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FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY



AS THIS IS the last Bulletin of 2011, I will take just a moment to reflect on some of TISPOL's highlights and achievements. It has certainly been a busy year. A key landmark, from our point of view, was the formal ending of the three-year Lifesaver Project at the end of May. Saving lives on Europe's roads was, of course, the key priority for the Lifesaver project. This was a great challenge for everyone, but I believe that the approach we devised for Lifesaver, combined with the skill and commitment of those involved in delivering its components, maximised its impact and effectiveness.

The Conference, held in Manchester at the end of September, was very well supported, both by delegates and exhibitors alike. We had many complements on the quality and relevance of the programme, which was of course very satisfying. I am pleased to say that we will be

launching the programme for the 2012 Conference early in the New Year, and I do hope you will be able to make a note in your diary to come to the beautiful Scottish capital city, Edinburgh, on 2 and 3 October for another two days of relevant, topical presentations and debate.

We worked hard to fine-tune our Strategy Document, which sets out the direction TISPOL will take over the next few years. Versions are available already in English, French and German, and we will be very pleased to provide versions in other languages.

As you read this, you will no doubt be aware that TISPOL's alcohol and drug enforcement operation is taking place during this week. We would ask that you provide us with any specific articles and images for use on our website and perhaps for further dissemination. Send any material to media@tispol.org.

Finally, it only remains for me to thank you for your support during 2011 and to wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and a safe, peaceful 2012.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ENFORCEMENT WEEK

TISPOL issued the following press release to announce its current road safety operation:

MOTORISTS ACROSS Europe can expect to be tested for alcohol as police officers conduct a week-long enforcement operation. The European Traffic Police Network (TISPOL) is again urging drivers to not to drink any amount of alcohol before driving, and warns of the great danger of driving while impaired by alcohol, or drugs, or a combination of the two.

Chief Superintendent Pasi Kemppainen, TISPOL President and chair of the organisation's alcohol and drug working group, said: "Any amount of alcohol affects your ability to drive, and you don't have to be committing an offence to be taking a risk. Those who choose to ignore all the warnings and drive after drinking or using drugs are taking an unacceptable risk and are putting the lives of others in danger.

"That's why officers will be stepping up their enforcement during this coming week. Drivers can expect highly visible and widespread enforcement of alcohol and drug laws during the operation, at any location and at any time of day or night.

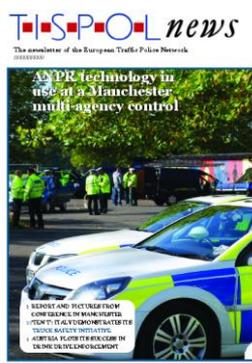
"Our advice is simple. If you have had a drink, do not drive. If you need to drive, then do not drink. If you have used recreational drugs, then do not drive. Stay sober, stay clean.

"If you are taking medicine, whether prescribed or purchased over the counter, then read the notes of advice that go with it. If these tell you not to drive after taking the medicine, then do not drive. The advice is there for a reason, to keep you and others safe.

“If you are in any doubt about medicines and driving, then our advice is to consult a healthcare professional before you get behind the wheel.”

During a similar week-long alcohol and drug operation in December 2010, a total of 796,812 drivers were checked in 27 European countries. Officers reported 12,030 alcohol offences and 1,266 drug offences.

LATEST NEWSLETTER



Do spare some time to take a look through the pages of the latest TISPOL newsletter, also attached to this Bulletin email.

In the newsletter, you will find:

- Italy's Ten T truck safety initiative
- A full report on the recent TISPOL Conference – and a selection of photographs taken at the multi-agency control that preceded it
- Achieving high density alcohol testing in Austria
- TISPOL's close association with ECR
- Estonia/Poland co-operation on truck safety and security
- An interview with Annie Canel of Autoroutes France

PRESIDENT'S BLOG

MANY ACTIVITIES are going on in TISPOL. In October, TISPOL conducted its pan-European truck enforcement operation, with more than 41,000 offences detected. This revealed that there is certainly the need to continue TISPOL's work towards safer and more secure roads. We are now running the alcohol and drug enforcement week. From my point of view there has also been a lot to do as TISPOL President. In the following lines, I will give you some examples of my work in past weeks.

