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Dear Colleague,

I am pleased, on behalf of the Executive Committee, to introduce you to Ruth Purdie, TISPOL's newly-appointed Interim Manager. Ruth's appointment is for a six-month term, one of her tasks being to support TISPOL to nominate a new General Secretary. During this time Ruth will play a vital role in overseeing TISPOL's work.

Ruth has a long-standing commitment to policing the roads, and we know we will benefit enormously from her great experience and skill. Please read below to find out more about Ruth and her career to date.

I am sure you will want to join me in wishing Ruth well as she takes on the many responsibilities of her new role.

One of Ruth's key tasks will be delivery of a successful Conference, taking place at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Manchester Airport, on Tuesday 30 September and Wednesday 1 October. With this in mind, I hope you will be able to support us by attending, either as a delegate or an exhibitor.

Conference bookings are open, and the costs of attending and exhibiting remain unchanged (that means it's the seventh TISPOL Conference without a change in price for delegate passes and exhibitor space).

[Go straight to the TISPOL Conference page >>](#)

Do enjoy the rest of this Bulletin, and please pass it on to colleagues and contacts who may be interested in reading it.

Pasi Kempainen, TISPOL Director

TISPOL appoints Interim Manager



The Executive Committee of TISPOL has appointed Ruth Purdie to the role of Interim Manager. The appointment is for a six month period until November 2014.

Ruth has just retired from Cheshire Constabulary, where she was Assistant Chief Officer. Prior to that, she spent 30 years in the service of North Wales Police.

TISPOL President Koen Ricour said: "Ruth has a strong background in policing the roads, and brings great levels of energy and commitment to

this role. We are confident that her experience, skill and understanding, combined with her passion for road safety and security, will be of great benefit to TISPOL."

Ruth Purdie said: "I am excited to be joining TISPOL and to be working alongside so many professionals who are dedicated to such worthwhile and vital tasks. I know there is enormous experience and energy among TISPOL's supporters, and I look forward to playing my part in ensuring the organisation builds on its reputation and resilience in the months to come."

One of Ruth's priorities will be to undertake a review of the TISPOL structure. She will also lead the team responsible for planning and delivering the 2014 Road Safety Conference, taking place on 30 September and 1 October at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Manchester Airport.

Results from TISPOL Europe-wide speed enforcement operation



Results from a pan-European speed control operation in August show

that more than 600,000 drivers were detected for breaking speed limits. A total of 29 countries took part in the operation. Of the final total of 605,523 detections, 189,432 were made directly by police officers and 416,091 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. "Speed limits are in place for a reason, to reduce casualties and keep the roads safe for everyone. Unfortunately there are some drivers who see speed limits as optional and others who regard them as an inconvenience.

"But speed limits are there to save lives. Drivers who either exceed the speed limit or drive at a speed that's inappropriate for the road, traffic or weather conditions, are more likely to be involved in a collision. At best this will result in damage and delay; at worst it can lead to serious injury or death."

Make your Conference booking



Delegate and exhibitor bookings are now open for our annual conference, which takes place at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Manchester Airport, on Tuesday 30 September and Wednesday 1 October this year.

The theme for the conference is 'Road Safety in Europe – Achieving 2020 Target' and the speaker line-up includes top-level representatives of the European Commission, Euro Contrôle Route, the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) and academic researchers from the UK, Norway, Ireland, Finland and Germany. Additionally, TISPOL President Koen Ricour and other representatives will also be sharing their expertise.

The conference will be chaired by Rob Gifford, Director of the Gifford Partnership and formerly of the UK's Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety (PACTS).

[More details and booking >>](#)

Drink-drivers detected in Baltic operation



Last Thursday Estonian, Latvian, Lithuanian and Finnish police organised a joint operation to catch drink drivers and other traffic offenders. The operation took place at Tallinn and Helsinki harbour and Via Baltica border crossing points into

Poland. Altogether 13 drink drivers were caught and 45 other offences

were recorded, out of which the majority were for speeding.

At the Estonian-Latvian border, one driver was caught because of speeding, He had been punished 18 times earlier because of similar offences.

This year drink drivers have caused the deaths of six people, and 70 others have been injured in Estonia. Last year drink drivers caused 12% of all traffic accidents. Starting from the beginning of this year the number of injury collisions, increased by 10% in Estonia, 21% in Finland, 25% in Latvia and 37% in Lithuania.

[Read the full story on the TISPOL website >>](#)

Ireland: results from Operation Slow Down

Over the 24 hours of Operation Slowdown 124,818 vehicles were checked and 974 motorists detected speeding. The highest speed recorded was 147km/h in a 80 km/h zone on the R238 at Lisfannan, Buncrana Donegal.

Officers also detected:

- 90 km/h in a 60 km/h zone on the N11 at Stillorgan Dublin Dublin
- 91km/h in a 60 km/h zone on the N52 at Woodfield Birr Offaly
- 78km/h in a 50 km/h zone on the N59 at Bushy Park Galway Galway
- 76 in a 50 on the N20 at Creggane Buttevant Cork
- 74 in a 50 on the R742 at Ballinatrav Lower Courtown Wexford

The head of Garda Traffic Assistant Commissioner John Twomey speaking earlier said, "We would like to thank all those motorists who complied with the law and remind road users that Gardaí will continue to rigorously enforce road traffic legislation."

VIDEO: Motorcycle patrols in Poland



In the Polish counties of Bydgoski and Torunski, officers carry out their motorcycle patrol duties. This short video shows how they use their bikes to best advantage for operations where a car could be less convenient. Here we can see patrol officers overseeing traffic on a

busy highway and performing tasks relating to road safety.

[Watch the video >>](#)

IRU training to combat truck collisions



The International Road Transport Union (IRU) has launched a new 'Crash Prevention Programme' – namely a series of training materials designed to raise risk awareness and encourage best practice among commercial drivers. The programme aims to reduce the number and severity of accidents by looking at general road safety issues through interactive training, notably computer driving simulations that replicate more than 50 real-world scenarios.

[More details >>](#)

Britain's 'worst speeding offender' of recent months is identified

A 23-year-old man has been identified as Britain's worst speeding offender after being caught driving at 149mph (240km/h) on a motorway in Kent. William Ray, from Edlesborough, Berkshire, was travelling at more than twice the speed limit on the M25 when his Porsche Boxster was photographed by a fixed camera. The incident was the highest speeding offence recorded on Britain's roads between April 2013 and March 2014, according to official police data.

Mr Ray was summonsed to court for failing to identify himself as the driver of the vehicle, and appeared before magistrates in Sevenoaks, Kent on March 10. He was disqualified from driving for six months and ordered to pay a £600 fine, £85 costs and a £65 victim surcharge.

[More details >>](#)

Next Bulletin (Tuesday 17 June)

We will be reviewing the latest TISPOL road security conference and will be looking specifically at a successful initiative in the UK to reduce instances of crime at motorway service areas. Please also send us any of your recent news stories and we will do our best to include them next time.

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