



FIRST MEETING IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The ECRAF Executive Committee (EC) had its first meeting at Sessvollmoen Camp in Oslo 7- 9. October this year. The President is satisfied with the result of the meeting.

- My goal for the first meeting was mainly to discuss and cement the ECRAF professional platform and find the best way to start implementing the approved Strategy- and Action Plan 2009-12. I feel we managed to do that during the meeting, says President Oddvar Haagen-ensen.



From left to right: Oddvar Haagensen, Martin Faulkner, Robert Windishmann, Flemming Pedersen, Stefanie Stettler, Leif Agnar Ellevset and Johnny Laurant.

NEXT CONGRESS

The next ECRAF congress will be held in Vienna, Austria, 14.-17th September 2010. President Oddvar Haagen-ensen will visit Austria 26 January 2010 to discuss the congress program. The invitation and program will be sent out no later than Mid February 2010.

NEW WEBSITE

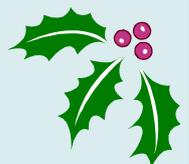
The ECRAF website is under reconstruction and will hopefully be available from the beginning of January next year. The reconstruction work is done by former President Holger Voss, Germany, and Head of Policy Secretary Leif Agnar Ellevset, Norway.

ANNUAL REPORT AND ELECTION

The EC will present an annual report about all the implemented activities at the next congress. The election will be prepared by an election committee chaired by Johnny Laurant, Belgium.



ECRAF WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR !





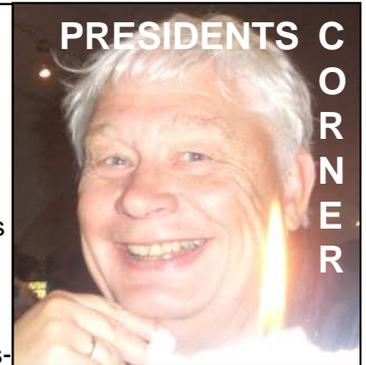
Dear Colleagues,

It is December 2009, and three month since the Congress in Finland. Many of you are looking forward to Christmas Holydays, and the New Year's Eve. This is my first "Presidents Corner". I would like to start by once again thank you for all your support during that very important Congress for the future of ECRAF.

Why was it an important Congress? I have many times since Finland used the words "for the first time". For the first time we have an Executive Committee, giving ECRAF much more working capacity. For the first time we have a professional Policy Secretariat, with excellent road safety experience. We had the first Executive Committee meeting in Oslo, only four weeks after the Congress, and we published the first Newsletter immediately after the Congress.

Why has it been possible for me to use the words "for the first time" so many times? I think the answer is simple. The reason is that the Congress – you – approved the new Strategy- and Action Plan for ECRAF. That document gives the Executive Committee, the Policy Secretariat and me the opportunity to develop ECRAF in the direction we all wants – to be a strong and relevant organization in Europe, working for our Armed Forces with that very important task to reduce the number of killed servicemen in road accidents.

The starting point to achieve the vision of zero killed servicemen is good. ECRAF has since the beginning in 2002 done a lot for road safety in Europe. ECRAF is an organization of experts. But there is still a lot of hard work to be done. That's why I start the work as the President with a lot of confidence. My two main priorities in the month ahead will be to promote ECRAF in the member nations, and to work hard to implement the Strategy- and Action Plan. I will do so together with the Executive Committee, the Policy Secretariat, and the Administrative Secretary. But we cannot do all the work by our self. We need support from all of you. That's why I would like to use this opportunity to ask all of you to promote ECRAF whenever you can in your own nations. I would like to wish all a peaceful Christmas Holydays and a happy New Year. And most important - good luck, working to save people from being killed in road accidents.



Best regards *Oddvar*

PRESIDENCY AND EX. COMMITTEE

President Oddvar Haagensen, Norway (2 years), Vice-President Robert Faulkner, UK, (1 year).

Members of EC: Johnny Laurant, Belgium (2 years), Flemming Pedersen, Denmark, (2 years) and Robert Windishmann, Germany (1 year)

WORKING GROUPS ON STATISTICS AND LEADER TRAINING APPOINTED

ECRAF Executive Committe appointed at its first meeting two working groups on the subjects statistics and leader training.

Group 1 Statistics will be chaired by Flemming Pedersen, Denmark. He also chaired the earlier working group on the same issue. The group will have focus on accident costs.

Group 2 Leader training will be chaired by Robert Windishmann, Germany. The goal is to teach military or civilian leaders in the Armed Forces to be more aware of road safety.

The reports from the two working groups will be presented at the next Congress in Austria. More about the working groups in the next issue.

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NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of the ECRAF newsletter will come in February 2010. Main subject: Presentation of the Presidency and the Executive Committee.

