



UK CONFIRMS ECRAF PARTICIPATION

The British Armed Forces will in the years to come continue the active participation in ECRAF. This was confirmed in a meeting between the President, the Policy Secretary of ECRAF and representatives of the British Armed Forces in London 15th November 2011.

The British Armed Forces looked upon ECRAF as an important meeting place to exchange useful information about road safety in the armed forces and was satisfied with the achieved results for ECRAF.

President Oddvar Haagensen says that he is very satisfied with the British decision which was as he expected.



From left Major Paul Ross, President Oddvar Haagensen and Lieutenant Colonel Edward Coward, Defence Road Transport Policy.

The EC has decided congress theme for 2012 in Spain:

The EC decided at its last meeting in Stockholm late October 2011 that **Lessons identified and learned in road safety in international operations** will be the main theme for the congress in Zaragoza in Spain next year. One actual subtheme could be: How to transfer information for use in ECRAF.

ECRAF visits Zaragoza in February



The ECRAF President, some EC-members and the secretariats will visit Zaragoza in Spain in February to set up the final congress program and to have a look at the congress facilities for the next congress.

The Spanish Armed Forces has for some months ago started the planning with congress which is in good progress.

EC TO SARAJEVO



The next EC meeting will be held in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, 9. – 11 May 2012. Sarajevo will also be the congress place for 2013 and the chosen congress facilities will be visited.

WG Statistics

The last EC meeting decided that another WG will be appointed to present a new proposal at the GA in Spain. Johan Pihlstrøm (S) will continue as leader and will be assisted Germany and the Czech Republic. UK is also prepared to give some input to the work.

CONGRESS 2014 OR 2015 HELD IN SWEDEN ?

The EC meeting in Stockholm asked the Swedish Armed Forces to be a candidate for the congress in 2014 og 2015.



ECRAF wish you all
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPY NEW YEAR !





Dear colleagues,

The year 2011 are about to be history. By end of the year time has come for reflection and thoughts about the future.

The 2011 ECRAF year has been for me a good one. Old members are coming back to the organization, and they have started to be more involved. New members have joined ECRAF, and I would like to see this as an indicator for ECRAF being more recognized in the European Armed Forces. ECRAF has been invited to Road Safety events across Europe. The national Road Safety seminar in Belgrade in May, and the Belgium national Road Safety days in October, was important events also for ECRAF. To be invited to national events are important for ECRAF. But more important such events are essential cornerstones in the national Road Safety work in ECRAF member nations.

The annual ECRAF Congress in Prague in September was, thanks to our Czech host, a great success. For the ECRAF family the annual congress is the most important ECRAF event during the year, and for me as the President it is vital to deliver a programme interesting and relevant for all participants. Looking into the future, I am sure that the 2012 Congress in the Spanish town of Zaragoza will be a success too.

Looking into the future, it can be demanding to see how all European nations are struggling from the impact of the financial crises. Military budgets are being reduced. In times of crises, it will be more demanding to give priority to preventing work like road safety. However, it is in time of crises the quality of our society and nations are being tested.

In 2011, in Prague, three old and strong supporters of ECRAF left the organization. Stefanie Stettler from Switzerland, Johnny Laurent from Belgium and Flemming H Pedersen from Denmark have been working for ECRAF for many years, and I would like to thank them and wish all three the best of luck in the future. It is important for every one of us from time to time to sit down and relax and enjoy live together with our families. Christmas time is a good time for that kind of activities. I hope you will enjoy your holidays together with family and friends, and that the year 2012 will be a good and promising year to all of us. Drive safe!

Merry Christmas and a happy new year



NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of the ECRAF Newsletter will come in February 2012. Contributions must be received within the last week of January next year.

Regulations for Election Comm.

Updated regulations / procedures for the Election Committee will be worked out for the next GA. This was decided at the last EC meeting.



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New plan documents under work

An updated version of the Strategy and Activity Plan will be presented at the next GA. The EC will be the WG for this work.

