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## EDITORIAL

### On the move towards a new working cycle

From 26th to 30th September 2011 the XXIVth World Road Congress will conclude the 4 year working period of PIARC Technical Committees. Currently all committees are preparing their sessions and contributions for the technical programme of the congress. Beyond that the Commissions of the World Road Association have already developed strategies for the new working cycle 2012-2015.

The 2012-2015 Strategic Plan, elaborated by the Strategic Planning Commission and to be finally approved by the Council of the Association at its next meeting in September, is determining the future

number and structure of Technical Committees and the terms of reference for their working contents. As a novelty the chairpersons and secretaries of Technical Committees for the new working cycle will be elected at the World Road Congress, in order to provide a smooth overtaking and to avoid a gap in the working intensity at the beginning of the new cycle.

As the representative of National Committees I would like to encourage you all to support your First Delegates in nominating eligible persons for a successful start into the new working period.

Within the Communications and International Relations Commission a new marketing plan for the Association is to be finalized. The various advantages and benefits in having a National Committee in a country are outlined in this plan and the variable options how National Committees could promote the Association especially to young professionals and groups not targeted up-to-now, are compiled in this plan.

One important issue in this context is a new design of the Associations' website. The website is being updated In order to facilitate the communication with members and to foster attraction to professionals outside the Association to get into touch with the various offers of the Association in terms of technical exchange, seminars, congresses, publications, handbooks and translation tools. This new design will be presented at the Mexico World Road Congress.

All in all the World Road Association is well prepared for the move into the new working cycle and as representative of all PIARC National Committees I cordially invite you to join the manifold activities of National Committees in the PIARC pavilion of the exhibition or at the congress sessions. A detailed timetable of those activities will be published in the next issue of this newsletter.

See you soon in Mexico.

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# NC news, events, seminars & conferences

## ROMANIA

### New President of the Romanian National Committee

In March 2011 Prof.Dr.Eng. Gheorghe Lucaci was elected as new President of the Romanian National Committee at the National Conference of the Romanian Professional Association of Roads and Bridges. We know Mr. Lucaci as very active member of the PIARC Executive Committee and Strategic Theme Coordinator as well as for his comprehensive activities within the Romanian Professional Association of Roads and Bridges. We congratulate Mr. Lucaci for his election and wish him successful work in the new position.



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## ARGENTINA

### Technical Seminars on Latest Developments in Concrete Pavements Design and Building and Influence of Infrastructure on Road Safety Managements

9th-11th May 2011, Buenos Aires (Argentina)

The PIARC Technical Committees meetings and seminars of D.2c on Concrete Pavement and C.1 on Road Safety were held on May 9th and 10th at the Panamericano Hotel in Buenos Aires, organized by Argentine Portland Cement Institute and the Argentine Road Association. The events were also supported by the National Road Administration and the Council of Iberian and Ibero-American Road Directors.



The programme and further information can be downloaded at [www.icpa.org.ar/seminario\\_piarc/](http://www.icpa.org.ar/seminario_piarc/)



## AUSTRALIA

### Asia – Pacific Cycle Congress 2011

18th-21st September 2011, Brisbane (Australia)

The inaugural Asia-Pacific Cycle Congress will be held in Brisbane, Queensland from 18-21 September 2011 with the support of the Queensland Government. The congress will provide a valuable forum for cycling experts, researchers and enthusiasts from around the world to share expertise and develop effective methods for raising the profile of cycling. The congress will feature top-tier international keynote speakers and industry specialists presenting on themes of cycleway planning, innovation and infrastructure; cycling promotion and travel behaviour change; culture, community and choices.

For more information on the event please visit [www.cyclecongress.com/](http://www.cyclecongress.com/)

## GERMANY

### First Announcement and Call for Papers - 3rd International Seminar on Earthworks

19th-20th March 2012, Berlin

The 3rd International Seminar on Earthworks in Europe, organised by BAST (German Federal Highway Research Institute), FGSV (German Road and Transportation Research Association) and TUM (Munich University of Technology, Centre for Geotechnics) will take place in Berlin, Germany from 19th to 20th March 2012. The conference is a succession

of the two conferences which took place successfully in Paris, France in 2005 and in London, United Kingdom in 2009. This international seminar is to be organised as the third of a planned long term series of events to discuss and promote technical progress and understanding of recent developments/issues in the design and construction of earthworks in European countries.

