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Welcome to the IRF Symposium 'Providing Infrastructure that improves Road Safety'



It is my great pleasure to extend a warm invitation to you to participate in the IRF Symposium 'Providing Infrastructure that improves Road Safety' which will be held in the Novotel in the Bucharest city centre on 10-11 May 2011.

Bucharest is honored to host the official IRF launch of the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020 during the Symposium. Known as the "Little Paris" in the early 20th century because of its famous tree-lined boulevards, the city has a rich history and a beautiful architecture, being at the same time a thriving, modern metropolis, with a diverse and growing cultural life exhibited in a number of various fields.

It is the ideal location for road safety experts from around the world to gather, deliberate, identify and commit to actions that ensure that road safety targets can be met by 2020.

The event will be a high-level two-day interactive Symposium consisting of six sessions. Some sessions will comprise introductory presentations by renowned practitioners, researchers and/or policy-makers. Others will take the form of an argumentation debate between industry experts moderated by an upbeat media professional. This event will be organised in a singular, dynamic way, introducing an informal set-up that will enable delegates from the audience to ask the speakers questions and actively engage in discussions. Examples of breakthrough infrastructure measures to improve road safety will be provided by experts from around the world.

The award ceremony for the brand new Innovation Award for Road Transport in Developing Countries (inroad) will take place during the Symposium Gala Dinner on 10 May 2011, following the official launch ceremony of the Decade of Action by Romanian dignitaries in a spectacular public place setting in central Bucharest.

By the end of the Symposium actions will be formulated that will contribute to the Symposium's conclusive document of recommendations, as a contribution to the UN Decade of Action on behalf of the road infrastructure industry. The Symposium will close with the solemn signature of the 'Action Plan for Providing Infrastructure that improves Road Safety' by all the participants.

We look forward to welcoming many road safety stakeholders in the beautiful city of Bucharest on this unique occasion. Aside from the opportunities afforded by the Symposium's working programme, you will also have the chance to experience a myriad of Bucharest's exclusive tourist and cultural attractions.

With best wishes,

Michael Stanciu
IRF Geneva Vice-Chairman
Symposium Chairman

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IRF Symposium
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Programme

MONDAY, 9 MAY 2011

8.00-18.00	Registration
9.00-13.00	IRF General Assembly/Board Meeting (closed meeting)
13.00-14.00	Lunch Break
14.00-18.00	IRF Group of Experts 'Safer Roads' meeting (closed meeting)
14.00-16.00	IRF Committee on Finance and Economics meeting (closed meeting)
14.00-18.00	IRF Ambassador Meeting (closed meeting)
19.00-21.00	Welcome cocktail for IRF meeting attendees and Symposium delegates

TUESDAY, 10 MAY 2011

8.00-18.00	Registration					
9.00-9.30	<p>Symposium Opening Ceremony Chair: Mrs. Sibylle Rupprecht, Director General, IRF Geneva, Switzerland</p> <p>Welcome address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Michael Stanciu, IRF Geneva Vice-Chairman and Symposium Chairman, Search Ltd, Romania • Mr. Kiran Kapila, IRF Geneva Chairman • Romanian Official from Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure 					
9.30-10.30	<p>Keynote address Chair: Mr. Patrick Lepercq, Corporate Vice-President of Public Affairs, Michelin, France</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Henry Kerali, Sector Manager - Department for Energy, Transport and Water, The World Bank, USA • Mr. Michalis Adamantiadis, Chief of Section - Transport Division , UNECE, Switzerland • Romanian Official from Ministry of Administration and Interior 					
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break					
11.00-13.00	<p>Interactive Session 1: Forging Roads – One of the five pillars Moderator: Dr. John Miles, Managing Consultant, Ankerbold International Ltd, UK</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">Road Safety Master Plans – Cost effective planning that has an impact</td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">Mr. Hilton Vorster, Director Traffic Engineer, City of Tshwane, South Africa</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">Smarter Drivers, Safer Roads</td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">Mrs. Daisy Seymour, Marketing Manager, GreenRoad, UK</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Interactive Discussion</i></p>		Road Safety Master Plans – Cost effective planning that has an impact	Mr. Hilton Vorster, Director Traffic Engineer, City of Tshwane, South Africa	Smarter Drivers, Safer Roads	Mrs. Daisy Seymour, Marketing Manager, GreenRoad, UK
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	<p>Highway Safety Manual (planning and implementation)</p> <p>Road safety on a civic basis. The long term role of motorways concessionaires in road safety and public interest service</p>	<p>Mr. Anthony Kane, Director of Engineering & Technical Services, AASHTO, USA</p> <p>Mr. Panagiotis Loukas, Project Manager, VINCI Concessions S-E Europe, Greece</p>
	<i>Interactive Discussion</i>	
	<p>Road Safety for vulnerable road users</p> <p>Safe way to school</p>	<p>Mr. Orhan Yuce, Civil Engineer, General Directorate of Highways & Mr. Kenan Kayaci, Chief of Strategic Research, Turkish Road Administration, Turkey</p> <p>Ms. Kathleen Elsig, Europe and Central Asia Regional Manager, GRSP, Switzerland</p>
	<i>Interactive Discussion</i>	
13.00-14.00	Lunch Break	
14.00-15.45	<p>Interactive Session 2: Managing infrastructure performance Moderator: Dr. John Miles, Managing Consultant, Ankerbold International Ltd, UK</p>	
	<p>Managing Infrastructure Performance in the South African Context</p> <p>Working for safer tunnels – ITA-COSUF and SOLIT² research project</p>	<p>Mr. Nxumalo Mutshutshu, President, SARF, South Africa</p> <p>Mr. Max Lakkonen, Product Manager, FOGTEC Brandschutz GmbH & Co. KG, Germany</p>
	<i>Interactive Discussion</i>	
	<p>Road Safety Impact Assessment : Quantification Challenges for Worldwide Application</p> <p>Road Safety Audit – importance of requiring audits at all stages</p> <p>Working for a world free of high risk roads</p>	<p>Prof. Basil Psarianos, Professor at National Technical University of Athens, Greece</p> <p>Mrs. Sibylle Rupprecht, Director General, IRF Geneva, Switzerland</p> <p>Mr. Alaster Barlow, Road Safety Engineering Consultant, iRap, UK</p>
	<i>Interactive Discussion</i>	
15.45-16.15	Coffee Break	
16.15-17.15	<p>Panel Discussion: Mega-trucks on the Road Moderator: Dr. John Miles, Managing Consultant, Ankerbold International Ltd, UK</p>	
	<p>Introductory presentation by: Mr. David Stuart-Watt, Director, Roads Australia, Australia</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Michalis Adamantiadis, Chief of Section - Transport Division , UNECE, Switzerland • Mr. Carl J. Almqvist, Traffic & Product Safety Director, Volvo Truck Corporation, Sweden • Mr. William Padina, UNTRR, Romania • Mr. Erik Merkez, Head of Concession and PPP Development, SANEF, France 	

