



## HIGH LEVEL INDIAN OFFICIALS TO RECEIVE IRF MEMBERS

***A group of representatives from the IRF membership will meet with senior officials responsible for the planning, implementation and financing of India's national highway development programme (NHDP).***

### IRF mission to India

At the request of the Indian authorities the IRF has arranged to take a group of its members to India, on 31 August – 2 September, to meet senior officials from the Ministry of Transport and National Highways Authority and also from the Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation, which has so far provided 80% of the funding for the NHDP.

As the IRF has reported in previous publications, the NHDP involves the construction, widening and strengthening of some 13 000km of highways and the Indian authorities are keen for international

companies to participate in forthcoming contracts.

The IRF group will have the opportunity to discuss proposed contracts and take a closer look at the possibility of participating in forthcoming NHDP contracts with the officials responsible. There will also be an opportunity to meet with local partners and existing concessionaires and visit current project sites.

If you are interested in participating in this mission, see the attached agenda or contact Maria Galewska, [mgalewska@irfnet.org](mailto:mgalewska@irfnet.org), at the IRF Brussels office.

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### IRF visits members in Dubai

In a visit to Dubai in July Tony Pearce met with Hamad Al Mazroui, Managing Director of IRF member the International Automobile and Touring Club of the United Arab Emirates.

Mr Al Mazroui expressed his support for the IRF and its activities in the region and said he would like to see the IRF increase its presence in the region.

In 2006 the IRF will be holding a Gulf States regional conference to accompany the ROADEX exhibition, which takes place 12-15 March in Abu Dhabi.

Also in Dubai, Pearce met with Omar Al-Dughaiter of Al-Ramool Road Marking and Sign Works, who joined the IRF earlier this year. Mr Al-Dughaiter expressed interest in



Tony Pearce meets award winning former rally driver Hamad Al Mazroui, Managing Director of the International Automobile and Touring Club of UAE.

the IRF's activities in other countries, particularly in Iran and Russia.

**For details of IRF events see [www.irfnet.org](http://www.irfnet.org)**

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## IRF supports PPP event

In its role as a conference supporter the IRF will be supporting the following event, organised by the Jacob Fleming Group:

### **Public-Private Partnerships in CEE**

A Networking Follow-Up Event to the Summit Economic Forum

*Hotel Intercontinental, Vienna, Austria  
24-25 November 2005*

The Public-Private Partnerships in CEE Conference will bring together a comprehensive speaker panel of 30+ experts who will guide the audience through case studies of some of the most remarkable European PPP projects. Participants will be able to examine all aspects of CEE motorway, aviation, and water and wastewater treatment from the perspective of governments, concessionaires, investors and advisors.

This discussion forum will provide a unique platform for building contact networks of representatives from governments, municipalities and industry peers to be used for years to come.

Understanding the importance of IRF in the world of PPP, Jacob Fleming Group would like to offer the commercial members of IRF a **10% discount** on the conference fee. Non profit organizations are welcome to join the conference for a **half price** conference fee.

- For more information please see the attached brochure or contact Jacob Fleming Group on tel.: +421 2 5825 2727 or e-mail: [events@jacobfleming.com](mailto:events@jacobfleming.com)

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## FORTHCOMING IRF EVENTS

### IRF Mission to India

New Delhi & Mumbai, India – 31 August – 2 September 2005

- Contact: Maria Galewska [mgalewska@irfnet.org](mailto:mgalewska@irfnet.org)

### Afghanistan Roads Rehabilitation Seminar

Tashkent, Uzbekistan – 5-6 September 2005

*High level seminar focusing on the rehabilitation of roads in Afghanistan and connecting the network with neighbouring countries.*

- Contact: Ansgar Kauf [akauf@irfnet.org](mailto:akauf@irfnet.org)

### IRF Executive Seminar for Roadway Safety

Baltimore, Maryland, USA – 30 September-4 October 2005

*Seminar for both public and private sector participants who are involved in transportation policy, planning, construction, management, operations, engineering, and other roadway safety programs.*

- Contact: Pat Sankey [psankey@internationalroadfederation.org](mailto:psankey@internationalroadfederation.org)

### Pioneering PPPs and Electronic Tolling: Slovakia and CEE

Bratislava, Slovak Republic – 10-11 October 2005

*IRF conference focusing on major forthcoming business opportunities in the Slovak Republic and other CEE states. This event will be particularly attractive in view of the planned tenders for electronic toll collection and PPP type concessions in autumn 2005.*

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