



Year in Review

Secretariat Report 2009

International Road Federation, Geneva - Switzerland



January

11-15 January – Participation at the 88th annual meeting of the Transportation Research Board held in Washington.

14-15 January – Participation of IRF in the PIARC TC A1 "Preserving the Environment" – Washington.

22-23 January - High-level meeting of the Pan-European Programme for Transport, Health and Environment (THE PEP) gathered in Amsterdam. IRF was invited to present best practices relating to road infrastructure planning, construction, maintenance and operation.



Susanna Zammataro promoted to Deputy Director General.

Nathalie Pereira joins the IRF Office to take care of the Road Safety activities.

February

Contract signed with DFID for the management of the global Transport Knowledge Partnership (gTKP)

12-13 February - Meeting of the Transport Working Group of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)



5 February - Inauguration of the IRF India office. The launch meeting was attended by over 20 guests from the Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport & Highways, National

Highways Authority of India, Indian Roads Congress, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic).

23-26 February – participation at UNECE Inland Transport Committee in Geneva, Switzerland

24 February – participation at UNECE Conference on the Impact of Globalization on Transport, Logistics and Trade Geneva, Switzerland

18-19 February – presentation by Caroline Visser at the SMI seminar: Financing options for partnerships held in London, UK

Lydia Scotto joins the IRF as responsible for administration.

March

9-10 March - Policy makers, academics, Member States officials, NGOs have been convened in Brussels by Commissioner Tajani to kick off the preparation of the 2010 White paper on the Future of Transport policy.

10 March - Safer Roads Working Group finalises Guidelines for the Development of Road Safety Master Plan.

10-13 March –UNECE Working Parties WP.29 and WP.1 meetings attended by Nathalie Pereira.

12 March - the members of IRF's Working Group on Public Private Partnerships met just outside Paris in the new offices of SANEF, a French motorway concessionaire and affiliate of Abertis.

16 March – The WG Environment meets by conference call to finalise work on the CD Rom publication and to discuss draft policy statement

20 March - Mr K K Kapila, Vice Chairman-IRF and Chairman-IRF India Chapter and Mr N K Sinha, IRF India Ambassador were invited by Hon. Lieutenant Governor (L.G.) of Delhi to the Governing Body meeting of Unified Traffic and Transportation

Infrastructure (Planning and Engineering) Centre (UTTIPPEC) held.



25-26 March - gTKP Theme Champions meet for the first time in Geneva to elaborate their yearly work programme

26 March - The Potential of PPP in Europe, presentation by Ambassador Valentin Stoica in Budapest, Hungary

Sandra Costa Marini joins the IRF to reinforce the environment group and as event organiser.

April

2 April - the IRF Policy Committee on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) gathered in Geneva for an inaugural meeting, further to its establishment during the ITS World Congress in New York last November.

14-15 April - PIARC Technical Committee A.2 on Financing, Managing and Contracting for road system investments held its 3rd meeting in Rabat, Morocco, organised jointly with a workshop on Road Financing. Caroline Visser from IRF Geneva attended the meeting and presented the effects of the global financial crisis on private finance for road investments and Public Private Partnerships.



23 April – IRF holds its General Assembly in Paris in the offices of FNTF.

Alain Dupont received IRF Man of the Year Award.

24 April – the Road Safety Working Group meets in Paris and makes a

site visit Colas Research & Development centre and the Training facilities.

24 April – The Environment Working Group meets in Paris at Eurovia's headquarters and makes a site visit to one of the Eurovia's recycling plant outside Paris.

May

4-5 May - In an effort to reduce accidents on UAE roads, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the International Road Federation (IRF) supported by 3M organised a seminar on conspicuity marking in Sharjah and Dubai, UAE.

5-6 May – launch of a Decade of Action, organised by FIA in Rome Italy and attended by Sibylle Rupprecht



6-7 May – China Road Summit, held in Shanghai, China. The event was opened up by Susanna Zammataro, Deputy Director General IRF Geneva. This was an opportunity to illustrate

IRF mission and activities, to introduce to the audience the gTKP project (www.gtkp.com) run by the IRF since March 2009 and to focus in particular on IRF activities in the field of environment.

11-23 May – First active collaboration on the Senior Road Executive Course, held at University of Birmingham was concluded with success.

12 May - Meeting of the gTKP Advisory and Steering Group in Geneva.

12-14 May - IRF was invited to make a presentation at the workshop for setting regional and national road

traffic casualty reduction targets held in Minsk, Republic of Belarus.

