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CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!!!

Here's a reminder that you could win **€250** in our 'European Enforcement Photograph of the Year' competition, which is open to receive your entries and will remain open until September. We are looking for the photograph that, in the opinion of the judges, best reflects the work of TISPOL in 2011. The judges will make their decision by late September and will award the prize at this year's TISPOL Conference, taking place in Manchester on 27 and 28 September. The winning photograph, along with a selection of runner-up photographs, will be displayed at the Conference and will form a key part of TISPOL's communication resources in the future.

You can enter as many photographs as you like, but only one at a time. They must be your original work. They should be high resolution Jpeg images, good enough to be reproduced in print as well as on web pages.

Please send your entry/entries to media@tispol.org

Entries are welcome from anybody. Good luck and we look forward to receiving your entry or entries!

FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY



MUCH OF our time in recent weeks has been taken up ensuring that everything is in place for the Oslo Seminars at the end of May. We will be pleased to welcome a number of influential external speakers to the two-day event, and will spend considerable time focusing on issues connected with drug driving. The technical and scientific background, legislative updates and enforcement techniques will all be looked at in some detail.

I would urge you to make every effort to join us at the TISPOL Conference, taking place in Manchester at the end of September. The programme is excellent and the price is better value than ever (stop to think that there has been no rise in price since 2007).

If you have any late items for the next edition of TISPOL News, please submit them immediately to media@tispol.org, as we will be needing to close off and send the document for printing by the end of this week.

I hope you will enjoy this slightly refreshed style of Bulletin.

Ian Hamill

CONFERENCE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:



You can now book and pay for [your 2011 Conference](#) place. The Conference takes place at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Manchester Airport, on Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 September 2011. Bookings can be made now via the TISPOL website. So, do check in to the website and get your booking made and paid for early. The programme is looking very interesting.

NEWS: EASTER TRAGEDY ON SWISS ROADS

The Easter holiday saw a disturbing tally of 10 deaths on the roads of Switzerland, according to police spokesperson André Roth. The

fatalities occurred in a total of eight collisions, and included six car occupants, two motorcyclists, one cyclist and one pedestrian.

In one particularly tragic event, a 72-year-old man tried to cross a railway at a crossing, in spite of the barriers being closed. He was hit by a passing train and killed. A car with two people on board was in collision with a coach. Both car occupants died. A 50-year-old woman who was walking along a motorway was hit and thrown into the oncoming lane, where she was run over by several cars. Two men died when the car they were in crashed into a wall. A 76-year-old man on a bicycle was hit and killed by a car. Another 76-year-old man in a car failed to give way at a junction, and was hit and killed by another car.

The two motorcyclists, one aged 18 and the other aged 49, were both innocent victims of other car drivers' failure to see. Both drivers emerged from side roads into the path of each motorcyclist, causing fatal injuries on both occasions.

NEWS: DRUG DRIVING IN BUENOS AIRES

Almost four out of 100 drivers (3.87%) were caught using drugs in Buenos Aires, after the first 1.000 roadside tests conducted by the city government this year. In 1050 saliva tests, 41 drivers showed evidence of drugs: 33 cocaine and 8 marijuana. Also, 20 drivers refused the test: such behaviour is, according to the Buenos Aires regulation, almost equal to a positive case. The two groups together represent 5.8%, a rate seven times higher than the one for drunk driving (0.7% in 2010)

Buenos Aires is the first city in Latin America to conduct drug tests. In 2009, Pablo Martinez Carignano, the city Road Safety General Director, attended the Tispol Conference in London and established a co-operation link with Kate Mc Mahon, from the UK government. With her guidance, Buenos Aires invited the Victoria Police authorities to train the traffic agents and, one year later, the tests were launched.

