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Welcome from the General Secretary



LAST WEEK, I was pleased to be part of a key breakfast briefing event at the European Parliament. TISPOL had the opportunity to present details of its work to a large number of MEPs (we were later told by Brian Simpson, Chair of the Transport Committee, who organised the briefing) that this was the best turn-out of MEPs he had seen to this sort of event. I believe this reflects the importance of road safety as a priority topic for politicians, some of whom went on later in the day to refer to the meeting in their parliamentary business. A full account of the event can be seen below.

It was gratifying to hear high praise for TISPOL's Lifesaver Project at the concluding seminar in Budapest, earlier this month. Colonel József Óberling, Chief of Traffic Police, National Police Headquarters expressed his thanks to TISPOL for the benefit that the Hungarian Traffic Police has enjoyed at the strategic, tactical and operational levels from the Lifesaver project. He described the last three years of Lifesaver as being 'very fruitful for Hungary', in allowing us to achieve great results'. This sentiment reflects the feelings of everyone who has had some involvement in the Project. There will, of course, be specific longer-term evaluation, but it is encouraging

to be reaching the end of the three-year Project with so many positive comments, and so much enthusiasm.

A reminder about the TISPOL Conference, and a request to sign up as a delegate if you possibly can. Details of the programme, which we believe looks exciting, comprehensive and worthwhile, are accessible via the web link, so do take a look and do your best to join us for the event in September.

I will take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy Easter. If you are able to take a Spring break, then enjoy it and stay safe. If not (and I know many will of course be working), then I send my best wishes for a safe and (I hope) incident-free period.

Ian Hamill

A reminder about TISPOL's Country Driving Guides

Thanks to those who have checked the recently-launched driving guides for their particular country. We would like to offer one more opportunity for anyone to comment and request amendments to their particular country guide, before we launch publically with a press release to consumer media.

If you have any requested amendments, please provide them immediately to media@tispol.org. Thank you.

TISPOL DELEGATION MEETS MEPs IN BRUSSELS

On 12 April, TISPOL was invited to a breakfast meeting at the European Parliament, with Brian Simpson, MEP, Chair of the Transport Committee (TRAN) and about 30 other delegates from the Committee and policymakers. President Roar Larsen, General Secretary Ian Hamill, First Vice Pasi Kemppainen, Adam Briggs, Peter van de Beek, Bernd Heller, and Koen Ricour provided briefings for delegates on the importance of police enforcement on EU roads to reduce the number of fatalities, and at the same time managed to demonstrate to policymakers that TISPOL is an important organisation with a common voice from senior traffic police officers in the EU.

[Full story](#)

LATEST NEWS

Final Lifesaver seminar takes place in Budapest

The last seminar of TISPOL's Lifesaver project has taken place in the Hungarian capital, Budapest. The seminar was attended by the Hungarian Under Secretaries of State of Interior and National Development Dr. László Felkai and Mr. Zoltán Schváb, and other senior Government Officials and Police Officers. [Full story](#)

Polish drink-drive campaign commences

The national Polish social campaign "*Did you drink? Do not drive!*" began on 12 April 2011 with a press conference. The aim of this campaign is to inform about the dangers related to driving under the influence of alcohol. Although police statistics show that the enhanced enforcement and preventive education activities work well and we have a visible reduction in the number of accidents caused by drink drivers, every initiative that affects the road safety is still needed and valuable. [Full story](#)

Nordic chiefs meeting considers new impairment legislation

Traffic Police chiefs from the Nordic countries have concluded their annual meeting to discuss the latest developments on road safety issues. These meetings, of the Samarbetsorgan Angående Nordiska Trafikfrågor (SANT),

have taken place every year since 1976, so this year's meeting, in Oslo, was the 35th anniversary occasion. [Full story](#)

Text message killer driver jailed

A British teenage driver who ploughed into a woman in Reading, England, moments after receiving a text message has been jailed for two-and-a-half years.

Keisha Wall, 19, veered off a road in the town centre, into the path of 63-year-old Christine Lyon in February 2010. [Full story](#)

PRESIDENT'S DIARY TO 15 APRIL 2011



In my last diary I told you that I would be attending the TISPOL TSA Seminar in Brussels on 23 and 24 February. I did, as delegate and speaker. The seminar was very successful on the basis of comments from the delegates. Several countries have already a crime approach, as well as a safety approach, when patrolling the roads.

From the TSA Seminar I went together with Ian Hamill, Ad Hellemons and Pasi Kempainen to meet the Head of the Road Safety Unit of the European Commission, Isabelle Kardacz. We presented TISPOL activities and emerging issues on road safety work.

