



ECRAF Congress 9-12th September 2014 Trenčín, Slovakia:

EC prepared vital issues for Congress and General Assembly 2014

The Executive Committee (EC) continues preparation for ECRAF Congress and General Assembly in Trenčín (SVK) 09-12 September 2014.

According to the EC decision, Jan Sevcik - EC member and Kevin De Medts - Secretary behalf of EC visited Trenčín, Slovakia 4 - 6th March 2014 in order to finish Congress Programm and to see Congress facilities.

Preparation for next Congress and General assembly was the main topic on the agenda for EC meeting in Prague (CZE) 7-9th May 2014. Representatives of the Slovakia participated in this EC meeting



ECRAF Statistics

According to the "Directive for ECRAF Road Safety Statistics 25042013" the Executive Committee asks member states to supply national data in a structured way to POC or Secretary not later than 31st May 2014.

EC member Jan Sevcik is point of contact (POC) for collecting statistics from member countries.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 07-09 MAY 2014, PRAGUE (CZE)

EC had its meeting in Prague, Czech Republic 07-09 May 2014. EC had interesting discussion and important decisions regarding preparation of next Congress, election, sponsorship, statistics, newsletter and web page. More info will be given in Minutes from EC meeting and on web page.

"ECRAF ELECTIONS 2014"

REQUEST FOR CANDIDATES FOR POSITIONS PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT AND MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Election letter has been sent out. There are three positions for election: ECRAF President, Vice President and one EC member.

Please send info with CV for candidates to ECRAF Secretary not later than 31 August 2014.

EDITORIAL

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CONGRESS HOSTS

ECRAF is searching for hosts for the congresses in 2015 and 2016. Interested candidates can contact the Acting 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 2014. Contributions must be received within the last week of September 2014.



IN MEMORY OF COLONEL (R) ODDVAR HAAGENSEN, RNOAF

By Acting President Ernes Heleg, Bosnia-Herzegovina and former Policy Secretary Leif Agnar Ellevset, Norway

The former President of ECRAF, Colonel (R), Oddvar Haagensen, Norway, died 28th December 2013 at the local hospital at his home place Brekstad, close to Ørland Main Air Station. Haagensen has the last year been suffering from cancer and was 63 years old.

Oddvar Haagensen has taken part in ECRAF since 2006. He was elected Vice-President in 2008 and was President in the period 2009-2013. Haagensen was in the period 2008-2009 responsible for the working group developing a new Strategic and Action Plan for ECRAF. ECRAF has during Haagensen's Presidency experienced that ECRAF has had a very positive development with the implementation and the work of the new Executive Committee which have given new opportunities for increased co-operation between the member countries.



COL Oddvar Haagensen was born in 1950 and joined the Royal Norwegian Air Force in Stavern in 1969. He started his career in Ground based air defense. He worked as an air defense officer at Ørland MAS until 1974 when he joined the Air Force Academy. He graduated from the Academy in 1976 and then served as air defense officer at Andøya Air Station where he advanced to the rank of lieutenant. He then returned to Ørland, serving in the field of air defense until 1984.

A turning point in his career was when he completed his bachelor education in social science in Stavanger and then returned to the Air Force Academy for higher military education. This time the education was in the field of administration and logistics. He then served as chief of finance and chief of administration and personnel at Værnes Air station from 1988 until 1991 and in the same period he completed Air Force Staff College, part I. Col Haagensen was a student at the Staff College, part II from Sept 91 until June 92. From June 92 he served at the CHOD/Airstaff in Oslo as a staff officer in the field of personnel. By 1994 he advanced to lieutenant colonel and become in charge of the office making policy for and managing personnel employed in the Air Force.

He served at the CHOD/Airstaff until November 1997. From November 1997 until August 1998 he was a Staff officer in the Personnel Division at CHOD Norway. In August 1998 he went to Rome and NATO Defense College as a student on Senior Course 93. When he returned from Rome he advanced to chief of staff for Ørland MAS and full colonel.

From Aug 2002 until Mar 2006 Col Haagensen served as a Faculty Adviser and Senior National Representative at NATO Defense College in Rome, and from Mar 2006 he has served as Chief of Staff and second in command at the Armed Forces Training Centre for Logistics and Operational Support. This centre has the overall responsibility for Road Safety and drivers training in the Norwegian Armed Forces, including the policy-making process.

Col Haagensen had a deep interest for the CFE agreement and Arms Control, and has participated in several inspections, both in Russia and other Eastern-European countries.

He had also, on his spare time managed to obtain a bachelor degree in psychology.

On several occasions Col Haagensen had been called upon to take part in policy making within the Air Force and the Armed Forces. In 2000 he participated in a working party for the Ministry of Defense making a proposal for restructuring of the Armed Forces.

ECRAF expresses its deepest condolences to his wife Aud and the rest of the family. ECRAF has missed a good friend and contributor.