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Welcome to ECRAF Congress in Vienna!



ECRAF welcomes all the 27 registered delegates from 14 countries to Vienna, the nice capitol of Austria, 14th – 17th September this year! President Oddvar

Haagensen, Norway, says that he is satisfied with the number of registered delegates , but he still hopes more will come.



COMMON EUROPEAN STATISTICS



Johan Pihlstrøm and Flemming Pedersen at the meeting in Copenhagen

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The approved document will after the Congress be discussed in a separate meeting in Brüssels with EDA which ECRAF hopes will start and run the project in collaboration with ECRAF. The Committee also assumed that the new proposed standard among others will be approved by NATO.

Candidature for EC open

President Oddvar Haagensen, acting as Election Committee, says that the candidature for EC still is open. The candidature will be presented at the General Assembly. If you are interested, you should contact the President asap to register your candidature.

ROBERT WINDISCHMANN NEW VICE-PRESIDENT?



Vice-President Martin Faulkner is - as earlier informed – for personal reasons not able to continue in his position. However, member of EC Robert Windischmann, Germany, is willing to be a candidate and is proposed as new Vice-President. Robert is chairing the ECRAF wg about road safety leader training and will present a paper at the Congress.



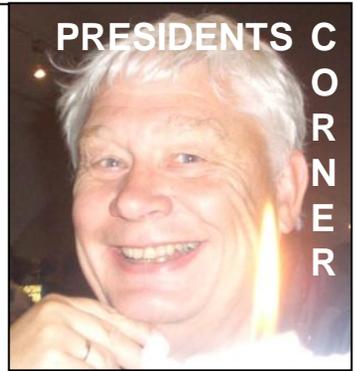
Dear ECRAF friends,

For almost one year ago we were together in Finland, and we ended our annual Congress by adopting the ECRAF Strategic Document and the Action plan. We will within 2 weeks meet again in Vienna for the ECRAF Congress 2010, and we will summarize the year we have behind us.

As the President, it is my experience that the past year has been busy, and that ECRAF have achieved some important goals. The guideline has always been the Action plan, and the important discussions we had at the Congress in Finland. The establishment of the Executive Committee has proven to be an effective and productive new capacity. Together with the Policy Secretariat, the two new ECRAF bodies have taken ECRAF some very important steps ahead. It is with great satisfaction I can report to you that I believe ECRAF is on the track in to the future.

However, there is no lack of challenging and interesting Road Safety work to be done in the years ahead. The ultimate goal must be that each and one of every ECRAF nations can see and experience the benefit of being member of this Road Safety family, and that ECRAF can fulfill its vision of being the foremost Road Safety organization in the Armed Forces in Europe. The last year has made it visual for me that by working together with individual experts, or other Road Safety organizations, ECRAF can be the difference between successes or failure in our national Road Safety work. I have met many individuals who are dedicated to their work for a safer situation on the road. This is for me a great inspiration to continue the work. The frustration is to experience that we are lacking resources and personnel. One important task for me and for the Executive Committee for the next year will be to find out how to improve the availability of resources. The second issue we need to focus on is how to get more nations to join the ECRAF family, and to be involved in our important work for our national Armed Forces. At the moment, we will be 14 nations at the Congress in Vienna. To get 14 nations together and to discuss Road Safety for 3 days is great. But my hope and my goal were to have at least 20 nations joining the Congress. But it is still time to join, so I will ask every one of you reading this Newsletter to consider again joining the Congress in Vienna 14 – 17 September. Your country is important for the ECRAF family, and ECRAF can be significant for your national military road safety. See you in Vienna!

Best regards



NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of the ECRAF newsletter will come in November 2010. Contributions must be received within the third week of October.

EDITORIAL

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Safe maintenance in focus with the launch of the new Healthy Workplaces Campaign in Europe

On the occasion of the World Day for Safety and Health at Work on 28 April, the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) launched its new Healthy Workplaces Campaign for 2010/11 which focuses on promoting safe maintenance across Europe. The organisers state that poorly managed maintenance activities and procedures are responsible for as much as 20% of all workplace accidents, and over 50% in a number of sectors. The campaign aims to cut all work-related accidents in the EU by 25% over the coming years. The official campaign guide and other materials in 22 languages can be downloaded on www.osha.europa.eu

