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## GOOD ROAD SAFETY WORK IN SERBIAN ARMED FORCES

The Serbian Armed Forces has during the last years achieved remarkable results of its road safety work. The accident prevention work has obviously been carried out in a systematic way based on clear strategies. The work has also been done in good and close collaboration with the civilian side and educational institutions on a university level including an internal faculty for road safety.

President Oddvar Haagensen and Policy Secretary Leif Agnar Ellevset were both impressed what they experienced during their participation at the expert conference "Safety of Military Traffic Participants" at the Military Academy in Belgrade 26th May this year. More information to be found at ECRAF website.



From left: Colonel PhD Zeljko Rankovic, President Oddvar Haagensen, Captain Alexandar Gosic and Lieutenant Colonel MSc Aleksandar Cakic

## The EC tested the F-16 Simulator at Ørland Main Air Station



The ECRAF EC had its last meeting at Ørland Main Air Station in Norway 3.-5th May and used the possibility to test the F-16 Simulsator at the base. See picture left. The EC discussed many important issues which soon can be read in the approved minutes from the meeting. The EC used most of time of the meeting to go through the congress program and discuss subjects for the coming General Assembly. The EC will met next time one day before the congress in Prague starts.

## CHANGES IN ECRAF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AFTER GA

The EC members Johnny Laurent , Belgium, and Flemming Pedersen, Denmark, will leave EC after the coming congress. Laurent is retiring from his military position and Pedersen is unable to take reelection. Norway has nominated Oddvar Haagensen for an another period. Sweden has nominated Johan Pihlstrøm as new member of EC.



From left: Johnny Laurent, Johan Pihlstrøm and Flemming Pedersen

## Lithuanian Armed Forces visited by ECRAF

The Executive Committee has for some time worked to establish contact between the Baltic States and ECRAF. The President was the 5<sup>th</sup> May invited to meet the Lithuanian Chief of Defence the 5<sup>th</sup> of May. Unfortunately he had to cancel the meeting himself, but the President meat with his deputy colonel Gediminas Macijauskas. The meeting was interesting and important. The Colonel was deeply concerned regarding Road Safety in the Lithuanian Armed forces and expressed the importance to achieve results by being member of ECRAF. He promised to discuss the matter with the Chief of Defence. He ended the meeting by expressing the importance of ECRAF, and that he was going to recommend ECRAF to his CHOD.





Dear ECRAF friends,

Road Safety is a common challenge for all Armed Forces across Europe, and all European nations have a common interest to reduce the number of killed or seriously injured soldiers. We also have a common interest to reduce the repair costs caused by these road traffic accidents. All European nations work hard as a nation to reduce road traffic accidents in their national Armed Forces. This very important work have to continue, but I truly believe that all European nations will achieve better results, and reduce costs through international cooperation.

ECRAF is an open and non-profit organization established in 2002. The mission of ECRAF is to promote Road Safety within the Armed Forces in Europe, and ECRAF is open to all European Armed Forces. In order to secure national influence and a democratic procedure, membership has to be approved by the ECRAF General Assembly. To secure that all European nations have the same possibilities to join, ECRAF membership is free to participating nations.

The purpose of ECRAF is to enable the exchange of experiences, ideas and initiatives between European Armed Forces. To be able to achieve that vision demands participation from all European Armed Forces and the diversity they and their National Road Safety Partner Organizations represents.

To share information, and to exchange experiences, ideas and initiatives can seem as a challenge for many European Armed Forces. In ECRAF we have seen a positive development and willingness to cooperate between nations. All European Armed Forces have the same vision – to save soldiers from being killed or seriously injured in a needless road traffic accident. All Armed Forces have a commitment to their soldiers and their families to ensure good safety. Good Road Safety needs international cooperation. That is why I hope to see a large number of nations at the annual Congress in September.

See you all in Prague.

*Best regards*



## NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of the ECRAF Newsletter will come in September 2011. Contributions must be received within the last week of August this year.

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