NC News, Events and Activities

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the new information tool of PIARC and its National Committees.
Starting my work as representative of National Committees in October 2004 I identified some challenges in terms of improving the communication and cooperation of NC’s.
Many National Committees of PIARC perform very active but their output is not that known well within PIARC-Community and outside the association.
Thus I developed my working programme 2005 – 2008, which is structured into four phases and includes:
- improving communication contacts and linkage between NC’s
- better promotion of NC’s work and output
- better representation of PIARC in the individual countries
- elaboration of more basic professional knowledge and better distributions products of PIARC

To achieve these objectives the working programme covers:
- establishing a working group
- updating postal addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses
- creation of an electronic newsletter
- installation of an internet platform
- improving the level of personal contact between NC’s and
- improving the internet appearance of NC’s on the PIARC website for public access

One of the tools to reach this ambitious goals, the PIARC-Newsletter, you are having now in front of you. It should not double the information given in Routes/Roads or the PIARC seminar calendar on PIARC website. It should provide you with additional information on the activities of NC’s, reminding you on interesting events and showing you good practice examples in the area of NC’s.

I would like all of you to participate actively in the new communication tool and provide us with informations and resources to promote your activity.

With best regards
NC Representative

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A TRIBUTE TO BRENDA BAIRD

Thank you to Brenda Baird, National Committees Representative on the PIARC Executive Committee, and her team for the work accomplished from 2001 to 2004. Early in her term in office, Brenda and her team developed and implemented, with the help of the representatives of the 26 National Committees (NC), a working plan that would guide their activities throughout the four-year term. The plan was carefully reviewed by the PIARC Executive Committee at its meeting in Vienna in 2001.

At the request of National Committees representatives, Brenda organized and held the Conference of National Committees annual meeting, which brought together chairs, secretaries and National Committees members. These meetings ensure contact and promote exchanges among National Committees. Each delegation had the opportunity to share its practices and activities undertaken during the year and to discuss common themes on the advantages and development of National Committees as part of the larger PIARC family.

The main challenge was the creation of a working group set up at the first National Committees meeting in Rome in 2001 to reissue and disseminate a guide that encourages member countries to create a PIARC National Committee and provides advice on how to go about doing so. Entitled “Creation of a PIARC National Committee in Your Country – Why and How?”, the guide was developed with members of the National Committees in Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Greece, Japan, the United Kingdom and Switzerland, as well as the PIARC Deputy Secretary General. The guide, approved by the PIARC Executive Committee, was published in September 2003 and disseminated to all member countries. In 2004, PIARC had 31 National Committees.

During her term, Brenda encouraged and fostered communication among National Committees and promoted networking, devoting a page in Roads to National Committees messages. She encouraged National Committees to develop Internet sites in an effort to disseminate information more effectively.

With the participation of the PIARC Secretary General and the support of the National Committees, a new National Committees presentation and format was adopted at the World Road Congress in Durban in 2003, which was a success.

We thank Brenda Baird and her team for all these efforts and wish them a great success for their forthcoming duties.

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Preview of next issue
PRESENTATION OF A NEW NC: MEXICO

The Mexican National Committee was set up with the support of the Communications and Transports Secretariat (Secretaría de Comunicaciones y Transportes), within the Mexican Association of Land Routes Engineering (Asociación Mexicana de Ingeniería de Vías Terrestres A.C., AMIVTAC), which is an organization constituted by engineers of public and private sectors whose aims are the same than PIARC.

Activities of MNC in the following five months will consist in:
• Organising the International Seminar about Road Tolls, Financing, Regulation and Equity (Seminario Internacional sobre Tarificación de Carreteras. Financiamiento, Regulación y Equidad), which will take place during 11th - 13th April, 2005 in Cancun, Quintana Roo.
• Holding the meetings of Technical Committees TC1.1, Road Systems Economics, and TC1.2, Financing Road System Investment, the days 14th and 15th April in the same place of the International Seminar.
• Considering the recent creation of CNM, to consolidate its register in PIARC, following the meetings and advances of the Technical Committees in which Mexico takes part, and identify the technical articles of interest in order to translate them and publish them in the Mexican Association of Land Routes Engineering newsletter.

