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National Committees News, Events and Activities



EDITORIAL

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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.#



CANADA-QUEBEC

40th Annual Congress of the Association québécoise du transport et des routes

<http://www.aqtr.qc.ca>

From April 10 to 12, 2005, the **Association québécoise du transport et des routes (AQTR)** held its 40th Annual Congress in the Montréal region, in Laval. A major annual mobilizing event in the Québec transportation field, this Congress allowed the leading players and stakeholders in the transportation industry not only to familiarizing themselves with constantly evolving contemporary engineering but to perfect their knowledge of the new trends related to this field. The AQTR Annual Congress is a unique source of motivation and expertise. The quality and quantity of the exchanges during the Congress benefited the Québec transportation community as a whole and society in general.

For the 40th edition of its Annual Congress, the AQTR proposed an in-depth reflection on the future of transportation. The Québec transportation community must face a great many challenges. The Kyoto Protocol, public transit, ageing infrastructure and the ever greater public awareness of greenhouse gases are only a few examples.

The **PIARC-Québec Committee**, which is very active in the AQTR, benefited from this Congress to bring its members together for a meeting, with the purpose of reporting on PIARC activities and disseminating the results of its committees' efforts. The members offered presentations on integration and interoperability of transportation modes, the impact of permafrost melting on airport infrastructure in Nunavik, the new Technological Exchanges and Development Commission and, finally, the performance of road administrations. **The report of the PIARC-Québec Committee's activities for 2004 was presented by the Québec First Delegate, Ms. Anne-Marie Leclerc.**

The Congress was also the occasion to present awards to the winners of the 5th edition of PIARC-Québec's Dessau-Soprin "Concours des mémoires" (Memorandum Competition). The purpose of this competition, aimed at young professionals, is to stimulate interest in seeking new solutions to meet the challenges arising from the foreseeable growth of demand for transportation in Québec at the beginning of the 21st century.

PRESENTATION OF A NEW NC: MEXICO

The Mexican National Committee was set up with the support of the Communications and Transports Secretary (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 Cancún, 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.

<http://www.piarc.gr/en/default.htm>

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**

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.

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

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.

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.#

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.

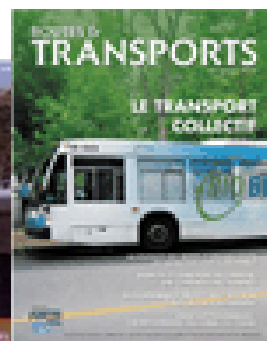
The Technical Coordination Working Group of the PIARC Canadian National Committee was created by the CNC Council and is made up of representatives from the Board of Directors and members involved in the activities of some PIARC Technical Committees.

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.#

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>
- . AUSTRROADS-Newsletter (Australia and New Zealand)
http://www.austrroads.com.au/austrroads_newsletter.html

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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.
- Symposiums 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.

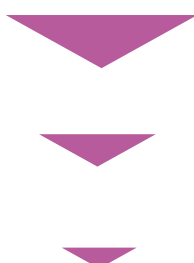
There are also other complementary contents depending on the issue, as for instance:

- 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.

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**XIITH PIARC INTERNATIONAL
WINTER ROAD CONGRESS,
TURIN 28-30 MARCH 2006, STATUS
REPORT ON PREPARATIONS**

<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 Technical 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 real located 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 generally 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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Prepared for September 2005

- Preview of the Japan Road Congress, Tokyo, 27-28 October 2005
- Preview of the 14th Argentinian Road Congress EXPOVIAL 2005, 24 – 28 October 2005
- Cooperation of NRA (NCs of Nordic Countries) with BRA (Baltic Road Association)
- Details on the Magazine "Bridges and Roads" published by the Romanian National Committee
- TC 1.1 and 1.2 / Cancun (Mexico), 11-13 April 2005, Report by National Committee
- Report of NC representative on Latin American relations

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