Get more information on: [www.fgsv.de](http://www.fgsv.de)



## GERMANY

### HEUREKA '11 - Optimization in Traffic and Transport

16-17 March 2011, Stuttgart Trade Fair (Germany)

At HEUREKA'11 renowned experts will talk about the latest developments, trends and research findings on Optimization in Transportation. The conference addresses in particular the staff of transport, traffic engineering and road authorities, transport companies and associations, universities, research institutions and industrial establishments in the area of traffic engineering and engineering firms.

Further information at: [www.fgsv.de](http://www.fgsv.de)

## NORDIC ROAD ASSOCIATION 21ST NORDIC ROAD CONGRESS – VIA NORDICA 2012 11TH – 13TH JUNE 2012, REYKJAVÍK

Via Nordica 2012 offers experts and others within our field an excellent opportunity to share ideas, learn from each other and establish new contacts. In addition to the professional programme you will have the opportunity to explore Iceland's renowned natural attractions through available guided tours or individually.

The slogan for the congress is Via Nordica - At a Crossroads. It brings into focus the challenges we face today, not least in the field of road transport and the environment, and our need to make some fundamental decisions on what route to take and where to head in the near future.

The congress is also open to experts beyond the Nordic countries, who would like to share our experiences and will bring an international element to this Nordic Congress.

The congress will take place in Harpa, the new Reykjavik Concert Hall and the Conference Centre in the city centre.



More information available at: [www.congress.is/vianordica2012](http://www.congress.is/vianordica2012)

## NORWAY

### Tunnels and ITS Symposium 2011

15th-16th June 2011, Bergen (Norway)

In Bergen, the Norwegian Public Roads Administration and ITS Norway, are organizing the first international symposium on the development and deployment of intelligent transport systems for high and low traffic density tunnels. The focus of the symposium will be on improvements in the design and lifetime span of tunnel equipment. As maintenance of this equipment is expensive, life cycle costs are crucial. The symposium "Tunnels and ITS" seeks to complement the conferences in Graz and Hamburg by focusing particularly on traffic conditions, ITS solutions for traffic, safety from the driver's perspective, and operational efficiency.

More information available at: [www.tekna.no/itstunnels2011](http://www.tekna.no/itstunnels2011)



## SLOVAKIA

### 2011 seminars and conferences

#### June 2011, Hustopeče (Czech Republic)

International seminar "XII Traffic Engineering Days", organised jointly by Czech Road Society and Slovak Road Society.

#### October 2010, Žilina (Slovak Republic)

8th International Conference "Transport Infrastructure in Cities", organised by University of Žilina, Slovak Road Society, Slovak Chambers of Civil Engineers, Transport Research Centre (Czech Republic) in cooperation with international professionals.



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## SPAIN

### Technical Conference on the Inspection of Bridges

9th May 2011, Valencia (Spain)

The Conference is designed for professionals who would like to learn more about the inspections of bridges in service to determine its status, maintenance requirements and potential problems and dangers, as well as those involved in actions for improvement and rehabilitation of these bridges and those who wish to be trained and specialized in the field of maintenance engineering.

Two guides recently published will also be presented: "Guide for inventory of bridges" and the "Guide for basic inspection of bridges" of the General Directorate of Highways from the Ministry of Public Works.

For further information please contact: [www.atc-piarc.com](http://www.atc-piarc.com)



### Technical Conference on the Current State of Geographical Information Systems: Application to Civil Engineering

16th June 2011, Madrid (Spain)

Under the rapidly changing information and new technologies society, in recent decades tools have been developed for acquiring and managing information which is of great importance for the Infrastructure Manager of today.

Geographic Information Systems, combined with Remote Sensing Techniques allow the capture, storage and efficient management of relevant data and information on civil works, infrastructure maintenance and monitoring plans.

