



Minutes Congress 2018 in Brussels and Bruges (BEL)

- Date: 10th – 13th September 2018
- Place: Royal Military School, Hotel Crowne Plaza Bruges
- Participating States: 11 states – Austria, Belgium, The Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Poland, Serbia, The Slovak Republic, Sweden and United Kingdom.
3 states as observer – Israel, Luxembourg and Romania.
- Number of participants: 22 persons
- Planned subjects:
- 10 September 2018**
 - 1. *Welcome / informal event (Ice-breaker)*
 - 11 September 2018**
 - 2. *Seminar “Exchange of information & open discussion on current challenges in the field of work-related road safety”*
 - 3. *Discussion and exchange of experiences*
 - 12 September 2018**
 - 4. *Congress opening by The President*
 - 5. *Road safety in The Belgian Defence – presentation*
 - 6. *National presentation on the main topic*
 - 7. *Open discussion and exchange of experiences*
 - 13 September 2018**
 - 8. *General Assembly*
- Management of congress: LTC Jan ŠEVČÍK, CZE, The President
- Management/Organization: LTC Aleksandar GOŠIĆ, SRB – Secretary
CWO Guy COLMAN, BEL – EC member from Host nation
- Congress language: English

10 SEP 2018 (Monday), 18:00–22:00 – Ice-breaker Brussels

1. Welcome / informal event (Ice-breaker)

There was informal event – welcome by ECRAF President Jan Ševčík. On behalf of host nation Belgium, Guy Colman, welcomed all ECRAF delegates with wish to have productive and successful Congress. After informal event delegates visited the City of Brussels.

11 SEP 2018 (Tuesday), 09:00–14:00 – Royal Military School Brussels

2. Seminar “Exchange of information & open discussion on current challenges in the field of work-related road safety”

The first day of Congress, Seminar “Exchange of information & open discussion on current challenges in the field of work-related road safety” was organized in The Royal Military School in Brussels.

On behalf of Belgian Defence, COL (GS) Dominique LIBERT, Commander Movement & Transport Control Center (MTCC), welcomed all ECRAF delegates and wished successful Congress and good staying in Belgium. ECRAF President presented ECRAF missions and task, vision of ECRAF work and activities.

There were six projects presented by project managers and representatives from ETSC (European Transport Safety Council), EC – DG MOVE, EU – OSHA and Flemish Government – AWV, as following:

- Ms. Dovilé ADMINAITÉ – ETSC (European Transport Safety Council)
 - Project PIN (Road Safety Performance Index)
- Mr. Laurence ATCHINSON – ETSC (European Transport Safety Council)
 - Project PRAISE (Preventing Road Accidents and Injuries for the Safety of Employees)
- Mr. Casto LOPEZ BENITEZ – EC – DG MOVE
 - Work-related road safety
- Ms. Annick STARREN – EU – OSHA (European Agency for Safety and Health at Work)
 - Project VeSafe (Vehicle Safety E-guide)
- Ms. Myriam ADRIAENSEN – Flemish Government – AWV (Flanders Road Safety Center)
 - Project “Track & Trace / Road skippers” (Monitoring)
- Ms. Pascale WILS – Flemish Government – AWV (Flanders Road Safety Center)
 - Project “Mobile spot”

3. Discussion and exchange of experiences

Delegates had occasion to ask question on topic. In the end of seminar, participants concluded that the seminar was very interesting and constructive. The seminar presents good example of cooperation between military and civilian institutions.

12 SEP 2018 (Wednesday), 09:00–16:00 – Hotel Crowne Plaza Bruges

4. Congress opening by The President

The President opened ECRAF congress 2018 official and welcomed all participants to this years' event. He expressed his satisfaction with number of delegates (22) from 11 ECRAF members' countries plus 3 observer countries. The president presented the delegates the planned program of the congress.

5. Road safety in The Belgian Defence – presentation

Guy Colman from The Belgian Defence, gave a presentation on Road Safety System with focus on work, campaigns and activities. He emphasized “Mandate” supported by three pillars: Education and Prevention, Engineering and Enforcements (as ad-hoc working groups). In continuation of presentation, he talked about sensitization campaigns like “Commuting”, impressions and experiences from “Road Safety Days” in The Belgium Army. He stressed that The Belgian Armed Forces has good cooperation with civilian institutions in the field of road safety. He continued with presentation about “Smart Project” and statistical data from conducted researches.

6. National presentation on the main topic

In total, five delegates presented national experiences on the main topic – Current challenges in the field of Road Safety in European Armed Forces.

There were national presentations from:

- 6.1. Israel (Meirav Tamir):
Delegate from Israel presented four groups of challenges in Israeli Defense Forces: increasing of officers and NCOs' involvement in traffic accidents, using smartphones while driving, drowsy driving to and from base and crossroads and junctions. For every group delegate mentioned taken solutions and measures.
- 6.2. Finland (Petri Manelius):
Delegate from Finland described Raasepori railway level crossing accident with fatalities. He stressed investigation conclusions and measures carried out after the accident. In the end of presentation he presented intentions in organization changes of Finnish Defense Forces for period 2018-2022 concerning road safety.
- 6.3. Sweden (Johan Pihlstrom):
Delegate from Sweden presented information about new concept in Swedish Armed Forces and problems which follow transition. He stressed difference in mindset for new organization and employees.
- 6.4. Serbia (Aleksandar Gošić):
Delegate from Serbia talked about 6th Expert Conference "Road and Transport Safety in MoD and SAF" conducted in 2017 and 1st International Drivers' Competition conducted in May 2018. He expressed elements and experiences of the competition. He called delegates to take part in the next competition which will be held in May 2019 in Serbia.
- 6.5. The Czech Republic (Michal Štverák):
Delegate from The Czech Republic described traffic accidents of military convoy. He stressed the results of investigation and measures taken after the accident.
- 6.6. Germany (Robert Sistig):
Delegate from Germany had presentation on military driver training. He emphasized problem with driver view angle in combat vehicles, especially in missions. Additionally, he stressed number of drivers trained and cooperation with other armed forces. In the end of presentation road safety analysis and current challenges were presented.

According to the decisions from delegates, presentations will be sent by email.

7. Open discussion and exchange of experiences

All delegates took participations in productive discussions after national presentations.

Many delegates expresses their gratitude with this Congress and according to all delegates, this Congress was what ECRAF should looks like.


At the end, the President Jan Ševčík expressed his thankful to all delegates, especially for them who had national presentation.

13 SEP 2018 (Thursday), 09:00–13:00 – Hotel Crowne Plaza Bruges

8. General Assembly

See separate Minutes of the General Assembly.

Bruges, 13 September 2018

For the minutes:
- Secretary -
LTC Aleksandar GOŠIĆ


Inspected:
European Commission for Road Safety
in the Armed Forces
- President -
LTC Jan ŠEVČÍK

