 September 2009 in Timisoara



This international seminar is organized by the PIARC Technical Committees A.1 'Preserving the Environment' and B.4 'Freight Transport and Intermodality' in cooperation with the Professional Association of Roads and Bridges from Romania and the National Company of Motorways and National Roads of Romania will deal with the evaluation, experience and international perspective of environmental impacts, strategies for the reduction of the pollution due to the road transport systems (including the management of carbon) and a green shift for freight transport – strategies for the future with an Romanian, European, American and Asian perspective.

Information at: www.apdp.ro or www.piarc.org



ROMANIA

International Seminar Managing Risk in Road Operations

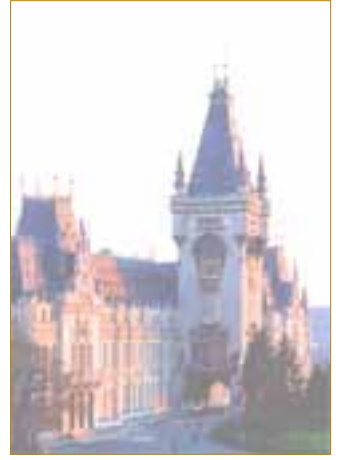
5-7 November 2009 in Iasi

This World Road Association (PIARC) international seminar is co-organised by PIARC Technical Committee C.3 'Managing Risk in Road Operations' and the Government of Romania in a common effort to strengthen the PIARC presence in the Central and South East European region and to disseminate existing advanced methods for assessment and effective management of risks inherent in road transport operations.

The seminar aims to provide relevant and useful information in order to meet the increasing demand of risk management and to serve as a link between practice, sciences, policy and decision making in the search for an effective risk management for roads.

The seminar will cover: Introduction to risk management techniques, management of risks associated with natural and man-made disasters, climate change and security threats, risk management for highway systems and projects, social acceptance of risks and their perception and a technical visit to National Road DN 15, the Bicaz-Poiana-Teiului road projects.

Information at: www.apdp.ro or www.piarc.org



SPAIN

Seminar on operation of highways and the environment - An integrated approach

22 October 2009 in Madrid

The aim of this congress is that, regardless of the complexity of conceptual issues and the diversity and lack of systematization of the experiences that are available to support the decisions, we can develop a methodology as to collect and process the information that allows us to normalize the guide lines in case of conflict between road and environmental values in a similar way to what are other areas of road management, such as road traffic and road maintenance.

Information at: www.atc-piarc.com



Preview: Fifth Symposium on Road Tunnel

24-26 February 2010 in Bilbao



The Spanish National Committee (Asociación Técnica de Carreteras) is organizing the V Symposium on Road Tunnel under the title: «Security for the tunnels of the XXI century» which will take place in February 2010 in the city of Bilbao where currently some very important works are being implemented including the construction of five tunnels.

Information at: www.atc-piarc.com

SOUTH AFRICA

International Seminar Promoting road safety for vulnerable road users

Cape Town, South Africa, 25-27 October 2009

This international seminar is organised by the PIARC Technical Committees C.1 Safer Road Infrastructure and C.2 Safer Road Operations in cooperation with the Association of Southern African National Road Agencies and the Road Traffic Management Corporation: South Africa.



The primary objectives of this International Seminar entail the following:



- Identifying and understanding the issues of vulnerable road users in developing and emerging countries;
- Sharing best local, regional and international practices and/or experiences in successfully combating vulnerable road user deaths and injuries; and
- Highlighting solutions to reduce the perpetuation of high vulnerable road user death and injury rates.

www.roadsafetyseminar.co.za



SWEDEN**16th ITS World Congress**

21-25 September 2009 in Stockholm



The ITS World Congress 2009 in Stockholm will provide various kinds of sessions and an excellent exhibition of international ITS solutions, both private and public, to a committed and influential international audience. The focus in Stockholm 2009 is the benefit for society and individuals in terms of better environment, more efficient transportation and safer traffic.

www.itsworldcongress.com

TUNISIA**International Festival for Road Safety Campaigns**

20-22 November 2009 in Tunis



The Tunisian Association for Road Safety in collaboration with the Prevention Routière Internationale and the Arab Organization for Road Safety will organize the 6th Session of the International Festival for Road Safety campaigns from 20 to 22 November 2009 in Tunis, Tunisia.

Two workshops will be held on the occasion of this event. The first one will be dedicated to driving under fatigue and drowsiness while the second one will be devoted to the transport of hazardous goods.

The festival includes an official competition open to all PRI members in the following sections: TV short films on road safety awareness, TV programmes, Bulletins, Posters, Web-sites, CD-Rom

Thus, the organisers are pleased to invite you to take part in one or in all sections of the competition to enhance the event by your experience and to allow other participants to profit from your know-how.

Information: festival@prevention.org.tn

Other NC activities and examples of good practice**CANADA-QUEBEC**

The PIARC-Québec Committee, the international branch of the Association québécoise du transport et des routes (AQTR - www.aqtr.qc.ca), is an active participant in the latter's Table of Directors. This presence allows it to fulfill its role as a link between the Québec road community and the World road community, in particular by taking part in the development of programming for annual congresses in the same capacity as the nine other technical branches of the AQTR; by allowing the international dimension to be taken into account in the work accomplished within Québec's road community; by drawing on the expertise of the members of the AQTR for the benefit of PIARC's technical committees; and by representing PIARC and helping it reach out to the AQTR's other technical branches.

The PIARC-Québec Committee's presence within the Table of Directors demonstrates the AQTR's intention to bridge the gap with the international branch through the establishment of conferences and working sessions associated with visits by PIARC's technical committees and the organization of international missions on current topics (highway tolls, sustainable mobility, etc.).

