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May I start this section by extending a very warm welcome to Croatia as a member country of the European Union, and also as a member of TISPOL. We hope that our colleagues in Croatia will find their participation in TISPOL useful and rewarding.

The past few weeks have seen conferences, seminars, working group meetings and other events in which TISPOL has established some excellent relationships. We were, for example, delighted to work closely with Europol in **a recent operation** that focused on the security aspects of cross-border bus travel. This proved well-coordinated and worthwhile in terms of results, as well as showing us the areas in which more information would prove helpful in making our controls even more effective.

Last week, TISPOL made a presentation to the Law Enforcement Working Party in Brussels in relation to our work. We outlined what had been achieved in both the fields of safety and security and how the 'Road Policing' model is helping TISPOL to make an important contribution to EU objectives. The working party members were also briefed on our Cross Border operations with the aim of improving the safety of European citizens.

I hope you will have had time to look at the **TISPOL Conference programme**. TISPOL's annual Conference takes place this year in Manchester on Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 October. The line-up of speakers is excellent and the topics they address are of utmost relevance in today's challenging economic times.

We are looking forward to supporting other events during the summer. In particular, there is the week-long truck and bus enforcement operation taking place later in July, as well as the speed enforcement operation in August. Results from the recent alcohol and drug operation will be made available as soon as they have all been received and collated.

Let me conclude by wishing you a good summer. I hope you will have some time for a break from work, and I look forward to reporting back to you in our next TISPOL Bulletin, which will be published on Tuesday 13th August.

Ian Hamill, General Secretary

Highlights of the forthcoming Conference



Do join us for this year's **Conference**, taking place in Manchester on 1 and 2 October. **Delegate** and **exhibitor** packages are available for the event. The theme for the Conference is 'Improving Road Safety:

Solutions that Work' and the speaker line-up includes top level representatives of the European Parliament, the European Commission, the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO), the Irish, Norwegian, Spanish, German and Belgian Traffic Police, as well as academic researchers from the UK, Austria, Netherlands and Finland. Other key representatives from TISPOL will also be sharing their expertise.

The Conference will be chaired by Noel Brett, Chief Executive of Ireland's Road Safety Authority.

The keynote address is to be given by Szabolcs Schmidt, Head of the European Commission's Road Safety Unit.

Other Conference sessions will include:

- Enforcement – sanctions, penalties and rehabilitation
- Communicating the Road Safety Message
- Pedestrians and Cyclists
- Technology Solutions

A new and exciting feature for this year's Conference will be the line-up of short new videos to be shown during each of the Conference sessions. Some of the videos are being made specifically for the conference; others have been selected because of their impact and usefulness.

We look forward to seeing you at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Manchester Airport, on Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 October!

ETSC PIN Conference: fall in road deaths across Europe

A recent PIN Conference, organised by the European Transport Safety Council, reported 2,661 fewer road deaths in the EU than in 2011. The progress seen in 2012 is encouraging; governments and stakeholders are urged to keep up their efforts in order to make further improvements to road safety and eventually reach the EU road safety target for 2020. **More details are on the TISPOL website.**

Belgian Minister gives support for TISPOL's cross border work





Belgium's Secretary of State for Mobility, Melchior Wathelet, talked to us at the recent Brussels Conference, and stressed the importance of sharing good practice among police organisations and stakeholders to work more effectively in saving lives across Europe. **Watch the video now.** *(The video will play in a new window.)*

New video from Cyprus

TISPOL Council member for Cyprus, Demetris Demetriou, presents a **short video** on how the BikeSafe motorcycle safety initiative from the UK was successfully introduced for riders in Cyprus.

Don't forget how critical speed is as a safety issue for young drivers, says US report

We were interested in **this report from the USA** on the importance of keeping speeding as a vital issue in reducing young driver crashes. The report, from the Governors Highway Safety Association makes reference to the growing proportion of speed-related fatal crashes involving teenage drivers (from 30% in the Year 2000 to 33% in 2011).

If the USA is to continue making progress in teenage driving safety, it must address speeding, says Susan Ferguson, an established highway safety consultant who authored the report.

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