GREECE

Translation of Road Safety Manual in Greek

The Greek National Committee is preparing a translation of the Road Safety Manual into the Greek language.


CONGRESS IN UK

Preview of British Road Congress, 8-9 June 2005

http://www.piarc.co.uk/

The congress will be on the theme of UK Roads - In Step with the World?

ROMANIA

Structure and profile of the Romanian PIARC National Committee on

http://www.apdp.ro/

NAME: Professional Association of Roads and Bridges from Romania

DATE OF FOUNDATION: 28.04.1990

PUBLICATION:
Roads - Bridges revue, 12 issues on a year

RECENT AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS:
On 10 March 2005, in Craiova took place the National Conference of the Romanian Professional Association of Roads and Bridges, which analyzed the activity and elected the new Executive Board. As President of the Association and therefore of the PIARC National Committee was elected Mr. Aurel Băluț, who is also the General Director of the National Company of Highways and National Roads from Romania and first delegate of our country. #

The second edition of the symposium "New technologies and materials for the road maintenance and construction" – May 2005, Cluj Napoca, Romania

The symposium "Road infrastructure from Romania in context of sustainable development, Needs and resources" – June 2005, Iasi, Romania

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AUSTRIA
Preview of the 5th ASTRAD-Symposium
Wels, 14-15 September 2005

http://www.astrad.org

For the 5th time the ASTRAD-Symposium on road management and winter maintenance will take place on 14 and 15 September 2005 in Wels, Austria. Over 90 exhibitors will be awaiting more than 1,000 professionals from the road management and road maintenance sector.

CANADA
2005 Annual Conference of Transportation Association of Canada, Calgary, Alberta,
18-21 September 2005

Transportation – Investing in Our Future

http://www.tac-atc.ca/english/annualconference/annualconference.cfm

The theme of Canada’s preeminent annual transportation event will focus on some of the many types of investments that can be made in the sector, as well as the multiple payoffs for society as a whole. However, the theme can also be viewed as a call to invest in your future by seizing a leading-edge professional development opportunity and enhancing your performance. Hundreds of decision-makers and practitioners from both the public and private sectors will make it a point to be in Calgary in the third week of September.

CANADA
Canadian National Committee of the World Road Association and its structure

http://www.cnc-piarc-aipcr.ca/

Canada has been a government member of PIARC since 1922. In 2000, Canada created the Canadian National Committee (CNC) and its bylaws were ratified by the PIARC Executive Committee. This very new committee now has more than 100 members: 60 individual members, 20 collective members and a regional authority, the Government of Ontario.

The CNC has a Board of Directors that meets twice a year and counts among its members, representatives from federal, provincial, territorial and municipal government institutions, private enterprises, associations and universities. All members are invited to the Annual General Meeting, which convenes once a year. The Council is made up of the Board of Directors and Canadian members on PIARC Technical Committees. For 2004-2007, the CNC will have 42 members participating in work being carried out by various PIARC Technical Committees. A Technical Coordination Working Group was established recently to coordinate the activities of the technical committees and the dissemination of information.

The Technical Coordination Working Group of the PIARC Canadian National Committee was created by the CNC Council and is made up of representatives from the Board of Directors and members involved in the activities of some PIARC Technical Committees.

This Technical Coordination Group is mandated to discuss the working plans of the various PIARC committees; identify Canadian resources that could contribute to the committees; ensure that CNC members are provided with information on the progress of the work being carried out by PIARC Technical Committees; develop a Canadian position on issues discussed within PIARC Technical Committees; develop strategies to promote, on an international scale, major challenges for Canada; and coordinate Canadian action in Technical Committees, specifically through the organization of Technical Committees meetings in Canada.

The Technical Coordination Group will meet at least twice a year. Meetings will be held in conjunction with regular CNC and/or Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) activities. The Coordinator will report directly to the Board of Directors on the Group’s activities and will coordinate and organize a technical information session to be given at the TAC Annual Conference.

