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MEMBERS OF the TISPOL Executive Committee met for two busy days in Dublin at the end of last week. Central to the discussions was the task of finalising our new three-year Strategy Document. We will be publishing this in just a few days from now. So please watch out for it in a separate communication, and set aside some time to understand the priorities we have established over the next three years, and how they underpin our commitment to working in partnership to achieve the tough casualty reduction targets set for Europe by the Year 2020.

Everyone in TISPOL is looking forward to the start of the 'STRIDER' Project, which starts shortly and lasts for two years. STRIDER stands for Solutions To Reduce serious Injury and Death on European Roads. We will provide further information in relation to STRIDER in future Bulletins.

Our next regular Bulletin will be published on Tuesday 10 February. Meanwhile, please stay in touch with your own news stories and pictures. Send them to media@tispol.org and we will make of course make good use of them.

Ruth Purdie (TISPOL General Secretary)

Briefing on Roadside Chemical Drug Testing in the Republic of Ireland



TISPOL EXECUTIVE Committee members received a briefing in Dublin on Roadside Chemical Drug Testing in the Republic of Ireland from Dr Richard Maguire, Principal Analyst at the Medical Bureau of Road Safety.

"Implementation of testing devices has been researched by two steering groups, with a two year timeframe allowing for certain barriers and challenges to be overcome, and ensuring the specifications for testing devices are exactly right," he explained.

"We wanted to review practice in other countries. This was in fact my first experience of TISPOL, and I have to say I received a great deal of help setting up a visit to Belgium, where roadside drug testing was introduced a few years ago. There was excellent input from police and scientists."

Dr Maguire explained that the process of evaluation had been taking place since October 2014, and a decision on the successful system would be made in May 2015.

"We requested that any device would be fluid based, already in use in another country and also scientifically valid," he told us.

Ireland: finding the right social media strategy for Police



INSPECTOR JOHN FERRIS of Ireland's Garda Press Bureau made an exciting presentation to the Executive Committee on the topic of social media. He acknowledged that different people had different attitudes to social media, but he explained that in Ireland the Police were successfully engaging with social media and ensuring that their strategy in this regard was consistent with their corporate and communications strategies.

"Social media supports frontline policing in the prevention and detection of crime," he explained. "Social media also assists investigations and

helps ensure public safety. We also ensure that social media reflects the professionalism and excellence of the Police service."

Inspector Ferris said the great advantage of social media was its immediacy. "It's a medium that allows you to send out information quickly, to a lot of people," he said. "It also demonstrates openness and a willingness to engage, it provides a human face to the organisation and can lead to positive coverage in traditional media, too."

Senior Finnish officers make visit to UK



FINLAND'S TISPOL Council member Risto Lammi made a short visit to the UK recently, where he had talks with CC Suzette Davenport, TISPOL Council member for the UK and national lead for road policing in England and Wales. Mr Lammi is pictured, second from right, with CC Davenport and TISPOL Director Pasi Kemppainen (second from left).

The photograph was taken at the ACPO Road Policing Conference, where TISPOL General Secretary Ruth Purdie was one of the speakers.

The purpose of the visit was to research UK strategies in road policing. With this in mind, Mr Lammi spent time with the Central Motorway Policing Group and visited a Highways Agency motorway control room in Quinton, where police officers also maintain a presence.

Poland: new winner in the penalty points area

TRAFFIC OFFICERS from Stargard Szczecinski were on patrol on a national road, using an unmarked vehicle with speed camera. They recorded an Audi A4, which started overtaking them. This manoeuvre began across a solid line and then continued through a pedestrian crossing.

The 28-year old driver claimed that his behaviour had been justified. In his opinion, sudden braking was senseless, because beyond the

crossing he would only need to raise his speed again.

This driver received 25 penalty points and lost his driving licence. Any further action will be in the hands of a court.

Poland: 'late for church' banned driver faces five year sentence

ON A RECENT Friday, officers were called by citizens in Steblow to an unusual road collision. The 39-year-old driver of a Ford car skidded off the road and ruined the fences of two properties. His explanation was interesting, according the officers. He said he had been on his way to church and was late.

An alcohol check showed that he had 1.7 *promille* of alcohol (the limit is 0.2). Officers checked him in the police database. It turned out that he lost his driving licence in November 2014, also because of drink driving. He could now face a prison sentence of up to five years.

UK: roadside drug tests to be rolled out

ROADSIDE DRUG tests will be rolled out across England and Wales this year as part of a crackdown on drug-driving. The Government says drivers won't know if they are to be breathalysed, given a drugs test or both when police stop them. New devices were recently given Home Office approval, and will take saliva samples and analyse them immediately for cannabis and cocaine.

Focus on Casablanca for forthcoming Global Road Safety Film Festival



MOROCCO HOSTS the fourth edition of the Global Road Safety Film Festival in Casablanca on 13 and 14 February. This event is produced by LIFE (Laser International Foundation) in partnership with the Prevention Routiere Internationale (PRI) and the National Committee for Prevention of Traffic Accidents (CNPAC) of the Kingdom of

Morocco.

[Take a look at some of the entries from previous years >>](#)

This global event is part of the objectives of the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020, and coincides with the celebration of the National Day of Road Safety of the Kingdom of Morocco and of progress made in terms of improved traffic accidents by 2.5% in 2012, 8% in 2013 and 9.3 % for the first ten months of 2014.

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