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TISPOL Bulletin, 8 April 2014

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to a very full Bulletin, which I hope you will find useful. In particular, may I ask you to click through to download your copy of the latest TISPOL News, which is available via the TISPOL website.

It was a great honour to be asked to deliver a tribute on behalf of TISPOL at Ian Hamill's funeral last week. I hope you may wish to read the words of this tribute, which can be found in the new edition of TISPOL News, published today and accessible via the following link:

[Download your copy of the latest TISPOL News.](#)

Please ensure you keep sending us your news and images so that we can share your good work with colleagues and stakeholders around Europe. You can send any items to media@tispol.org and we will do our best to include them in future Bulletins and in the next edition of TISPOL News, which will be printed and shared at our meetings in Brussels in June.

Finally, may I draw your attention to our Conference, which takes place on Tuesday 30 September and Wednesday 1 October at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Manchester Alrport. Exhibitor and delegate bookings are now open, so do please secure your attendance as soon as possible. We're pleased to have avoided a price rise once again, meaning the conference costs have remain the same for the seventh year running.

[Visit the TISPOL Conference page, and make your booking now.](#)

With best wishes,

Pasi Kempainen, TISPOL Director

Funeral of Ian Hamill takes place in Portrush, Northern Ireland

The funeral of TISPOL General Secretary Ian Hamill took place last Tuesday 1 April in Portrush on the Antrim coast of Northern Ireland. The town's Presbyterian Church was packed for the service of thanksgiving, which was conducted by the Revd John Kirkpatrick. It was a beautiful, sunny day.

Ian's brother-in-law Trevor Galbraith read from John's Gospel, while Peter Galbraith delivered a warm, humorous and touching tribute on behalf of the Hamill family.

TISPOL was represented by Director Pasi Kemppainen, who paid tribute to Ian in an emotional speech. "Ian was a wonderful human being and will be greatly missed by all," he told the congregation. "We are so sad in TISPOL to lose him as a leader, colleague and dear friend. We also offer our deepest sympathies and condolences to his family."

[Read the full tribute](#) from Pasi Kemppainen now, in the latest edition of TISPOL News.

Also in attendance were TISPOL's UK Council representative, CC Suzette Davenport, and Executive Committee member David Jones, as well as Hungary Council representative Zsofia Szasz and other TISPOL staff.

Following the funeral, Ian's coffin was carried in a solemn cortege by a relay of pallbearers through the centre of Portrush, before being escorted by a police motorcycle outrider for the interment at Ballywillan Cemetery.

European Commission publishes guide to its road safety work, 2010-2014



Road safety work in the EU has made excellent progress over recent years. Between 2001 and 2010, the number of fatalities on EU roads was reduced by a total of 43%. Between 2010 and 2013, it was reduced by a further 17%.

The strategic target is to halve road deaths between 2010 and 2020 and also to start focusing EU efforts on reducing serious road traffic injuries. To achieve this goal, determined and joined-up action is needed from many actors at EU, national and local level.

At EU level, actions in recent years include the following 10 highlights:
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More than 4,000 trucks taken off the road during European safety operation

A week-long police safety operation across Europe has led to the removal from the road of some 4,400 trucks for dangerous defects. The action followed checks of more than 137,000 trucks across 26 countries on 10-16 February.

Stopping drivers for offences also provides police officers with the opportunity to make other appropriate safety and security checks. For example, during the week of this truck safety operation, officers also detected and dealt with offences connected with irregular immigration and human trafficking (13), possession of drugs (25), firearms (2), stolen goods (9) and other crimes (243). [>> More details](#)

Traffic offences and crimes detected in Europe-wide bus operation

TISPOL co-ordinated an operation recently (10-16 February 2014) which involved European buses travelling through 18 countries. More than 36,000 vehicles were controlled, resulting in the detection of 6,505 traffic offences and a further 77 crimes. The offences included 825 cases of exceeding the speed limit, 14 drink-drive detections, 1,113 seatbelt offences and 759 contraventions of tachograph regulations. [>> More details](#)

UK: Trivium II is hailed a great success



Operation Trivium II took place during the week beginning 28 March. All UK police forces participated in the operation, as well as officers from Poland, Romania and Lithuania. There were also members of HMRC, the National Crime Agency (NCA) and the Gangmasters Licensing Authority (GLA).

During the week, 2,689 vehicles were stopped, 367 vehicles were seized and 197 people were arrested. In addition, police received 1,049 intelligence submissions and 1,624 enforcement activities were recorded overall.

Superintendent Paul Keasey, Silver Commander for Trivium II, said: "By utilising existing police and our partners' powers or legislation, maximising our intelligence and information and effectively deploying our resources we will provide a robust and proportionate response to tackling those who come into the UK with the intention of committing crime within our borders."

Ireland: pedestrian target for safety campaign



Road fatalities have reduced significantly in the Dublin Region in recent years. However, pedestrians still remain the single biggest group to die on Dublin roads. Since 2008, nearly 2 out of every 5 fatal road traffic collisions involve pedestrian fatalities.

In order to tackle this significant issue, and as part of the April/ May Casualty Reduction campaign being run in the Dublin Region, An Garda Síochána and partner stakeholders will specifically target pedestrians with a view to increasing their own road

safety awareness

Chief Superintendent Aidan Reid (pictured above), head of Dublin's Traffic Corps said: "This is not solely an enforcement issue. We must get drivers to slow down, particularly in 30km/h and 50km/h zones, but also appeal to pedestrians to ensure they do everything to remain safe on the roads. This is particularly relevant in relation to pedestrians who may have been drinking. Getting home safely is what everyone wants, so when out socialising be responsible and don't overdo it.

"The figures speak for themselves, if a pedestrian is hit by a vehicle at 60km/h there is an 85% chance of a fatality, however if hit at 30km/h the chance of a fatality is only 5% and the survival rate is 95%."

Germany: next 24-hour speed marathon commences in North-Rhine Westphalia



The next statewide 24-hour speed marathon in the German federal state of North-Rhine Westphalia with active participation of the state's citizens starts today. "Every day people experience reckless and dangerous driving in their direct vicinity. They are concerned and furious. Particularly in matters of road safety we have the chance to get into a dialogue with people," minister Ralf Jäger said.

During the last 24-hour speed marathon, police received more than 15,000 proposals on possible control sites. "The biggest success imaginable for our next operation would be the statement of 100 % obedience to traffic rules so that the police could do without fine or charge," Mr Jäger said.

Switzerland: crash caused by Slovenian driver four times over the drink-drive limit



Road users in Basel had a lucky escape last week when a Slovenian driver decided to use his car after consuming seven large bottles of strong beer. He lost control and crashed on a city street. The 46-year-old, who had been living in France, drove through the city in his Swiss business car with an alcohol reading of .20 per mil. The legal limit is .05 per mil. Police officers withdrew his Swiss driving licence immediately.

"We are very thankful that no one was injured as a result of this action," said Swiss police officer André Roth, who attended the collision.

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