The Conference is organized with the aim of communicating to the technical audience the current status of these techniques, the potential use and applications in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of civil engineering works.

For further information please contact: [www.atc-piarc.com](http://www.atc-piarc.com)

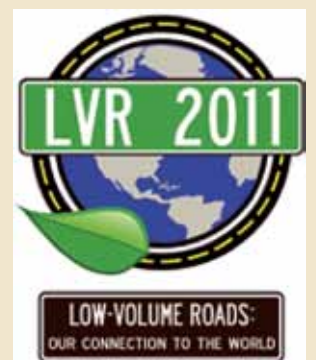
## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

### 10th International Conference on Low-Volume Roads

24th-27th July 2011, Orlando, Florida (USA)

The Transportation Research Board (TRB) is organizing the 10th International Conference on Low-Volume Roads at the Orlando Hilton Hotel, Florida. The conference, held every four years, will feature the latest information about low-volume road management, design, construction, safety, maintenance, and many other important related topics.

For further information go to: [www.trb.org/LowVolumeRoadsConference/](http://www.trb.org/LowVolumeRoadsConference/)



## Other NC activities and examples of good practice

### ARGENTINA



### 15th Anniversary of the Argentine National Committee

A commemorative event was organized on 12th May 2011 to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the creation of the Foundation CENATTEV, the Argentinean National Committee of the World Road Association.

Have a look on: [www.vial.org.ar/](http://www.vial.org.ar/)

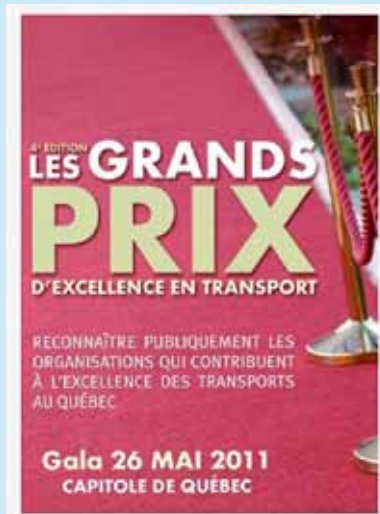


## CANADA-QUEBEC

The 4th Awards for Excellence in Transportation Gala will be held during the 8th edition of National Transportation Week

### National Transportation Week

The Association québécoise du transport et des routes (AQTR) is pleased to announce the 8th edition of the Semaine nationale des transports (National Transportation Week) a Canada-wide annual event which will occur this year between May 26 and June 4. For Québec, the objective of the National Transportation Week is to raise public awareness about the importance of the transportation industry in the economic and social development, and to recognize the expertise and commitment of the approximately 300,000 individuals who work in this industry.



### Awards for Excellence in Transportation Gala

For nearly 15 years, the AQTR, which falls under the responsibility of the PIARC-Québec Committee on the international scene, has been presenting awards that recognize the excellence of Québec-based transportation projects. By organizing the 4th edition of the Grands prix d'excellence en transport (Awards for Excellence in Transportation) Gala in Québec City on May 26, 2011, and by holding this event every year, the AQTR shines the spotlight on projects that make it possible to promote or improve transportation throughout Québec.

By publicly acknowledging these efforts, the AQTR is intent on supporting these remarkable initiatives and encouraging the industry to draw inspiration from them.

For more information concerning these two activities, or any of its other communication or training activities, please visit the AQTR website, at [www.aqtr.qc.ca](http://www.aqtr.qc.ca)

## FRANCE

### Recent Activities of the French National Committee



The Annual Meeting of the French National Committee was held on 4th May 2011. The French jury for the PIARC Prize Competition 2011 was convened on the 10th May 2011 with the presentation of the national winners on 19th May.

On 18th May 2011 a full-day reunion of the French mirror committee on Winter Road Service was organized at La Defense. Various speakers gave a comprehensive overview on all actual aspects of winter service and winter road maintenance.

For more information please contact: [www.cf-aipcr.org](http://www.cf-aipcr.org)

## MEXICO

### World Road Congress

Read more about the activities of the Mexican National Committee in preparing the XXIVth World Road Congress in our section on the congress below.