14 May - UNECE – PPP Expert Meeting London, UK was attended by Caroline Visser

26-29 May – At the International Transport Forum in Leipzig, the International Road Federation was actively involved in the debates and also prominently represented throughout the forum from its information booth.

Leo Chan joins the IRF as Webmaster and IT responsible.

June

3-5 June - Sibylle Rupprecht attended the 10th UN Road Safety Collaboration Meeting hosted by UNESCAP in Bangkok, Thailand. IRF is one of the core partners of the collaboration group and within this group chairs the Working Group on Infrastructure.

8 June – Sibylle Rupprecht visiting the board of Road Association of Thailand (RATH)



16 June - Nathalie Pereira was invited to make a presentation at the workshop for

setting regional and national road traffic casualty reduction targets held in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

18 June - Maria Novikov attended the Seminar on the Implementation of Annex 8 to the International Convention on Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods held at UNECE in Geneva.

25 June - Global Road Safety Partnership 10th Annual Meeting. IRF was one of the participants present at GRSP's 10 year Anniversary meeting.

Publication of IRF Bulletin 'Asia/Oceania'

Olim Latipov joins the IRF to reinforce the Road Finance and PPP sector.

July



6-9 July - Susanna Zammataro was one of the three keynote speakers addressing the plenary session of the 28th Southern African Transport Conference organised in Pretoria.

Launch of the CD Rom Innovative Practices for Greener Roads.

Kacem Iaych joins the IRF as statistician.

August

2 August - Sibylle Rupprecht participates as key note panellist at the Verbier Green Pioneering Summit (GPS) was held on 2009 in Verbier, a well-known mountain and ski resort in Switzerland.

31 August - 4

September - "Climate prediction and information for decision-making" was the theme of the World Climate Conference - 3 held in Geneva, Switzerland. Sibylle Rupprecht participated



May

June

July

August

actively in the Round Table, representing the transportation sector.

31 August to 4 September - 4th African Transportation Technology Transfer Conference held in Windhoek, Namibia. Hilton Vorster, Chairman of the IRF Safer Roads Working Group, delivered a dynamic presentation on examples of practical programmes aimed at vulnerable road users.

September

Publication of IRF Bulletin 'Europe'

9 September – Meeting of PPP working group in IRF Offices in Geneva

18 September – Nathalie Pereira, participated in the seminar on 'Forgiving Roads', which was organised by the Swiss Touring Club (TCS) on 2nd September in the Swiss capital, Berne.



21-25 September - IRF and the Network of National ITS Associations convene prominent joint session on ITS Policy Objectives during Stockholm World Congress

23 September - The IRF Policy Committee on ITS held its latest meeting in Stockholm.

23 September - India's Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Mr. Kamal Nath launched the National Campaign for "Reduction of Road Fatalities" a joint initiative of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) and International Roads Federation (IRF)

23 September - UNECE WP1 Road Safety Round Table held in Geneva, Switzerland and attended by Nathalie Pereira who participated at the round table.

24-25 September - Finding sustainable and alternative ways to move about in urban areas - such as "human-powered mobility" like cycling and walking - was the topic of a workshop held outside Prague. Sibylle Rupprecht, Director General of IRF Geneva, gave a presentation on the importance of a systemic approach to human-powered mobility requires new thinking by transport and city planners.

27 September - 1 October - The 10th Transportation Congress was held in Istanbul. Sibylle Rupprecht was invited to give a presentation on the future of highway transportation in the Infrastructure session, chaired by the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Transport, Mr. Habib Soluk.

October

5 October - IRF Environment Working Group met in Geneva.

6-7 October – Susanna Zammataro, Deputy DG of the Geneva Programme Centre represents IRF at the European Transport Conference (ETC), a key European transport researchers gathering.



attended by almost 100 delegates.

19-22 October - SSATP Annual meetings in Lilongwe, Malawi were attended by several of the gTKP Theme Champions.

21-22 October - Organised in Naples by the European Commission (EC), the Italian Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure and the Swedish Presidency of the European Union, the TEN-T Days 2009 notably aimed at stimulating reflection on future policy framework and at exploring ways to work more closely with African countries. The IRF was represented by Susanna Zammataro, Deputy Director General of the Geneva Programme Centre.

23-24 October – the 4th IRF Regional Conference on Accident Prevention Road Safety Measures is held in New Delhi, India and attended by Nathalie Pereira.



