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ECRAF Annual Report shows good Progress



First EC meeting October 2009 in Oslo



Second EC meeting May 2010 in UK

The Annual Report 2009-10 from the Executive Committee shows good progress for ECRAF since the last General Assembly in Finland. Many of the activities in the approved Strategy- and Action Plan have been implemented. The Executive Committee (EC) underlines that we in the next period do not need to develop new strategies and activities. We need to do more of what we have done the last year. The EC says that much attention have been paid to create an open and communicating organisation with a reconstructed website and a new newsletter. The EC hopes that this in the years to come will make it easier for the members to participate and contribute more actively in ECRAF.

ROAD SAFETY LEADER TRAINING



The EC appointed WG "Road Safety Leader Training" had a successful meeting in Germany last weekend of May. The WG is chaired by EC member Robert Windishmann, Germany (at the picture), and will present some preliminary conclusions at the next congress in Austria.

ECRAF meets European Transport Safety Council (ETSC)

ETSC expressed a clear interest for a coming cooperation with ECRAF. ECRAF met ETSC in Brussels the 19th May and was represented by President Oddvar Haagenes, Norway, EC member Johnny Laurent, Belgium and Head of Policy Secretariat, Leif Agnar Ellevset. ECRAF was also represented at a ETSC meeting in Norway 27th May this year.



European Defence Agency positive to ECRAF initiative



The European Defence Agency (EDA) was open for a collaboration with ECRAF in order establish common road safety statistics for the Armed Forces in Europe. EDA and ECRAF will continue the discussion in September after the Congress in Austria where this topic will be on the agenda in the General Assembly.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO REGISTER FOR THE COMING CONGRESS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE !!!



Dear ECRAF friends,

In the ECRAF Strategy- and Action plan, approved by the ECRAF Congress in Finland in 2009, we declared that our vision is that ECRAF aspires to be the foremost independent institution recognised across Europe for the best practice within the military environment to prevent road traffic incidents / accidents and injuries whether on operations or off duty.

Our vision is ambitious, but at the same time it is a clear signal from all our member nations of what direction they would like ECRAF to move.

Involvement is a key word in our struggle to achieve our goals. Involvement from member nations and from national and elected delegates is crucial. These involvements need to be made visible on all levels and in different ways.

The most important task we have is to engage each and every one of us to take an individual responsibility to be involved. Use the ECRAF Strategy-and Action plan when working with national Road Safety issues. Use the ECRAF WEB page as a forum for sharing best practice. Use your network to promote ECRAF, and to encourage other national delegates to get involved in ECRAF.

And last- but not least- take part in the next ECRAF Congress in Vienna this September. I would like to encourage all of you to use this unique opportunity to have an impact on a crucial matter for all of our armed forces. The work we do matters, it creates a safer environment for all those working in our armed forces. It saves lives! To achieve the ECRAF vision ZERO – no critical injured or killed individuals in the armed forces- your work and your obligation is of the up most importance.

I hope to see all of you in Vienna in September.



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Best regards 

Framesetting document on "Statistics" coming

The EC decided at its last meeting in UK to work out a framesetting document on statistics to be discussed later with EU Military Staff / EDA. The work is chaired by Johan Pihl-Strøm, MoD, Sweden and participating are Flemming Pedersen, Denmark and Leif Agnar Ellevset, Norway, from the secretariats. The framesetting document on "Statistics" will be replacing the earlier appointed working group on the same subject.

POSSIBLE SPONSORSHIP INCOMES FOR ECRAF

The EC invites the delegates at the coming General Assembly to discuss possible sponsorship incomes for ECRAF. The EC decided at its last meeting to propose sponsorship introduced for ECRAF at the next General Assembly in Austria.

If the decision is positive, the work with sponsorship will be continued after the General Assembly. If the General Assembly is negative, then the issue will be closed.

Further development of ECRAF Newsletter

The future development of ECRAF Newsletter was discussed at the last EC meeting in UK

The EC was satisfied with the Newsletter and the following ideas were presented:

- One country can be presented in each issue and PS should set up a common structure to be followed and invite all the countries to participate.
- Delegates should in a short report including pictures report from their national road safety days.
- Ask the delegates for national distribution lists which will increase the number of readers.

EDITORIAL

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NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of the ECRAF newsletter will come in August 2010. Contributions must be received within the second week of August.

