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TISPOL Bulletin, 27 August 2013

It is good to see that the Cross Border Enforcement (CBE) Directive is reaching its final phases, with the deadline date of 7th November for EU Member States to implement the Directive. TISPOL issued its own press release in support of the Directive (details are included in this Bulletin), and concurs with the position of the European Transport Safety Council, whose Director Antonio Avenoso said "What will change? Nothing, if you are a law-abiding driver or motorcycle rider. Traffic laws are introduced and enforced in order to save lives and reduce the risk of road collisions." TISPOL supports the CBE Directive as it provides police officers with an effective and much-needed tool. The recent press releases by ETSC and TISPOL serve to make citizens of the EU aware of the changes, as the result of this Directive.

Our fine-tuning continues for the TISPOL Conference on 1 and 2 October in Manchester. Also there are the meetings of TISPOL Council and the various working groups taking place at that time. Do join us for the Conference - [all the details are right here](#). You can watch [a short video](#) of last year's Conference, which gives an excellent flavour of what to expect.

Ian Hamill, TISPOL General Secretary

New pan-European legislation to prevent offenders 'driving away from justice'

New legislation will soon mean that drivers across the European Union will face penalties for breaking traffic laws when driving outside their home country. The developments will come into force by 7 November, the deadline date for EU Member states to implement the Directive facilitating cross border exchange of information on road safety related traffic offences.

There are eight offences included in the text of the EU Directive: ([read more](#))

Last week's speed enforcement operation generated significant media attention

We were pleased to record a good deal of media attention connected

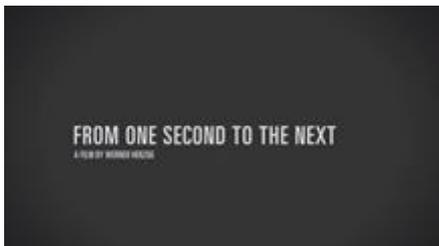
to our speed enforcement operation which has just concluded. Many individuals and organisations were tweeting frequently, and the uptake of press coverage across Europe was most encouraging. We will bring you the results as soon as possible.

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!**

New film hits hard at drivers who text on the move



Director Werner Herzog has won countless film awards. His works, including "Aguirre: The Wrath of God," "Fitzcarraldo" and "Grizzly Man," are considered classics. He's been recognized for his artistic

passion, his eccentricities (he once ate a shoe after losing a bet) and his disdain for many aspects of commercialism.

So why is Herzog doing a public-service documentary on the perils of texting and driving? Sponsored by a consortium of cellular carriers, no less? The man doesn't even own a mobile phone. But he looks at the statistics for texting-while-driving incidents -- as well as our smartphone obsession and its cost in simple human contact -- and recognizes the necessity of saying something. "I immediately understood there was something very, very important (about the subject)," he said.

Herzog's new work, a short film called "From One Second to the Next," premiered earlier this month online. It has received more than 1.7 million views on YouTube and will be distributed to more than 40,000 high schools in the coming months. The film chronicles the impact of four incidents in which texting and driving led to catastrophic

injury or death.

The first left a Milwaukee child, Xzavier, a paraplegic after he was hit by a driver who ran a stop sign. The second is about an Indiana man, Chandler, who rear-ended a horse-driven buggy and killed three members of an Amish family. The third profiles a brain-damaged Vermont woman, Debbie, hit while walking her dog. The film concludes with a Utah man, Reggie, whose distracted driving caused a chain reaction that left two men dead and a third severely injured.

Each story has the kinds of small, wrenching details that Herzog, in typical style, underplays. Xzavier's mother says she sleeps on the couch, listening for changes in the rhythm of her boy's ventilator. Debbie's family says her chocolate Lab was thrown through the air, knocked down a distant mailbox and -- before he died -- wagged his tail as Debbie was placed in the ambulance.

The film lasts 34 minutes. **Watch it now** on YouTube.

Latest bulletin from the International Council on Drugs and Alcohol in Traffic Safety (ICADTS)



We're pleased to provide a PDF version of the latest communication from the International Council on Alcohol, Drugs and Traffic Safety (ICADTS). Of particular interest are the following items:

A recent study of distracted driving carried out for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which found that nearly half of all U.S. high school students, aged 16 or older, text or e-mail while driving. Students who text while driving are nearly twice as likely to ride with a driver who has been drinking and five times as likely to drink and drive than students who do not text while driving.

Females account for 51% of the total EU population but only 24% of road deaths. This percentage has changed by only one percentage point since 2001, but the reduction in female deaths since then has been 4 percentage points greater than the reduction in male deaths. Males account for 76% of people killed on the roads in the EU in 2011. In the EU, on average 95 men are killed on the roads each year per million male population, compared with 28 women per million female population. Males have more than three times the death rate of females on the roads in the EU. Males are killed on the roads mainly as car drivers and motorcycle riders, and females are killed mainly as pedestrians and car passengers.

An Australian research project examined consumer perceptions of the Australian national approach to medication warnings about driving and compared it to the approach used in France. Visual

characteristics of the warnings and overall warning readability were investigated. Risk perceptions and behavioral intentions associated with the warnings were also examined using surveys of 358 public hospital outpatients in Queensland, Australia, and a comparison sample of French hospital outpatients.

Read the ICADTS Reporter now

Big motoring fines reform launches in UK



Police officers in the UK have warned motorists they will be issuing new on-the-spot fines for "lane hogging" and tailgating. The new fines are part of changes giving the police powers to issue fixed-penalty notices for careless driving. Motorists caught

tailgating and inappropriately using overtaking lanes on the motorway and dual carriageway could face fines of £100 and three points on their licence.

Fixed penalties for a number of other offences, including speeding, using a phone or not wearing a seatbelt while driving, have risen from £60 to £100.

Check out the ITS UK Conference, 'Latest Developments in Enforcement Applications'

This event takes place in London on 24 October, and provides a state-of-the-art snapshot of a range of enforcement technologies in use in the UK, such as Highways Agency systems, mobile phone mis-use, and level crossing safety. This event usually also attracts top level professionals from overseas, offering new networking opportunities. ***Find out more now.***

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