More information at: www.aqtr.qc.ca





JAPAN

Seminar for Japanese Technical Committee members

Japanese National Committee of PIARC (JNC) has held a report seminar for PIARC Technical Committee members in 25 February, 2009, in order to share the activities of PIARC between each member in Japan. In this seminar, Mr. Hiroyuki FUJIKAWA, the president of JNC made a speech for the importance of the sharing the effect of PIARC TC. After this speech, the member of each TC made a presentation for the investigation plan and contents of this term until 2011. And through the questions and answers, a lot of valuable information exchange about the world road was performed.



ST-B meeting in Tokyo and PIARC & REAAA Joint Seminar

The ST-B meeting of PIARC Technical Committee was held in Tokyo 10-12 July, 2009. The coordinator of ST-B is Mr. INOUE, Vice President of PIARC, from Japan. In this meeting, each chairperson and secretary who belongs to ST-B gathered and discussed the issue of ST-B.

And in this opportunity, PIARC and REAAA which agreed to strengthen the cooperation in Asia-Pacific region held the first memorial seminar, exchanged opinions about "Traffic management in urban areas and application of ITS". In this seminar, participants exchanged their opinions on the activity contents of both organizations and the example of each Asian country, and activity efforts of them and knowledge of each country were shared. In addition, Mr. Charmaison, Deputy Secretary General of PIARC, also participated in the meeting and seminar and introduced the activity of PIARC future.

More information at: www.road.or.jp

NORDIC ROAD ASSOCIATION (NVF)

During the past year the Technical Committees of NVF have arranged 6 Nordic Seminars on topical issues.

More information about the seminars is available in Nordic languages <http://nvfnorden.org/pages/482>

Furthermore the 3rd Seminar on Restructuring Road Management was held in cooperation with the Baltic Road Association (BRA) in September 2009 in Latvia.

Presentations are available at: <http://nvfnorden.org/Pages/481>

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

<http://nvfnorden.org/Hemsida/Publikationer>



PORTUGAL

The special edition of ROUTES/ROADS published in portuguese and spanish has been distributed to the stakeholders of InIR, IP (including government bodies; public institutions; road concessionary companies; road design offices; road professional associations; universities; etc) and to all members of the Portuguese National Committee.

Translation into Portuguese of two PIARC technical reports:

- Integration of performance indicators;
- Integrated approach to road tunnel safety.

The Portuguese version of the 1st one has already been published on the site of InIR, IP (this Institute provided the financial support to the translation). The translation of the second report is under revision.

Regular translation into Portuguese of the summaries of technical articles published in ROUTES/ROADS



UNITED KINGDOM

A series of technical talks about WRA to Branches of the Institution of Highways and Transportation were undertaken by the UK National Committee in order to increase the numbers of companies who are collective members.

The WRA-UK AGM and lunch was held on 29th June in London it was attended by WRA-UK members and representatives of the UK overseeing organisations who manage the strategic road networks in the four countries that make up the UK.

At the lunch the Chief Executive of the Highways Agency gave a short speech about the up and coming issues facing his organisation in managing the strategic road network.

Two meetings of UK Technical Committee Representative have been scheduled. One as a joint meeting with the members Technical Committees of the Institution of Highways and Transportation. The objective of the meeting will be to encourage cross organisation knowledge transfer and provide a forum for the TC Representatives to meet and discuss issues affecting their WRA work and provide updates of committee progress.

NC Publications and software



ARGENTINA

A series of articles on Road Safety has been published in the July edition of the Argentine Road Magazine "Revista CARRETERAS" at www.aacarreteras.org.ar

CANADA-QUEBEC

Bulletin AIPCR-Québec (PIARC-Québec Newsletter)

The Québec National Committee of the World Road Association is the publisher of the Bulletin AIPCR-Québec. This newsletter, available four times a year, is included in the magazine Routes & Transports published by the Association québécoise du transport et des routes (AQTR).



This newsletter promotes the Committee's activities to the road community in Québec while also assuring PIARC's reach at the national level. Though focused on the activities in which the Committee is involved, the newsletter also presents detailed and illustrated articles aimed at spreading and promoting the work accomplished by PIARC's technical committees, highlighting the contribution of members from Québec.

It is possible to view the latest issue of Bulletin AIPCR-Québec using the following link:

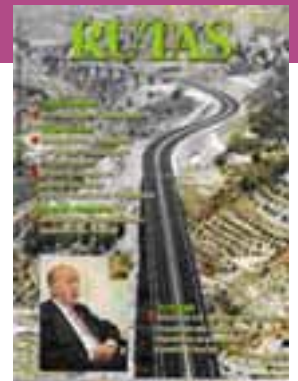
http://www.aqtr.qc.ca/documents/AIPCR/BulletinAIPCR_RT_juin09v4.pdf

SPAIN



Nº 132 of the "Revista Rutas", the Spanish Road and Transport magazine, has been published in June 2009. It contains reports on new motorway sections in Spain, technical articles as on the use of geotextiles, interviews on outstanding Spanish road professionals and a preview on future seminars and congresses.

Information at: www.atc-piarc.com/rutas



APCE - PIARC Québec 2010

XIII INTERNATIONAL WINTER ROAD CONGRESS

QUÉBEC, FEBRUARY 8 TO 11, 2010

www.piarcquebec2010.org

Online registrations can be made on the conference Web site at www.piarcquebec2010.org. Register before November 13, 2009 and take advantage of lower rates!

www.piarcquebec2010.org

24TH WORLD ROAD CONGRESS 25 – 30 September 2011, Mexico City

The XXIVth World Road Congress of the World Road Association will be held in Mexico City from 25 to 30 September 2011 at the Banamex Conference Center.

For further information please contact:

rfelix@aipcrmexico2011.org

or have a look at the web-site:

www.aipcrmexico2011.org



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