EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR ROAD SAFETY IN THE ARMED FORCES

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Minutes Webinar 2020

Date:

08th - 09th September 2020

Place:

Online - MS Teams

Participating States:

11 states - Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Israel, The Netherlands, The Slovak Republic, Spain,

Sweden and United Kingdom.

Number of participants:

27 persons

Planned subjects:

8 September 2020

1. Connection to - Welcome and opening of the Webinar

2. Short introduction from the participants

3. How does your brain effect driving - Mrs. Lisa FALKENBERG

4. Distractions while driving - MAJ Merav TAMIR, ISR

5. How to train motorcycle drivers in off-road driving - LTC Juan

Jesús Pavón COTO - ESP

6. Testing the impact of technical equipment to the driver - LTC

Robert SISTIG, EC Member - DEU

7. Summery and closure of the first day of the Webinar

9 September 2020

8. Presentation of the RTC Electronic Reporting System – Mr. Scott SUTHERLAND - UK

9. European Commission road safety work and the EU vision Zero

Plan - ECRAF President Mr. Johan PIHLSTRÖM

10. Discussion and evaluation and closure of the ECRAF's first

webinar.

11. General Assembly

Management of congress: Mr. Johan PIHLSTRÖM, SWE, President

Management/Organization: WO Henrik VINTHER, DNK - Secretary

LTC Robert SISTIG, DEU – EC member from Host nation

LTC Joni TAUVILA, FIN - Vice-president

Webinar language:

Set-up at MS Teams in English

08 SEP 2020 (Tuesday), 0945-1545

1. Welcome

After a technical set-up possibility Friday the 04th of September the members were able to log in to the webinar from 0945 hours. ECRAF President Mr. Johan Pihlström welcomed the 26 participants from 11 states. The president gave a short introduction to the delegates with a wish and hopes to have a productive and successful webinar as substitution for a Congress due to the Covid-19 pandemic situation. It's good that we can meet despite the pandemic and see old and new friends with good discussions and interesting presentations. The president gave a

short intro to MS teams setting up a few rules (muting/unmuting and raising hands) so the webinar could run smoothly.

2. Short introduction from the participants.

27 delegates and participants from 11 states gave a short introduction.

3. How does our brain process the information while driving a car

Graduate psychologist on behalf of the German Road Safety Council. Mrs **Lisa FALKENBERG** gave a presentation "How does our brain process the information while driving a car, what do we achieve at the same time and how important is the eye tracking"? Summary of findings:

We have to get away from the idea that the chronological order of a car driver's gaze behavior is completely determined or, in other words, that there is only one adequate gaze behavior for a particular situation.

There are rather a number of gaze behaviors that are adequate for the same situation. Our personal needs and what we have learned and experienced determines where we direct our attention to while driving.

4. Distractions while driving

MAJ **Meirav TAMIR**, Head of Research Section – Ground Safety Branch Israel AF Safety Center, gave a presentation about Distractions while driving.

The briefing lead to a discussion and the overall finding; Don't SMS while driving – drive when you are driving. This conclusion converges with Mrs. Falkenbergs research findings and presentation.

5. How to train motorcycle drivers in of-road driving

LTC **Juan Jesús Pavón COTO**, Spain gave a presentation regarding the Spanish Army Logistics Academy in Calatayud introduction new course; "Motorcycle drivers in off-road driving". Swedish motorcycle instructor WO Fredrik Holmgren contributed to the discussion and gave examples from the Swedish Army.

6. Testing the impact of technical equipment to the driver.

EC member, Col **Robert SISTIG**, Deutschland gave a presentation about the impact of technical equipment to the driver.

7. Summery and closure of the first day of the Webinar

The ECRAF president summed up on the first day and the overall conclusion was that drivers can't have split focus while driving. Johan Pihlström thanked the presenters and the delegates for taking part in the discussions during and after the briefings. The first closed at 1545 PM.

09 SEP 2020 (Wednesday), 0945-1430

8. Presentation of the RTC Electronic Reporting System, Mr. Scott Sutherland, UK

Day two of the webinar started at 0945 hours. After a successive log in the President summed up the first day and gave the word to MTSR Scott Sutherland United Kingdom for a presentation of the newly introduced Electronic Reporting System from summer 2020. After the presentation there were a good discussion about the UK system. One of the most interesting findings to see was that after only 3-4 months of using the system there was ability to actually do and draw specific conclusions from the reporting system.

9. European Commission road safety work and the EU vision Zero Plan

ECRAF President Johan Pihlström showed links to the European Commission's road safety work and the link to EU's Vision Zero Plan. The European Commission's Strategic Action Plan for Road Safety and EU road safety policy framework for the years 2021-2030 which also set out ambitious road safety plans to reach zero road deaths by 2050 (Vision Zero). The President

have a Swedish contact working in the EU and is looking forward to get a fruitful cooperation between ECRAF and EU in the future.

Link to EU Road Safety work;

https://ec.europa.eu/transport/road safety/home en

Link to EU's Vision Zero Plan;

https://ec.europa.eu/transport/road safety/useful-links/policy-orientation en

10. Discussions and evaluation of the ECRAF's first Webinar

The President thanked the delegates and the presenters for their effort during the first ECRAF webinar. Everyone agreed that it had been a success. Delegates emphasized that they looked forward to 2021 so we once again would meet in person in Bonn. There was widespread positive mood for future webinars, but these cannot stand alone. Webinars could be used for discussion of specific topics or exchange of experience between congresses. But the conclusion from all delegates and the Executive Committee is that ECRAF delegates must continue to meet in person for use of breaks and evenings between the formal Congress parts for informal discussions and networking. The annual Congress and General Assembly could be combined by a one-day web seminar during the year, possibly in the spring.

11. General Assembly

See separate Minutes of the General Assembly.

Nørresundby, 09 September 2020

For the minutes:

WO Henrik VINTHER

Secretary

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