17.15-18.15	Session 3: Equipment enhancing road safety	
	Moderator: Mr. Valentin Stoica, Vice-President, Search Corporation Ltd, Romania	
	END Turned Down ENDS	Mr. Michael Dreznes, Vice President, Barrier Systems Inc, USA
	Forgiving ground mounted breakaway supports	Mr. Arthur Dinitz, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Transpo Industries Inc., USA
	Adapting infrastructure: Black Spot Analysis and Measures	Mr. Rik Nuyttens, European Regulatory Manager, 3M Europe, Belgium
	Safety Barriers: key for significant improvement of infrastructural road safety with immediate effect	Mr. Bernd Wolfgang Wink, Senior Manager, International Division, Volkmann & Rossbach, Germany
19.30-20.00	Cocktail	
20.00-22.30	Gala Dinner & Award Ceremony Inaroad "Innovation Award for Road Transport in Developing countries"	

WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY

8.00-9.30	Registration
9.30-10.30	Keynote address Chair: Mr. Michael Stanciu, IRF Geneva Vice-Chairman and Symposium Chairman, Search Corporation Ltd, Romania
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Leonidas Chrysanthopoulos, Secretary General, BSEC, Greece • Mr. Kiran Kapila, IRF Geneva Chairman • Romanian Official from National Company of National Roads and Motorways
10.30-11.00	Transfer to Parliament
11.00-12.30	Official Launch of the UN Decade of Action with Media, Authorities and Public In front of Parliament House
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speeches of organizations involved in road safety • Videos projected on large screens • Road safety education workshops • Launch of 2'020 balloons
12.30-13.00	Transfer to Novotel
13.00– 14.00	Lunch Break

14.00– 15.15	Session 4: Regional experiences	
	Moderator: Mr. Shashi Nambisan, Director, Iowa State University, USA	
	Road Safety Campaign in India	Mr. N.K. Sinha, Chairman, IRF India, India
	Toward Zero Deaths: A National Strategy on Highway Safety in America	Ms. Susan Martinovich, President, AASHTO, USA
	Road Safety Campaign in Africa	Mr. Nxumalo Mutshutshu, President, SARF, South Africa
	Road Safety Campaign in Europe	Mr. Christophe Nicodème, Director General, European Union Road Federation, Belgium
<i>Discussion</i>		
15.15-15.45	Coffee Break	
15.45-16.45	Session 5: Financing Infrastructure for Road Safety	
	Moderator: Mr. Joseph Haule, Road Fund Manager, Road Fund Board, Tanzania	
	Affordable Road Safety: Doing the Right Things	Mr. Martin Heath, Consultant, Mha Planning & Transport, UK
	Countermeasures producing best safety benefits VS available maintenance budget	Prof. Salvatore Cafiso, Professor, University of Catania, Italy
	Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) based Telematics to improve Road Safety and Transport Security	Mr. Josef Czako, Senior Vice President, International Business Development, Kapsch, Austria
<i>Discussion</i>		
16.45-17.00	Conference Conclusion	
	Mr. Kiran Kapila, IRF Geneva Chairman	
17.00-17.30	Action Plan Presentation & Signature Ceremony	
	Mr. Michael Stanciu, IRF Geneva Vice-Chairman and Symposium Chairman, Search Ltd, Romania	
18.00	Farewell Cocktail	

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Symposium Participants

Target group audience: EU, Central and Eastern Europe, Southern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia:

- Government and municipal agencies
- International financial institutions
- Road construction companies
- Infrastructure operators
- Road engineers
- Banks and insurance companies
- Consulting engineers and management consultants
- Educational and training institutions

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The programme and registration information including fees is available on the IRF website – www.irfnet.ch

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Symposium Language

The Symposium language is English and Romanian. Simultaneous translation will be provided.