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Much of the next few weeks will be taken up in preparation for TISPOL's forthcoming Conference and meetings of Council and the various working groups. The Conference programme is, we believe, relevant for everyone working in road safety, and the line-up of speakers is excellent. If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to check all the details on the website. You can register, build the Conference package that's most suitable for you and choose your payment method, as well.

Please take a moment to watch **a short video** of last year's Conference. I am particularly pleased to hear the positive comments from people who joined us in Edinburgh and who gave such an upbeat assessment of the occasion.

We are also working on the latest edition of TISPOL News, and would welcome anything you feel deserves a mention. News stories, features and good photographs are very welcome. Just email anything to [media@tispol.org](mailto:media@tispol.org) and we will do our best to see that it is included.

It was satisfying to see such good support for TISPOL's Alcohol and Drug enforcement operation. Details below. This is the first time that we have been able to publish results of an operation involving 30 countries. It sends a clear signal to road users and stakeholders that we are united in the vital work we do to help improve the safety and security of European citizens.

**Ian Hamill, TISPOL General Secretary**

### All about the TISPOL Conference





With just a few short weeks to go until this year's TISPOL Conference, we think you will appreciate the chance to take a look at exactly what goes on - and what excellent opportunities there are for delegates and exhibitors alike... for learning, networking and exchanging good ideas. **Watch the video now!**

## Nearly 900,000 drivers breath tested in Europe-wide police operation



A Pan European operation in June of this year saw police conduct 869,473 roadside breath tests for alcohol, of which 14,557 were positive. Motorists were also checked for drugs in the operation, and 1,789 offences were detected. The operation was organised by TISPOL in 30 countries between 3 and 9 June. TISPOL President Koen Ricour said: "Drink-driving remains one of the top three killers on Europe's roads. That's why vigorous enforcement of drink-driving laws is vital."

Stopping drivers to check for alcohol and drug offences also provides police officers with the opportunity to make other appropriate safety and security checks. For example, during the week of this operation, officers also detected and dealt with offences connected with irregular immigration (115), possession of drugs (348), firearms (55) and stolen goods (86), as well as 1,153 other crimes (**read full story**)

## UK: one in five admits drug-driving



New research from an insurance organisation reveals shocking numbers of UK motorists are drug-driving yet just a fraction are being caught. The research suggests that one in five British drivers (19%) admits to having driven under the

influence of drugs. This is at odds with official data obtained from Police Forces across the UK, which shows that only 1,132 people

were caught drug driving in 2012, down by 12.5% from 2011 (1,294 arrests).

This disparity between those who admit to drug-driving and those actually being caught suggests... [\(read full story\)](#)

## **Estonian police: zero tolerance for drink-driving**



Police in Estonia took severe measures to prevent drink driving during the recent midsummer festivities. Many drink drivers were detained and taken to court. Midsummer Day is one of the biggest national holidays on June 23rd and 24th and sadly it often involves alcohol related problems such as drink driving, road deaths and serious injuries. For the second year Estonian police warned the public up front that as many drink drivers as... [\(read full story\)](#)

## **Germany: reduction in speed-related fatalities**

Half-year results from the German federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia show fewer speed-related fatalities, but an increase in pedestrian deaths. The number of road deaths declined in the first six months of 2013 by 18 percent across the state, compared with the same period in 2012. This significant reduction can be attributed to the strategy of the police, with more speed enforcement controls for safer roads and at the same time with more [\(read full story\)](#)



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