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I AM VERY pleased to announce that bookings have opened for TISPOL's 2013 Conference. The Conference takes place at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Manchester Airport, on Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 October. The theme for this year's conference is "Improving Road Safety - Solutions that Work"

We have kept the conference delegate and exhibitor attendance cost at the same prices as in 2007.

I look forward to seeing you at the conference in Manchester. More details can be found [here](#).

Results from TISPOL's recent speed enforcement operation are provided in this Bulletin. A total of 28 TISPOL member countries took part, and there were more than 750,000 detections during the seven days between 15 and 21 April.

Through the Road Policing concept, these operations offer a good opportunity for officers to check for other offences, and this was no exception, with nearly 2,500 crimes detected.

The coming together of road safety and road security into a broader overall strategy of road policing is a key area for TISPOL, and will be central to the discussions taking place at our series of seminars in Brussels this week.

I hope you will find this Bulletin useful.

Ian Hamill, General Secretary

Bookings open for 2013 TISPOL Conference



Delegate and exhibitor bookings are now open for TISPOL's annual Conference, which takes place at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Manchester Airport, on Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 October this year.

The Conference will be chaired by **Noel Brett**, Chief Executive of Ireland's Road Safety Authority (pictured). The theme 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, with the keynote address given by Szabolcs Schmidt, Head of the European Commission's Road Safety Unit. Also contributing to a European overview of road safety will be TISPOL President Koen Ricour. [>> More](#)

See the full Conference [programme](#)

Make your **DELEGATE** booking now!

Make your **EXHIBITOR** booking now!

Pedestrian focus at Poland event

POLAND'S Ministry of the Interior last week inaugurated a nationwide celebration of road safety day. This time, the main subject was the safety of pedestrians on the road. In 2012, around 3.600 people were killed on Polish roads, a 22.3% decrease in the number of road accidents and a 13.5% reduction in fatalities over the previous year.

One road safety priority is the requirement to improve the condition and quality of the road infrastructure in Poland, according to Marcin Jablonski, Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Interior. "Determination of raising the level of security and greater [>> More](#)

More than 750,000 drivers detected in speed operation





Results from a recent pan-European speed control operation show that more than 750,000 drivers were detected for breaking speed limits. A total of 28 countries took part in the operation, which was co-ordinated by the European Traffic Police Network (TISPOL). Of the final total of 760,914 detections, 265,700 were made directly by police officers and 495,214 came from automatic technical means.

Commenting on the results, TISPOL President Koen Ricour reminded drivers that speed was one of the 'big three killers' in the road environment. "Inappropriate speed still contributes to far too many road collisions. Drivers who travel at >> **More**

UK: change in law for serious drink-drive offenders

The most dangerous drink drivers will now have to pass a medical before they are allowed back on the roads under a change in the law announced earlier this month by UK Road Safety Minister Stephen Hammond. The changes, which come into force from 1 June 2013, mean that high risk offenders will need to pass a medical confirming they are no longer alcohol dependent at the end of their disqualification and before they start driving.

Currently, all high risk offenders must pass a medical examination before they can be issued with a driving licence following their disqualification. However, drivers can start driving as soon as they have applied for their driving licence. Evidence suggests that some high risk offenders delay their medical in order to continue driving. The changes will prevent them from driving until they have passed their medical examination and been granted a licence.

The changes also mean that drink drivers who refuse to give permission for a blood sample to be analysed will now be classified as high risk offenders. This means that they will only get their licence back following disqualification if they pass the required medical.

Texting at the wheel kills more teenagers than drink-driving



Texting while behind the wheel has overtaken drink



driving as the biggest cause of death among teenagers in the USA. More than 3,000 teenagers are killed every year in car crashes caused by texting while driving compared to 2,700 from drink driving. The study, by Cohen Children's Medical Center, also discovered that 50 per cent of students admit to texting while driving >> [More](#)

UK: government plans new 'traffic courts' to speed up justice

The UK government is planning to set up a new nationwide system of special traffic courts to speed up the half a million motoring cases currently dealt with by magistrates courts. The proposal is intended to reduce snarl-ups in the judicial system.



The Ministry of Justice says that motoring cases often take longer to process than major offences, even though over 90 per cent result in a guilty plea or are proved in absence of the defendant.

Justice Minister Damien Green, described this as "unacceptable", adding: "The justice system must respond more quickly and effectively to the needs of victims, witnesses and local communities, and these dedicated courts will enable magistrates to better organise their work and drive greater efficiency."

WATCH THE NEW VIDEO: a history and profile of traffic policing in Romania





This exciting and colourful 10-minute video contains fascinating historic archive footage as well as details of the Romanian Traffic Police at work today. **WATCH NOW!**

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