

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

Monitoring and managing paved and unpaved roads

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February 21-22, 2006

Bamako, Mali

**The PIARC Programme
of International Seminars
on Roads, Transport and Development**

BACKGROUND

This Seminar inserts itself in the PIARC Programme of International Seminars. The overall objective of the Programme is to ensure that the road and road transport related needs of all PIARC member countries are widely recognised so that outstanding issues and problems can be addressed and tackled. Progress may be achieved through the exchange of experiences, the transfer of technology, the work programmes of technical committees and the identification of research needed to fill the remaining gaps in knowledge. The Programme is designed to study a wide range of road related issues and problems of particular concern to developing and emerging nations.

The Seminar is organised by PIARC Technical Committee on Road/vehicle Interaction (C42). C42 has sixty-eight members from thirty-eight countries from all continents. Their knowledge and expertise are exchanged and disseminated worldwide through publications, participation in and organisation of international conferences and by organising comparisons between practices in the different countries and regions of the world.

The overall objective of this Seminar is to give developing and emerging nations (whether member or not of PIARC) the possibility to discuss and exchange their needs and requirements of surface characteristics for their road network with the knowledge of the international expertise within C42. The aim of the seminar is also to promote the initiation or improvement of co-operation between these nations and C42.

The Seminar is open to the road community worldwide. However, the seminar will address the needs of the countries belonging to the region surrounding the location of the seminar with similar climatic, geographical and socio-economic conditions. Regional road engineers and managers are therefore strongly encouraged to grasp this opportunity to express their views by offering a contribution to the seminar and/or actively taking part in the discussions.

PROGRAMME

1. Introduction: PIARC strategic plan and technical committees
2. Technical Committee C4.2 and its work programme
3. Road network in Mali
4. Monitoring surface characteristics of paved roads
5. Managing surface characteristics of paved roads
6. Monitoring surface characteristics of unpaved roads
7. Managing surface characteristics of unpaved roads
8. Workshop on current practice in Mali, their neighbours and the rest of the developing and emerging nations, their specific needs, the technology transfer and the cooperation related with the monitoring and managing of roads.
9. Assessment of the Seminar and general conclusions
10. Technical visit

PROGRAMME FOR COMPANIONS

The programme for accompanying persons will be provided in the second announcement.

LANGUAGES

The official languages of the seminar are French and English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided to both languages.

VENUE

Hotel SOFITEL L'AMITIÉ***** is located on the bank of river Niger in the business centre of Bamako. From the hotel, it takes a short stroll to visit the “Artisanat” (Handicraft), the “Marché Rose” (Pink Market) and the National Museum where professionals will let you discover the millennial history of great empires that existed in the Niger valley, the lifestyle of populations and the various cultures that shaped the country. Some attractions are renown outside Africa like the mosques of Djenné, Sankoré, Djinguirayeber, Tombouctou the “city of 333 saints” and the tomb of the Askias in Gao. There are less known though very interesting sites around Bamako like the rupestral paintings in Koulouba, the “Case Sacrée” (holy hut) in Kangaba, etc.

REGISTRATION

The registration fee is 200 USD for delegates from countries with GNP > 2935 USD per capita, 120 USD for delegates from countries with GNP < 2935 USD per capita and 50 USD for accompanying persons. Registration forms will be included in a second announcement.

ACCOMMODATION

Lodging and travel information will be provided in the second announcement.

PIARC SPECIAL FUND

The PIARC Special Fund can cover up to 100% of travel expenses or up to 100% of accommodation expenses of participants from developing countries (lower middle income and low-income countries). It can cover the expenses of one participant per PIARC member country, subject to the agreement of the First Delegate. Requests for Special Fund should be made by the First Delegate to PIARC Secretary General, E-mail: piarc@wanadoo.fr. The rules relating to the use of the Special Fund are available on the PIARC web site: www.piarc.org (See the “Blue Guide”).

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PRE-REGISTRATION

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 I am planning to attend the seminar

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