



ECRAF Congress 8-11th September 2015 Belgrade, Serbia:

EC prepared vital issues for Congress and General Assembly 2015

The Executive Committee (EC) continues preparation for ECRAF Congress and General Assembly in Belgrade (Serbia) 08-11 September 2015.

Preparation for next Congress and General assembly was the main topic on the agenda for EC meeting in Belgrade (Serbia) 27-30 April 2015. Representatives of the Serbia participated in this EC meeting

The main topic for Congress 2015 is: **Regulations on military drivers / instructors and road safety**

(How to select drivers, how to organize training, content of basic and specialized training, certification, drivers monitoring and evaluation).



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 27-30 APRIL 2015, BELGRADE (SERBIA)

EC had its meeting in Belgrade, Republic of Serbia 27-30 April 2015. EC had interesting discussion and important decisions regarding preparation of next Congress, election, Secretary status, newsletter, hosts for next Congresses and web page.

More info will be given in Minutes from EC meeting and on ecraf web page (www.ecraf.org).

“ECRAF ELECTIONS 2015”

REQUEST FOR CANDIDATES FOR POSITIONS PRESIDENT AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Election letter has been sent out. There are three positions for election: ECRAF President and two EC members. Please send info with CV for candidates to ECRAF Vice President not later than 31 August 2015. More info at www.ecraf.org or by e-mail: vicepresident@ecraf.org

ECRAF needs new Secretary

Kevin De Medts from Belgium has held the post of ECRAF Secretary successfully and thankfully now for over four years. By the notification of Belgium army his mission ended in April 2015 during the last Executive Committee meeting in Belgrade, Serbia. Therefore there will be a necessary need to get a new Secretary for ECRAF. (Requesting letter for new Secretary has been sent out to ECRAF members).

The ECRAF President has friendly asked members of ECRAF to consider if their country could take over the responsibility for the post of the Secretary over the period 2015 - 2018. (The length of the period is negotiable)



Dear ECRAF friends,

The number of road fatalities in the European Union fell by only one per cent from 2013 to 2014. For two years in a row the number of fatalities on European roads fell sharply, but the first reports for the year 2014 were not so good. Issued in March 2015 the number of fatalities has decreased by about one per cent compared to 2013. Between 2012 and 2013 the number was decreased by as much as 8 per cent. Therefore, further efforts are needed to provide the strategic objective of the European Union to halve the number of road fatalities between 2010 and 2020.



It turned out that in 2014 on the road was killed total of 25 700 people in the 28 Member States. Although it is 5 700 people less than in 2010, this reduction will not meet the objective. The situation seems to be the best in the Netherlands, Malta, Sweden and the United Kingdom, which each have less than 30 road deaths per million inhabitants. The situation is the worst in Bulgaria, Latvia, Lithuania and Romania, where the number of deaths in traffic is still more than 90 people per million inhabitants.

Road safety associated with all people's living every day is a part of good and safe living environment. It is also associated with many people's jobs in civilian and in the armed forces. Most of the road safety activities are done every day at local and national level. This kind of activities are for example, monitoring of compliance with traffic rules, awareness campaigns and the development of infrastructure and education.

We all know that ECRAF member countries make every day very important road safety work. The responsibility of each member country is that military personnel (including conscripts and reservists) may carry out their duties safely in all situations, both in barracks and on the road. ECRAF creates an excellent, effective and cost effective platform to share and exchange experiences with the representatives of other member countries. The next time we will have this important opportunity at September, when we organize next congress in Serbia.

Have a nice, sunny and warm summer. I hope to see many of you in Serbia on September.

Arto Purkunen
ECRAF President

Helsinki, 4th June, 2015

www.ecraf.org now is available

New re-designed official ECRAF web page now is available, with new modern design, better navigation through content and new parts (forum and webmail). All ECRAF members who want to have access to protected documents on web-page should to contact administrator of web page in order to obtain user name and password. All comments and proposals on new web page are welcomed.

Please visit www.ecraf.org and contact administrator by e-mail (ernes.heleg@ecraf.org).

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CONGRESS HOSTS

ECRAF is searching for hosts for the congresses in 2016 and 2017. Interested candidates can contact the President or Vice President for more information. Actual candidates are also under discussion by EC.

NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of the ECRAF Newsletter will come in October 2015. Contributions must be received within the last week of September 2015, (e-mail ernes-heleg@ecraf.org)