On Monday 28 February, back in Norway, I welcomed nearly 100 Police Reserves (Special Constables) for the beginning of one week of basic police training.

On Tuesday 1 March, my organisation had a supervision from the National Police Directorate. The aim of these supervisions is to look closer at the organisation's way of dealing with leadership, goal achievement etc. to identify any needs for improvement in the organisation. The feedback was very positive, I am pleased to say.

On Wednesday 2 March, I met the National working group preparing for the TISPOL Road Policing Strategy Seminar, taking place on 25 and 26 May in Norway. It looks, I am pleased to say, as though plans are where they should be, all on schedule. We are of course looking forward to hosting the TISPOL meetings and the seminar, and wish all our TISPOL colleagues a warm welcome, together with Norwegian Police Officers.

On Friday 4 March it was time to meet my permanent staff at our HQ in Stavern. I'm not sure if they are missing the boss, with all my commitments as TISPOL President!

On Monday 7 March, I travelled to Lisbon for the TISPOL Executive Committee meeting and the last Lifesaver seminar. During the Executive meeting, we had some open discussions on the development of the TISPOL Strategy document. Geraint Anwyl, UK OPG representative had done some very important work as working paper for the Executive members to discuss. I'm looking forward to presenting for Council the draft strategy document in the next meeting. To close the last Lifesaver seminar, Portugal's Minister of the Interior gave a keynote address. He was very aware of - and happy about - the work TISPOL and their Portuguese police representative have done during the project.

Straight from the activities in Portugal, I travelled back to a meeting at the Norwegian National Criminal Investigation Service (NCIS), where the topic was fighting mobile

criminals. The National Traffic Police (my service) is a very important partner in the co-operation between NCIS and local police districts.

On Tuesday 15 March, I welcomed eight police officers in Stavern as we hosted an Officer Exchange in the TISPOL Transport Security Activities (TSA) project. During two days of exchange activities, the European colleagues were introduced to a joint Multi Agency border control at the Norwegian/Swedish border and an ordinary police control at a highway in Norway.

From Tuesday 22 to Thursday 24 March I took part as Secretary at an annual Nordic Traffic Network meeting in Oslo, Norway. The topics for the meeting were best practice in road policing.

Between 5 and 7 April, I was in Budapest, chairing the Executive meeting where much of the time was spent on discussion of our draft strategy plan. The last Lifesaver WP1 Seminar in Budapest was very well prepared by the national TISPOL representatives.

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I would like to end this diary by wishing you a safe and secure Easter!

Roar Skjelbred Larsen

HAPPY MOTORING

A link to Michael Cooper's recent article in the New York Times

It may not seem that way when some knucklehead speeds past you on the right, but driving is getting much, much safer: last year the United States recorded the fewest traffic deaths in more than 60 years, according to federal data released on Friday...

[Read the full article](#)

TISPOL Conference, September 2011

Do please make every effort to register as a delegate for the TISPOL Conference, taking place on 27 and 28 September in Manchester. The event promises to be every bit as informative and rewarding as in previous years, as well as offering an excellent opportunity for informal discussion, sharing of good practice and networking.

Another very good reason to attend is that we have once again managed to avoid increasing the delegate and exhibitor prices, meaning that the cost of participating in the Conference remains the same as it was in 2007.

[Find out more and book your place now!](#)

WORLD BRIEFING

[Five Indian working groups to study rise in accidents](#)

[Could an offence of death by dangerous cycling work?](#)

[Australian safety review 'ignores helmet laws'](#)

[How crashes became Asia's latest public health crisis](#)
[Vietnam plan to make roads safer](#)

FORTHCOMING OPERATIONS

April 18-24 SPEED: *please try to send us photographs and any interesting details and examples from your area of responsibility. Thank you.*

June 06-12 ALCOHOL/DRUGS

July 25-31 BUS

August 22-28 SPEED

September 12-18 SEATBELT

October 10-16 TRUCK

December 12-18 ALCOHOL/DRUGS

VIDEOS TO WATCH

POLAND: Poland's national anti drink-drive campaign has just launched, supported by a wide array of educational materials, including a new high-impact and hard-hitting [30-second TV commercial](#)

FINLAND: The Finnish National Traffic Police have been showcasing their automatic enforcement trailer, which can remotely detect and enforce a number of road safety behaviours, all at the same time. Vehicle speed, seatbelt use and following distance can all be measured by technology on the trailer, as well as the current weather and road conditions.

[Take a look!](#)

Your next TISPOL Bulletin will be issued on Tuesday 3 May 2011