The large number of repeat attendees are well aware that the TAC conference’s super-charged agenda will leverage the power of their knowledge.

On Monday, September 19, high-profile speakers will set the stage for the theme-related facets of the conference during the Opening Plenary Session. They are expected to explore the ways and payoffs of investing in such areas of the transportation sector as infrastructure, research and human resources.

Among the other paper and presentation topics to be addressed at sessions, panel discussions and workshops are installing roundabouts in Canada, road weather information for winter maintenance, bridge innovations, emerging best practices in urban transportation planning and risk management in geometric design.

The event will feature six concurrent workshops. Detailed information on these workshops, all scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, will be published in the next conference announcement.

The latest developments in equipment and technology for road operation and winter maintenance will be presented at several technical sessions and in an exhibition area of 3000 sqm indoor and 5000 sqm outdoor (free admission for registered visitors).

The main topics are the following:

Road Operation and Management
Winter Maintenance
Road Safety
Community Issues

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MAGAZINES OF NATIONAL COMMITTEES

- Routes et Transports (Canada-Quebec)
- Rutas (Spain). See the report below.
- Strasse und Verkehr (Switzerland)
- Roads and Bridges (Romania)
- Le Strade (Italy)
- Doro (Roads) (Japan)

MAGAZINES WHICH ARE RELATED TO NATIONAL COMMITTEES AND/OR PIARC

- Strasse und Autobahn / Strassenverkehrstechnik (Germany)

NATIONAL NEWSLETTERS

- Lettre du Comité français
  http://www.cf-aipcr.org
- BNC Newsletter (UK)
  http://www.iht.org
- AUSTROADS-Newsletter (Australia and New Zealand)

REPORT ABOUT THE MAGAZINE “RUTAS” (SPAIN)

The Spanish National Committee publishes a bimonthly magazine, RUTAS, which is a spreading medium of road transportation sector in Spain. It was created in 1986 and it has maintained the aim of give technical and general information on PIARC and Spanish National Committee activities.

Its permanent contents are:
- Open Rostrum: a space to express personal opinions, especially about present or controversial issues.
- In Cover: an interview to a government authority in the road sector or a technical expert.
- Technical Routes: technical articles about roads.
- Latin America: technical article about a Latin-American project.
- Symposia and Congresses: previous announcements and reports after their holding.
- World Notes: article about an international project or research.
- News of the Public Works Ministry: service openings and new works to bid for.
- News: general news.

There are also other complementary contents depending on the issue, as for instance:
- State Highways: a report about the construction of a new highway section.
- Road and Environment: an article about any environmental action in roads.
- Prizes.
- Reading notes: reviews about new publications.

The RUTAS magazine is sent to Spanish National Committee (ATC) members and to several Latin-American countries. It is also possible to subscribe to the RUTAS magazine without being a member, by 69 €/year. It is exchanged for other technical magazines, as well. Some contact addresses are:
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info@atc-piarc.com (Spanish N.C.)
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http://aipcr2006.it/

A full report is published in
Routes/Roads No.2/2005

PAPER ABSTRACTS EVALUATION RESULTS

155 abstracts reached the Italian Organizing Committee
and were evaluated according to criteria set by Tech-
nical Committee 3.4. A provisional assignment between
oral and poster presentations has been made. These
will be confirmed during the full paper evaluation
phase. The paper review committees also reallocated
a number of papers to other topics to ensure conformity with the various themes of the congress scientific
programme.

40 papers received: it shows the authors current great
interest in winter maintenance management systems.
Clearly making effective use of emerging information
technologies is a current preoccupation of many road
managers. On the other hand, only 17 abstracts were
submitted on performance and financing, a drier and
more political subject.

There is little doubt that, as with all previous congresses,
the Turin- Sestriere Winter Road Congress of 2006 will
meet the expectations of the international winter road
maintenance community. It is therefore with great
pleasure that the Italian Organizing Committee and
Technical Committee 3.4 invite you all to attend this
most prodigious event.

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