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GOOD IMPLEMENTED CONGRESS IN SPAIN 2012 !

The Spanish Armed Forces was a successful host and organizer of the ECRAF Congress in Zaragoza 11-14th September this year.

The feed back report from the delegates shows that the programme was about right and that all except one participated in the discussions. The delegates also gave valuable suggestions for topics for future congresses. The host nation has proposed "Military – civil coopertation" as one actual topic for the next congress. More to be found on the web in short time.



The delegates pictured just before the congress dinner took place in a historical building in Zaragoza.

New Vice-President and EC member

Ernes Heleg was elected as new Vice-President and Arto Purkunen new member of the ECRAF Executive Committee at the GA. In Spain.



Ernes Heleg and Arto Purkunen

Ernes Heleg, Bosnia-Herzegovina, has been member of the EC since 2010. Arto Purkunen, Finland, participated for the first time at the congress.

THANKS TO ROBERT WINDISHMANN

President Oddvar Haagensen thanked the outgoing Vice-President Robert Windishmann for his excellent work for ECRAF since he was elected in 2010.



O. Haagensen and R. Windishmann

The President handed over the ECRAF Diploma of Merit and the ECRAF Crest to Windishmann who was looking back on many interesting years in ECRAF.

INTRODUCES SPONSORSHIP

GA in Spain approved the "Directive Sponsorship ECRAF" proposed by EC. The congress and other relevant events, will under certain conditions be opened for sponsorship.

ECRAF will do the statistics

ECRAF has decided to start start the work with the statistical database which has been prepared by Johan Pihlström, Sweden. The EC will at its next meeting decide how to procede. Data to present will be accients, killed, injured, top ten accident causes and total costs.



J. Pihlström

NEW STATUTES

GA approved the proposed revised Statutes which states that new members have to declare to the GA that they accept the Statutes and the Strategy- and Action Plan. More on the web in short time.

Annual Report from EC approved by GA

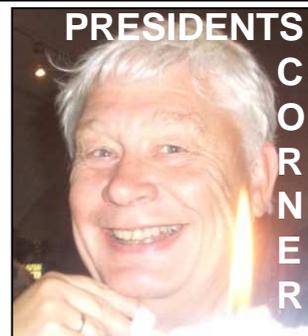
The Annual Report 2011-2012 from the Executive Committee was approved by the General Assembly which did one minor change. The report showed that EC has had three meetings and discussed about 35 different subjects. EC underlines in the report that the financial situation needs to be strengthened in the years to come. Sponsorship will be one of the new possibilities to make financial improvements.





Dear colleagues,

The Congress in Saragossa is now history. The Congress and the General Assembly was an important event for ECRAF. The main topic on "Lessons identified and learned in Road Safety in International Operations" gave the delegates new and important information, and we are grateful to all briefers for their interesting and important contribution to the Congress. The General Assembly was also one of the most important events in the ECRAF history due to the approval of a new strategy and action plan, and some other important decisions. The organisation of the Congress and the work done by the host nation is extremely important and crucial to the success. It is not an easy job to satisfy the needs and expectations from many delegates from different countries with their culture and way of doing the work. From my point of view the Spanish host did a great job, and fulfilled all our expectations. We are grateful, and I will on behalf of ECRAF express my sincere thanks. Most important in order to give benefits to all participating nations is the involvement by the national delegates, and I will use this opportunity to express my thanks to all of you for making the Congress a success.



A useful tool to measure the success of the Congress is the feedback form, and the Executive Committee will analyse the result carefully. My first impression is that most delegates are very satisfied with the programme, the organisation and the execution of the Congress. Many delegates have also given their recommendation for improvements. All your comments will be evaluated and discussed within the Executive Committee, and if approved, implemented as soon as possible.

The Executive Committee will have its next routine meeting in Prague in December, and we will start working on the preparation for the Congress in 2013. The most important issue will be to decide the main topic for this Congress, and to discuss the framework of the Programme. I am looking forward to meet in Sarajevo, but for me personally it will also be a very special event. I will, together with Leif Agnar Ellevset leave ECRAF. Leif have been working for the organization since the beginning in 2002, and I joined ECRAF for the first time in 2006. But after 4 years as President it is time to say good bye and to hand over the "stick" to a new President. However, before September 2013 it is still some important work to be done. We will start the discussion on the process to elect a new President at the Executive Committee meeting in Prague in December, and I will decide how to proceed in order to get candidates as host nations for the Congress in 2014 and 2015. I am looking forward to see you all in Sarajevo in September 2013.

Best road safety greetings from

NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of the ECRAF Newsletter will come in December 2012. Contributions must be received not later than 15th November 2012

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Revised Strategy and Action Plan approved by GA in Spain

The GA approved the presented Strategy Plan 2013 – 2017 and the Action Plan 2013 – 2014. Some minor adjustments have been done in the strategy part of the document. The most important changes are to be found in the Action Plan. Risk assessment is one of the new activities brought in. The plan also underline the importance of charing activities.