On 2 November I was lecturing to our senior officer students. My topic was Finnish Police International Affairs, National Traffic Police (NTP) Responsibilities and NTP's channels to do this work. The main item in my lectures was TISPOL: What is TISPOL about, what is TISPOL's vision, mission statement and strategy as well as examples of TISPOL activities. After me, there were presentations given by experts from the National Police Board, Central Organisation of Road Safety (Liikenneturva), Tampere Police district and Centre for Economic Development,

Transport and the Environment. After presentations, the students had an opportunity to ask questions. I felt that this was a good day for students and also for us as speakers. I take this opportunity to send my thanks to the Police College of Finland, located in Tampere, for arranging the possibility to have Road Safety day together with future police commanding officers in Finland.

On 3 November, I was invited to act as a speaker to a Road Safety seminar in Finlandia House, which is one of the most famous and prestigious meeting places in my country. Minister of Transport Mrs Merja Kyllönen opened the seminar and I gave my presentation after her with three other experts. Naturally, my topic as TISPOL President was the TISPOL organisation, TISPOL vision, mission statement and strategies as well as example of TISPOL activities. There were dozens of Road Safety Experts from Finland present.

Presentations were related to Road Safety issues and at the same seminar, a brand new Road Safety Campaign was introduced. This campaign started in November 2011 and you can find out more at www.elakoon.fi.

On 4 November, the Finnish Public Broadcast Company YLE wanted to follow the TISPOL President's working day. The programme, where this day was afterwards presented, is called Police TV and it was broadcast on 10 November. I was happy to tell about TISPOL and its work as well as presenting together with my colleagues the National Traffic Police daily work with some interviews about technology, legislation, enforcement etc.

On 8 November I travelled to Serbia for a three-day high level symposium, entitled "Improvement of Police Work in the field of Traffic Safety". This international symposium was arranged by the Ministry of Interior, Traffic Police Directorate, Hanss Seidel Foundation and the Academy of Criminalistic and Police Studies.

In my role as TISPOL president, I gave a presentation about TISPOL and its activities and future goals. But before I travelled from Belgrade to Vrnjacka Banja where the symposium was held, I had an opportunity to see the Chief of Serbian Traffic Police, Mr Dragisa Simic in his office and exchange ideas about Road Safety.

There were also other TISPOL members joining the Seminar. Jan Guttormsen (Norwegian Council and Executive member) and Bernd Heller (German OG member) gave their own presentations about the use of enforcement technology and the safety of motorcyclists. Other TISPOL members were also there, e.g. from Hungary, Romania, Poland and of course from Serbia.

When travelling back from Serbia, I was contacted by the assistant to a Member of the Finnish Parliament. The topic was related to drugs driving legislation and equipment. This connection came up because of an interview I gave earlier on to one of the largest newspaper in previous weekend. The Member of Parliament raised a question about Police capabilities and opportunities to fight against the Drug Driving

problem in Finland, and I'm really keen to see how things are proceeding in the near future with this item. I think this is a good example of making public Traffic Police opinions and trying to influence the political agenda. In my interview, I used facts rising from contacts I have created in TISPOL as well as the TISPOL Alcohol and Drugs Driving Policy Document we created in the TISPOL A&D Working Group.

On 21 November, I packed my suitcase again and headed to Rome. TISPOL held its Executive Committee meeting Road Policing Activities Seminar. The Executive meeting went well, but there were many items on the agenda. Nevertheless I felt that we made a good job. From this meeting it is worth mentioning that there was a new Law Enforcement Technology Working Group created. To build up this group is in line with TISPOL Council's feedback from Manchester in September.

After the Executive Committee meeting we had the chance to meet Mr Roberto Sgalla, Head of Italian Traffic Police. We had a good discussion about Road Safety in Italy and Europe. Thanks for arrangements to the TISPOL Road Policing Working Group and Italian TISPOL-team.

On 28 November I gave an interview to a Finnish newspaper about TISPOL. This interview is just about to be published in the middle of December.

I will report again soon with more items and thoughts. Meanwhile, please may I wish you and your families a safe and secure Christmas time.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ENFORCEMENT PHOTOGRAPH WINNER



Congratulations to Belgium's Jos Balcaen who was judged the winner in the 2011 Enforcement Photograph of the year competition. Jos is pictured here receiving his €250 cheque from Koen Ricour, TISPOL Council member for Belgium. Jos told us that he would be giving most of the prize money to charity, once he had bought drinks for a few colleagues. He also said he would be sending more pictures during 2012. We look forward to receiving them, and we congratulate him once again.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM TISPOL!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Christmas and a safe, prosperous 2012. The first TISPOL Bulletin of the New Year will be sent on Tuesday 10 January.