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NEW ECRAF PRESIDENCY AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



A new ECRAF Presidency and Executive Committee were elected at the last Congress in Finland. At the left picture the new President Oddvar Haagensen, Norway and the new Vice-President, Martin Faulkner, UK. At the right picture you see



the new Presidency together with the past President Holger Voss, Germany, the Administrative Secretary Stefanie Stettler, Switzerland and the three elected EC members. From left Flemming H. Pedersen, Denmark, member of EC, Oddvar Haagensen, Norway, President, Holger Voss, Germany, Stefanie Stettler, Switzerland, Johnny Laurant, Belgium, member of EC, Robert Windischmann, Germany, member of EC and Martin Faulkner, UK, Vice-President.





THE PROPOSED STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN APPROVED

The ECRAF Congress approved the report and proposals from the WG "The Future ECRAF". The most important change was that the role of President was incorporated into an Executive Committee that comprises President, Vice-President and three elected members. The new structure is designed to encourage more active participation by all member countries.

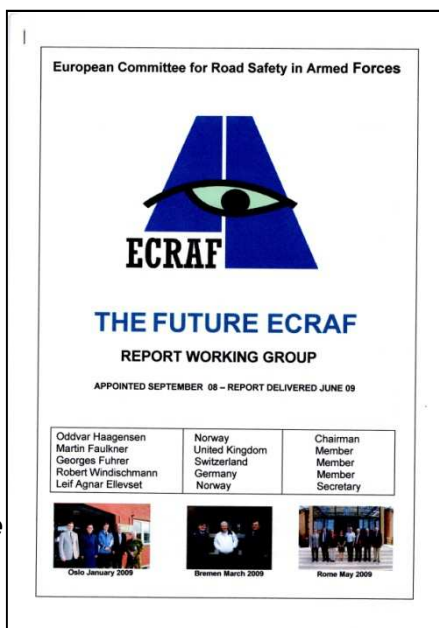
New strategies

The four new decided strategies were a result of a survey based on the result of an earlier questionnaire sent to all ECRAF members.

The new strategies are the following:

-ECRAF shall develop to be a road safety competence centre for all the European Armed Forces.

-ECRAF will develop an active and coherent communication strategy within nations.



-ECRAF will harmonize road safety activities across armed forces.

-ECRAF will develop and build alliances/coalitions and a strong network with important continental and intercontinental stakeholders in the field of road safety.

New statutes approved

The proposed new statutes was with one minor adjustment approved by the Congress. We will come back to this matter in the next issue.

ECRAF POLICY SECRETARIAT IS ESTABLISHED IN NORWAY

The implementation of the new ECRAF demands more secretariat capacity. President Oddvar Haagensen decided therefore after he came back from the Congress to extend the capacity of the ECRAF Secretariat by establishing an additional Policy Secretariat in Norway. Senior Adviser in the Norwegian Armed Forces, Leif Agnar Ellevset, is appointed as head of the the new secretariat.

Administrative Secretary Stefanie Stettler, will continue with her earlier issues including the planning and implementation of our important annual congresses.

THANKS SENT TO FINLAND

President Oddvar Haagensen has on behalf of ECRAF sent a letter of thanks to the Finnish MoD for an excellent Congress due to a solid preparation and implementation efforts done. The travelling, meetings, dinners, exercises and administration were all done in a very professional way. A special thanks is addressed to our excellent hosts Juha Ilka Tapani Härkin and Ilmo Suurnäkki. Haagensen described also the Congress in Finland as historic due to the decisions taken to improve ECRAF in the future.

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EXECUTIVE COMM. MEETS IN NORWAY

The EC will have its first meeting in Norway 7.-9.th October this year.