27 October – The advisory and steering group of gTKP met in London UK.

26 and 28 October the gTKP Theme Champions meet to review their yearly work plans.

25 - 27 October – PIARC Seminar on Road Safety for Vulnerable Road Users – Hilton Voster, Chairman of Safer Roads Working Group presents on Vulnerable Road Users in Cape Town, South Africa.

Publication of the 2009 World Road Statistics.

IRF's Caroline Visser elected member of IBEC Management Committee.

November

10-12 November - The Roads and Traffic Authority of New South Wales recently invited IRF's Director General, Sibylle Rupprecht, to make the opening keynote address at the 2009 Australasian Road Safety

Research, Policing and Education Conference - the most important road safety conference in Australia.

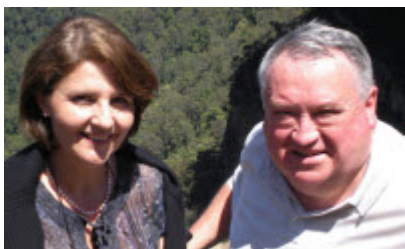
10-12 November - Organised by the Syrian Ministry of Transport under the auspices of His Excellency the Prime Minister, the second International Road Conference was organised in Damascus. Susanna Zammataro, represented IRF at this very successful



event. She made a presentation on "Innovative materials and practices for more sustainable road infrastructure". In the round table session that concluded the three-day Conference, Susanna recalled that efficient, safe, sustainable and affordable road infrastructure was a common goal of all the stakeholders in our sector. In this spirit, she stressed the importance of sharing practices and experiences; as well as the willingness of IRF to support Syria's efforts to meet its targets in these respects.

11-12 November - Road Safety Expo, UK

12 November - At a meeting with Ian Webb, Executive Director of Roads Australia, a long-standing and committed IRF partner, she discussed potential for increased collaboration in the Australasian area.



18 November – Road Safety Working Group meets in Moscow.

19-20 November - IRF was represented at the First Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety by Ms. Nathalie Pereira, the Road Safety Programme Manager, and Mr. Hilton Vorster, the Chairman of the IRF Safer Roads Working Group (SRWG). They were accompanied by a delegation composed of some of the Working Group's members.

19 November - IRF held a successful roundtable discussion on "ITS and Road Safety" in the context of the Ministerial Conference in Moscow.

20 November - The IRF Policy Committee on ITS held its working meeting in Moscow.

25-27

November – IRF/gTKP/TARA 2009 Convention on Rural Roads, held in Arusha,



Tanzania attended by over 230 delegates.

25 November – gTKP workshop on Governance in Transport, held in Arusha, Tanzania



25 November – 2nd Ambassadors Meeting was held in Arusha, Tanzania.

24 November - Caroline Visser, the IRF Geneva PPP Expert, became the proud mother of a wonderful baby girl called Evi.

30 November – The IRF WG Environment meets by conference call to discuss progress on the collection of case-studies for the new publication under preparation.

December

3-4 December - The Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) held its second session at the Office of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. IRF was represented at this meeting by Olim Latipov.

6-8 December – IRF supports Gulf Traffic organised in Dubai, UAE. Tony Pearce made a presentation on behalf of IRF.

8-9 December - Maria Novikov represented IRF at the third meeting of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) Steering Committee for the Development of the Black Sea Ring Highway (BSRH). The meeting took place at the BSEC Headquarters in Istanbul.

9-11 December – VietTraffic, held in Hanoi. Presentation made by Anthony Pearce on behalf of IRF.

16 December - A key Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on by Sibylle Rupprecht,



Director General of the International Road Federation, and Professor Michael Sheppard, Vice-Principal of the

University of Birmingham.

Launch of the IRF Greenhouse Gas Calculator for Road Construction – CHANGER

UN Road Safety Collaboration Working Group in Infrastructure finalises Guidelines on Safe Infrastructure.

Throughout the Year

- Throughout the year, the Secretariat managed and coordinated the World Highways IRF pages and articles, the contributions in Le Strade, in European Road Review, and in Transport Business magazine.
- Throughout the year, the Secretariat actively participated in the Technical Committee of the World Meeting, promoting the event, calling for abstracts, co-organising it.
- Throughout the year also, we kept our members informed through newsletters of IRF and gTKP.
- We also developed a new website for gTKP (www.gtkp.comm) whose library was populated with more than 1700 documents and publications.