NEWS: SERBIAN DEPUTY PM SAYS LAW ON ROAD SAFETY CAN SAVE LIVES

Serbia's First Deputy Prime Minister Ivica Dacic has stated that since the enforcement of a new Law on road safety, the number of fatalities in road accidents has been reduced by 19%. Opening the Decade of Action for Road Safety in the UNECE region, Mr Dacic said that since December 2009, when the new law was put into force, the number of injuries and the severest road accidents dropped by more than 10%. He called for improved communication between the police, students and teachers, adding that last year 580 police officers and educational counsellors were trained.

Director of the Road Safety Agency, Stojan Jovanovic, recalled that from 2001 until 2010, the number of road accidents in Serbia decreased by 48.3%, announcing the formation of a working group to

bring together representatives from all ministries competent for traffic.

NEWS: MORE THAN 100 GATHER FOR BULGARIAN CONFERENCE

The International conference "Road Safety is a shared responsibility" took place at Hilton Hotel Sofia on 18 and 19 April. The event brought together more than 100 participants, including experts and scientists from governmental and non-governmental organisations and Traffic Police Forces representatives of Albania, Croatia, Germany, Moldova, Montenegro, Hungary, Romania, Serbia and Turkey. During the Conference, hosted by the Ministry of Interior, with the assistance of Hans-Seidel Stiftung, the road traffic situation and improving of road safety in countries from South Eastern Europe was analysed.

OPERATIONS: RESULTS FROM TRUCK AND SEAT BELT

More than 115,000 penalties issued in European seat belt operation

The March enforcement campaign on drivers and passengers not using seat belts resulted in the issue of more than 115,000 penalties. Officers in 26 countries across Europe stopped drivers of all ages who were flouting seat belt laws.

Of the 115,038 penalties, 3642 related to children not wearing seatbelts or other appropriate safety restraints.

Nearly 450 alcohol and drug offences detected among truck drivers

A week-long truck safety operation across Europe led to the detection of nearly 450 alcohol and drug offences among drivers. The February operation saw police across 25 countries carrying out a wide range of safety inspections that focused on speeding, alcohol, drugs, seatbelt use, tachograph infringements, excess weight, dangerous loading and document offences. Additional checks were made on transport security matters, where signs of illegal immigration and human trafficking were looked for, as well as the transporting of illegal drugs, firearms and stolen goods.

A total of 188,547 vehicles were stopped and 58,415 offences were reported.

Results show that 34,909 (18.5%) of the offences detected involved a vehicle travelling outside its home country.

LATEST FACT SHEET



Take a look at the latest [fact sheet](#) from the Dutch Institute for Road Safety Research (SWOV). The topic is fatigue, which will be uppermost in the minds of many motorists as the summer approaches and there is the prospect of long holiday road journeys.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



During my stay in Bulgaria recently, at an International Conference, the Bulgarian TISPOL Council member, Damyan Vladinov took me to three different roadside speed controls south of Sofia. It was great to hear from officers at the locations that they knew about TISPOL and the speed operation week.

Do take a look at the [short video](#) I made from my visit.

I would also like to mention a special situation that proves that Damyan Vladinov has done an excellent job to promote TISPOL in Bulgaria. We visited a police station in the town of Rila (approx. 3,000 inhabitants) where the police officers I met (CID and public order police) also knew a lot about TISPOL.

DECADE OF ACTION – LONDON EVENT

The London Conference to mark the start of the Decade of Action for Road Safety will bring together all the leading road safety organisations in The United Kingdom, each making a commitment to support the decade. In addition to an address from Lord Lord Robertson of Port Ellen, Chair Commission for Road Safety, the Secretary of State for Transport, Philip Hammond MP, Secretary of State for Transport is expected to make an announcement concerning the Government's strategic framework for Road Safety.

Other speakers will show how new thinking and innovation will deliver the objectives of the five pillars of action which form the basis for the global plan of action. To attend the event, which is free, please register with admin@pacts.org.uk

NEXT BULLETIN:

The next TISPOL Bulletin will be available on Tuesday 17 May 2011