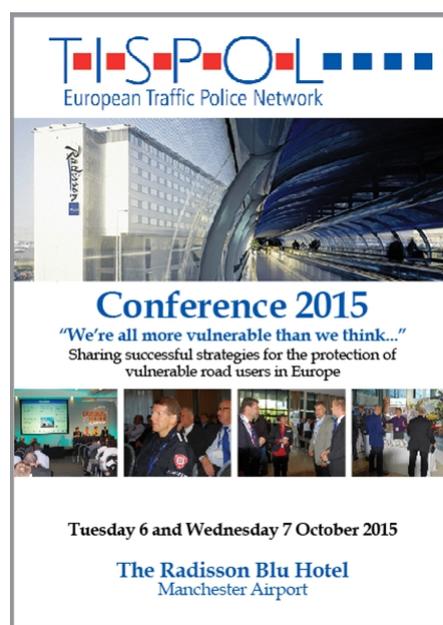




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**Delegate and exhibitor bookings for TISPOL's 2015 Conference are now open**



TISPOL's 2015 TISPOL International Road Safety Conference takes place on Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 October at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Manchester Airport. The event brings together senior and operational officers, managers and decision-makers from roads policing services across the UK and Europe.

Representatives of every European Union member state, plus Norway and Switzerland, will attend the two-day event to hear and

debate the latest thinking on innovative strategies for protecting vulnerable road users.

I do hope you will be inspired by the excellent programme we have put together and will be able to join us for two stimulating, thought-provoking and useful days.

**Delegate packages: [check details and book now!](#)**

**Sponsor and exhibitor packages: [check details now!](#)**

By supporting our Conference as a delegate, exhibitor or sponsor, you will be show your commitment to the work done by roads policing officers to reduce casualties and crime onthe roads of Europe. Thank you very much.

**Ruth Purdie, TISPOL General Secretary**

**TISPOL supports call for improvements to cyclist and pedestrian safety**



TISPOL supports last week's call from the European Transport Safety Council (ETSC) for improvements to the safety of cyclists and pedestrians.

TISPOL General Secretary Ruth Purdie said: "Since 2010 the reduction in the number of cyclist and pedestrian deaths has slowed down considerably. It is vital that we find new and effective ways to re-invigorate an effective, co-ordinated and sustained casualty reduction initiative across Europe.

"We are committed to working with our colleagues at ETSC, with national governments and with the European Commission to ensure that risks are minimised for these vulnerable road users, and that they can gain the maximum benefit from new technology that can either reduce the consequences of a collision or – better still – prevent it from happening in the first place."

[More details \(and a copy of the report\) from ETSC >>](#)

## Take a look at our latest newsletter

The newsletter cover features a red header with "TISPOL NEWS" in white and "Edition 1 2015" in small text. Below the header is a collage of images: a speed camera, a car on a road, police officers, a speedometer with "2015" and "SLOW DOWN E-U-R-O-P-E", a person on a mobile phone, a camera on a tripod, a person in a car, a person holding a camera, and two people in orange safety gear. At the bottom, the text reads "Behind the scenes during Europe's first 24-hour Speed Marathon" and the TISPOL logo is displayed.

We do hope you will enjoy reading this latest TISPOL newsletter. Inside there's a review of the recent 24-hour Speed Marathon which took place across Europe, as well as details of the very successful symposium on Operation Trivium, which was attended by nearly 200 police officers and stakeholders in Birmingham.

You can also read details of the Operation STRIDER seminar in Latvia, and catch up with news stories from many TISPOL member

countries. The newsletter is available to download as a PDF, and we would ask you to share it with as many colleagues and contacts as possible, so we can further raise awareness of the work we are doing in reducing casualties and crime on the roads of Europe.

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## **Dutch police co-operation minimises impact of Gumball 3000**

Co-ordinated action across the Netherlands meant there were no significant traffic offences committed by participants and followers of this year's Gumball 3000 rally. The Central Infrastructure division of the National Dutch Police organised joint enforcement activity with colleagues from Amsterdam, East Netherland and the Cross Border Policing team. The operation was supported and coordinated by the Operations Unit in Driebergen.

As a result, 12 driving licences were revoked. However, by paying fines directly, most of the drivers were able to get their licences back straight away. In total, Dutch police collected just over €30,000 in fines from those involved with the rally.

[More details >>](#)

## **Road safety reflections: Ramadan message for drivers across Europe**



According to the Islamic calendar, Ramadan this year will begin on 18 June and end on 16 July. Ramadan is a time of spiritual reflection, commemorating when the Quran was first shown to the Prophet Mohamed. Ramadan is part of the Five Pillars of Islam and sees every Muslim who has reached puberty abstain from food and drink.

Sunset each day marks the observance of Ifta, the evening meal when Muslims break their fast, and traditionally, families and communities will

gather together to celebrate. Unfortunately, Ramadan is also a period each year which sees an increase in road crashes, deaths and injuries, and the majority of these road incidents take place immediately before, or during the Iftar meal.

Traffic police officers across the world - particularly those in Gulf states - report the same issues:

- increases in traffic congestion and rule violations each day as the

sun begins to set

- roads around malls, mosques and markets becoming clogged
- more drivers speeding, disobeying traffic signals and talking on mobile phones while driving
- pedestrians acting imprudently and attempting dangerous road crossings.

The reasons behind the Ramadan road safety concern could be attributed to the fasting during Ramadan, which results in a major disruption to the regular daily routine. It can impact diet and digestion, which in turn can affect sleeping patterns.

The follow-on effect for many can be seen in the behaviours of road users, particularly at the end of the day when people are rushing home for the Iftar meal. And with Ramadan occurring in summer for the past few years, the high temperatures have increased the risk of fatigue, and with it, the risk of crashes.

Last year, police in Dubai launched a campaign to reduce road collisions during Ramadan. Officers distributed 1,200 meals a day to motorists during the two hours before Iftar in an attempt to reduce the number of traffic accidents. Their intention was to deter drivers from rushing home to eat.

Brigadier Saif Muhair Al Mazroui, deputy director of Dubai Traffic Police, said: "We know that fasting people will be in a hurry and these drivers always cause accidents and casualties."

#### ***Physical effects to watch out for:***

Blood pressure usually drops in the afternoon. The symptoms are prostration, tiredness, dizziness and loss of energy. Feeling weak, dizzy or unwell are the most common complaints during fasting.

#### ***Advice for staying safe on the road:***

- Be more patient to other people on the road in the same situation as yourself.
- Try to avoid driving in heavy traffic.
- Also, avoid driving close to iftar hours. Try not to drive at night - save the time for good rest.
- Take more frequent breaks on long distance journeys.
- Fatigue is the biggest risk a driver is likely to encounter at this time.

## **The next TISPOL Bulletin will be published on Tuesday 23 June**

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