### Promotion and diffusion of AMIVTAC activities



Related with the promotion and diffusion of Mexico's National Committee, represented by the Mexican Association of Engineering of Roads, AC (AMIVTAC), this year has provided several courses and seminars, which include: Alternatives and solutions for Road Infrastructure (Hydraulic Concrete Pavements), Design and Applications of Geosynthetics (two times, in two different states), as well as the Clip Program Short Course and the International Symposium on Innovation and State of Art in Infrastructure Works.

More information at: [www.amivtac.org](http://www.amivtac.org)

## SWITZERLAND

### Preparation of the Annual Conference 2011



The 2011 Annual Conference of the Swiss National Committee is planned for November 2011. The conference will be titled "Freight Transport on Roads: Challenges and solutions in the future". Switzerland has various problems with the heavy trucks on roads, especially on the North - South Transit corridor. Thus the Swiss National Committee will invite speakers from Belgium (TC B4: Freight transport and inter-modality) and Germany for the conference.

Read more on: [www.vss.ch](http://www.vss.ch)



## UNITED KINGDOM

One of the principal roles of the UK National Committee is to disseminate information from the international organisation to the UK. It also supports developing countries by sharing UK expertise and supporting attendance at international committees. In that context the UK National Committee is compiling a Companies Directory, to be distributed at the World Road Congress in Mexico.

Have a look at: [www.piarc.co.uk](http://www.piarc.co.uk)

## NC Publications and software

### AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

#### Austrroads Newsletter



The latest edition of the Australroads Newsletter (May 2011) covers the following topics:

- Cycling Aspects of Australroads Guides
- Mexico 2011 World Road Congress – a preview
- New Australroads Publications
- Guidelines for Environmental Reporting
- Research Reports and Technical Reports released
- Australroads Publication feedback
- Managing Road System Investment in South Africa – a Technical Committee report
- Awards for Gary Norwell and Elisa Casey
- Australroads Conferences 2011

Have a look on [www.austrroads.com.au/austrroads\\_newsletter.html](http://www.austrroads.com.au/austrroads_newsletter.html)

#### Australroads Publications

If you register you will be able to download latest Australroads publications for free at: [www.onlinepublications.austrroads.com.au](http://www.onlinepublications.austrroads.com.au)

## PIARC Congresses

### 24<sup>TH</sup> WORLD ROAD CONGRESS 26<sup>TH</sup> – 30<sup>TH</sup> September 2011, Mexico City

#### The Mexican National Committee reports:

There are a total of 17 members and Corresponding members of Mexico in the Technical Committees of the World Road Association (PIARC). Several of these members also collaborate as Spanish speakers secretaries and one as a chairman of a Technical Committee. These members have also assisted in the preparation of National Reports and introductory reports for the XXIV World Road Congress.

Moreover, it has been confirmed that the team is already preparing the General Report Draft, from introductory reports elaborated by Technical Committees. A larger group will collect the notes during the congress, on the main points of discussion of the technical sessions, which will serve to prepare the draft of the detailed conclusions of the congress.

The Mexican Organizing Committee of the World Road Congress will promote a program of commemoratives and techniques publications to generate and disseminate expertise in the road sector. This program includes important publications, including a new road design manual and a version (in Spanish only) of the Manual for Road Safety for Mexico, based on that one published by PIARC. A number of technical publications will also be published including one report about the Design and Management of Highway Projects through Public-Private Partnerships and Environmental Management of Roads in Mexico, among others, as well as several books that show the recent experience in road construction in Mexico.

On-line registration for the congress and accommodation is available at:

[www.aipcrmexico2011.org](http://www.aipcrmexico2011.org)



# 14<sup>th</sup> International Winter Road Congress 2014

4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> February 2014, Andorra la Vella (Andorra)



The 14th International Winter Road Congress in 2014 will be held in Andorra la Vella. With its privileged geographical situation and unsurpassable climatic conditions Andorra is the perfect setting for holding this important congress on winter service.

Visit the website

[www.aipcrandorra2014.org](http://www.aipcrandorra2014.org)

for further information or meet the colleagues from Andorra at the 2011 Mexico World Road Congress.

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