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NEW PROPOSAL FROM WG STATISTICS TO GA

The ECRAF Working Group Statistics has during the process experienced difficulties in cooperation with already established organizations within the European Union and NATO. Due to time reasons the WG will at the coming General Assembly propose to establish a statistical base by ECRAF itself.



The chairman of the WG Statistics, Johan Pihlström Sweden

-The goal is to obtain data from every ECRAF member state regarding traffic accidents and their consequences to the involved vehicles and persons. This would give the ECRAF the most accurate and most visual picture of the road safety improving work that is carried out by respective Armed Forces in Europe. This would also give the member state itself an opportunity to analyze their own work in perspective to other member states in order to be even more efficient in the future, says the chairman of ECRAF working group Statistics Johan Pihlström. (Continues at page 2)

The Congress in good progress

The ECRAF Congress 2012 is in good progress. This was highly confirmed when the ECRAF Executive Comm. visited 14-16th February the Spanish cities Zaragoza and Calatayud.

The meetings with the representatives of the Spanish Army confirmed good planning and high quality of the coming events.



From left: Fernando Ruiz Idiago, Fransisco Casado Martinez, Ernes Heleg, Kevin De Medts, Oddvar Haagensen, Johan Pihlström, Robert Windischmann, Jan Sevsic, Leif A. Ellevset and Juan Baena Polo.

New ECRAF plan documents coming

The ECRAF Executive Committee which is acting as a working group for the revised Strategy and Action Plan, had its first meeting about this issue at the last meeting in Spain. EC will propose revised plan documents at the next Congress in Spain.

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Vice-President Robert Windischmann, Germany, and member of EC, Ernes Heleg, Bosnia Herzegovina, will be for election in Spain.

CONGRESS INVITATION

The President is still waiting for the last confirmation from some speakers. The invitation will be sent out as soon as possible.

The invitation will as usual be found at our website.



NEXT EC MEETING IN SARAJEVO IN MAY 12

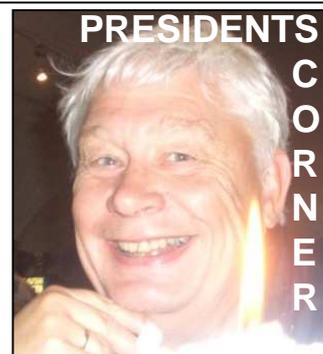
The ECRAF Executive Committee will have its next meeting in Sarajevo, Bosnia Herzegovina 9-11th May. In addition to the ordinary meeting, the places for the congress in Sarajevo September next year will be visited by the committee.





Dear colleagues,

In May 2011 the United Nations launched the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety. The decade-long project's goal is to save five million lives and reduce road-related injuries by 50 millions worldwide. This ambitious goal needs support from everyone who is working on road safety, including the national Armed Forces in Europe. In its leadership role in road safety, ECRAF will support the UN initiative through its network of national European Armed Forces. To achieve this objective, ECRAF will support member countries through the coordination and the development of suitable strategies, policies and initiatives creating means to exchange information, knowledge and best practices, as well as supporting and creating opportunities for member nations to promote the interests of all military road users through road safety improvements.



In order to gain road safety improvements, relevant statistical road accident data is crucial. ECRAF have been working for many years to establish a data base for sharing common statistical figures. The work has been very difficult, for many reasons, but I have great expectations to the ECRAF working group dealing with this important issue. The working group is chaired by the Swedish ECRAF Executive Committee member Johan Pihlström, and their report will be presented at the annual ECRAF Congress in Spain 11th to 14th September 2012.

15th to 16th February 2012 I visited together with the Executive Committee the Spanish host for the ECRAF Congress. The Spanish planning team have already done a great job to prepare the Congress, and the invitation letter and the programme will soon be distributed to all European Armed Forces. I am confident that the ECRAF Executive Committee together with the Spanish host has developed an interesting Congress programme, and I am looking forward to see new and previous delegates joining the ECRAF family in the historical Spanish city of Zaragoza in September.

Best road safety greetings from

NEW PROPOSAL FROM ...

Pihlström tells that the next step is to compare the statistics from the Armed Forces with the civilian statistics. This is necessary in order to develop cooperation and understanding of the importance of road safety work within the Armed Forces. The proposed method is to make relative figures of absolute data to compare this with civilian statistics.

Pihlström underlines that by using the same definitions as the civil society regarding road accident, killed, seriously injured, slightly injured and costs ECRAF can efficiently compare this between different countries and also get a good picture how the Armed Forces Road Safety work in Europe are in relation to the civil society in general. The useful data are so far number of accidents, killed persons in road accidents, injured in road accidents, the top ten accident causes and the total costs.

Pihlström informs that in the invitation to the Congress in Spain there will be a document enclosed that will clarify more in detail the proposition from the WG Statistics and EC in this matter. During the General Assembly this document hopefully will be approved to implement within ECRAF in order to be used by the ECRAF member states.

NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of the ECRAF Newsletter will come in May 2012.

Contributions must be received within the last week of April this year.

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ECRAF VISITS ISRAEL



The Israel Armed Forces has invited ECRAF to visit Israel. The invitation is accepted and the visit will be carried out by the President Oddvar Haagensen and Policy Secretary Leif Agnar Ellevset in the beginning of June this year. The President is invited to give a presentation about ECRAF during the visit.

CONGRESS SPAIN 2012



CONGRESS BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA 2013

