



# Newsletter nr. 2/2012

## THE SPANISH ARMED FORCES WELCOME ECRAF DELEGATES TO ZARAGOZA !



The historical city of Zaragoza

The Spanish Armed Forces are well prepared to host the ECRAF Congress in Zaragoza 11-14th September this year.

The main topic for the Congress is "Lessons learned in road safety in international operations." The subject will be dealt with both in a practical and more theoretical way during the Congress. All necessary information about the Congress is to be found at our website [www.ecraf.org](http://www.ecraf.org).

## EC prepared vital issues for GA in the city of Sarajevo

The Executive Committee had its last meeting before summer in Sarajevo 9-11th May. The meeting was held in the building "Home of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina" which also will be the Congress venue in Sarajevo 2013.

The EC discussed vital issues for the coming GA as: Draft statutes, draft Strategy Plan 2013-2017 and The Action Plan for 2013-2014. These important policy documents will in short time be available at our website.



The EC pictured in the beautiful city of Sarajevo

## ROBERT WINDISHMANN LEAVING ECRAF



Vice-President Robert Windishmann informed at the last EC meeting that he will change his job position in the German AF and has to leave ECRAF after the GA in Spain.

## Guidelines for the ECRAF elections

The EC has worked out guidelines for the ECRAF elections. The guidelines includes planning and carrying out the elections and also instruct the Election Committee how to work.


## HELEG'S CANDIDATURE CONFIRMED

During the EC meeting i Sarajevo, the BH Armed Forces confirmed that Ernes Heleg will ask for reelection to EC at the next GA.



## EU RECOGNISES LIFE SAVING POTENTIAL OF SPEED MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGIES

**June 2012, Brussels** – The European Transport Safety Council (ETSC) welcomes the European Commission's recognition of Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA) systems' potential to improve road safety in the EU. The Commission stated 'that Intelligent

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The very strong involvement from the European Commission is important for the Road Safety work in Europe, including that work in the European Armed Forces. Looking to the car industry, lots of resources are used to achieve safer cars, and the technology is more and more sophisticated. This is good, and will for sure reduce the number of killed and seriously injured people in road accidents in Europe. The challenge for the European national Armed Forces will however be to invest in new vehicles with this new technology implemented, and be able to take new technology in use as quickly as the civilian society.

For many years to come the human factor will still be the most important factor in the work for safer road traffic. The main topic during the ECRAF Congress in September in Spain is also about the human factor. It is about how to use lessons learned to achieve safer vehicles, but even more important, how to get better trained drivers in different road traffic environments. The topic is put on the agenda based on feedback from member nations, and our goal is to give all participating nations the opportunity to discuss and to share experiences.

The important road safety work is done in each and one of the European national Armed Forces. It is a national responsibility to safeguard their military personnel. It is my hope that ECRAF can be a relevant organization where experiences and good ideas can be shared for the benefit of all armed forces in Europe. This is the basic idea for ECRAF, and for the ECRAF Congress as a meeting place for Road Safety experts.

Have I nice summer, and I hope to see many of you in Spain!

*Best road safety greetings from*



## EU recognises ....

A prerequisite for the implementation of ISA is the provision of a digital database of all speed limits on the road network. The Commission adopted the Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) Action Plan in 2008 and the ITS Directive in 2010. "These instruments provide the framework for fast-tracking ISA technology. ETSC calls for its life-saving potential to be realised as a matter of priority," said Antonio Avenoso, ETSC Executive Director.

## NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of the ECRAF Newsletter will come in Sept./Oct. 2012. Contributions must be received not later than during the congress in Spain.

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ETSC regards ISA as a mature technology and has been campaigning for its wider application for many years now. ISA can deliver impressive safety benefits. Research in the U.K. showed that advisory ISA can achieve up to an 18% reduction in fatal collisions and intervening ISA can achieve a 37% reduction in fatal collisions. It is also an effective instrument in mitigating climate

Read more about this at ETSC's website [www.etsc.eu](http://www.etsc.eu)

