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IRF's Mission

To promote the development of roads and road networks that enable sustainable access and mobility for all

IRF's Vision

A world of safe, sustainable, and efficient roads and road networks

IRF's Values

Commitment to safe, smart & sustainable roads

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Greetings & good wishes to all our Members!

We are now working hard to plan for the upcoming **9th IRF Regional Conference**. The topic of the Conference is **"Road Safety Initiatives:**

Status and Way Forward", which will be held on 5th-6th October 2015 in New Delhi. IRF, IC has constituted two committees – Organising Committee and Technical Committee for this purpose which are currently in the process of finalizing the Conference Programme Structure, its sub-themes and speakers. As you all know, we have many achievements arising out of our road related efforts, but much also remains to be done in our task of achieving increased road safety. Accordingly in this Regional Conference, we are focusing largely on identifying the gaps that remain in our achievements against the overall background of the UN Decade of Action Goals, so that remedial measures for accelerating our achievements can be agreed upon. If we can jointly step up our focus to achieve these in a coordinated and well thought out way, we shall surely make a difference to the statistics of road accidents that devastate so many families in our country.

The format of Technical Session has been designed to solicit the views of all including experts, authorities and general public.

I invite all of you to join hands with us in this important venture and share with us your thoughts and ideas on how we can take this very crucial mission forward. I would request you to get yourself registered as delegate in advance for proper participation.

We have also started efforts for our way towards the **World Road Meet 2017**, which as you know is being hosted this time in India by IRF India Chapter. We would like to spare no efforts to ensure that we put up a state-of-the-art event and showcase our talent in a manner that will reap dividends for the **Make in India Campaign** of the road infrastructure sector. The success of this mega event will place India on the global road map and make us all proud. A Core Committee has been formed for this purpose and we have shared our thoughts with you in the current issue.

Both the above conferences are important events for all road stakeholders and I do sincerely hope that you will come back to us with any suggestions that you may have.

Warm Regards,
 N.K. Sinha

**IRF - RA REGIONAL CONFERENCE
 4TH TO 6TH MAY 2015, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA**

Over 350 road industry leaders from 15 countries came together at the 'IRF-RA Regional Conference' held in Sydney from May 4 to 6, 2015 to reaffirm the sector's commitment to achieving new benchmarks in global road safety and innovation and best practice in the design, construction and operation of road networks.

'Road Safety' was a key theme of this first ever joint regional conference hosted by International Road Federation (IRF) Geneva and Roads Australia (RA), along with innovation and value for money, procurement and delivery of infrastructure. IRF Chairman, Mr. K.K. Kapila and Roads Australia President Mr. David Stuart Watt, in a joint statement, expressed confidence that the conference would enable sharing learning and strengthen relationships.

Coinciding with the UN Global Road Safety Week, the Conference Programme included more than 90 presentations by industry leaders on diverse **themes** – ITS, Funding and Financing, Pavement and New materials, Asset Management, Procurement, Sustainability and Safety.

The **IRF General Assembly and Board Meeting** took place on 3rd May 2015, back to back with the Conference.

IRF India Chapter along with CRRI participated in the Conference and also importantly, in the **Exhibition** held on the occasion. Along with its own exhibits, IRF proudly showcased the achievements of a few of its Members – C&C Constructions Ltd., Engineering Projects India Ltd., Gammon India Limited, Intercontinental

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Consultants & Technocrats Pvt. Ltd. and Maccaferri. The exhibits evoked interest among the many participants who visited the stalls.

The Conference Main dinner, attended by over 500 guests and during which the 'John Shaw Medal' was presented to the winner (Golder's roads specialist Mr. Reg Leach), a Sydney Harbour Cruise and site visits to Sydney Transport Management Centre and Sydney Orbital Network were some of the main highlights of the event.

PHOTO GALLERY:



1ST MEETING OF IRF CORE COMMITTEE - WORLD ROAD MEET (WRM) 2017 ON 5TH JUNE 2015 - A REPORT

The Core Committee that has been set up by the Conference Chairman, Mr. K.K. Kapila to initiate deliberation and generate ideas on organizing the WRM 2017, which will be hosted in India on November 14-17, 2017, met in New Delhi on 5th June 2015.

In his opening remarks, Mr. K.K. Kapila, Chairman, IRF GPC and Founding Chairman, IRF India Chapter said that the WRM, the most important meeting of the road sector is an all encompassing event. A star highlight of this event in India is planned to be a **Ministerial Meet of Global Transport Ministers**, which would add glamour to the event. The number of delegates would also expectedly increase as each Minister would be accompanied by his entourage. The Prime Minister or the President of India would be invited to inaugurate the Global Ministerial Meet. High level dignitaries from various UN or other international bodies such as the President of the World Bank/ADB/EU would also be invited to attend. The total number of expected delegates would be around 3000.

Dates announced for the Meet are 14-17 November 2017. As per convention, these dates would be formally announced at the upcoming Korea Meet.

Venues, large enough to accommodate around 3000 Conference delegates and the Exhibition that is planned alongside, would be shortlisted. Various factors such as location, accessibility and connectivity, space availability, facilities provided, hotel accommodation etc. must be considered.

The meeting appointed Sub-groups for spade work on Event Management and drafting the WRM Conference Programme.

Three committees at the international level are planned to be set up, each committee having 15 to 20 members from different countries. The Committee are – (i) Organizing Committee, (ii) Technical Committee and (iii) Exhibition Committee. The International Organizing Committee would be assisted by various sub-committees such as Venue Committee, Transport Committee, First-aid Committee, Catering Committee etc.

Various road related organizations in IRF member countries would be entrusted responsibility of marketing this event in their respective countries. Some international experts have already agreed to participate on the international committees and others are being addressed for this purpose.

The **Call for Papers** would be hosted on the IRF website shortly. Poster Sessions would also be scheduled. There would be four to five main sessions daily, with two to three parallel sessions for each main session.

The Committee also deliberated on various related points : Accessing Member Data Base of Organizations, Budget, Publicity, Online Services and Marketing.

Stay Alert. Don't get hurt!



9th IRF Regional Conference

ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVES: STATUS AND THE WAY FORWARD

5-6 October, 2015

India Habitat Centre
New Delhi, India

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The 9th IRF Regional Conference aims to take stock of the situation in States across the country and to build up a realistic agenda for further actions required to achieve the goals of the '**UN Decade of Action**', to which the Government of India stands committed.

The Conference is going to be a common platform for State and Central Governments as well as Civil Society to share success stories and chalk out a **Way Forward** for the next five years of the Decade of Action.

The Programme would deliberate on the following themes:

Plenary/Keynote Session	: Decade of Action for Road Safety (Five Pillars)
Technical Session I	: Road Safety Management
Technical Session II	: Safer Roads and Mobility
Technical Session III	: Safer Vehicles
Technical Session IV	: Safer Road Users
Technical Session V	: Post-Crash Response
Technical Session VI	: Funding of Road Safety and Monitoring & Evaluation
Concluding Session	: Realizing Road Safety in the Nation, State and Local Levels

The Concluding Session would close with a presentation of the **Conference Recommendations** by the Conference Chairman.

Details of the Conference are available on the IRF India Chapter's website : www.indiairf.com.

For any queries about the programme, speaking slots, delegate registration and sponsorship, please write to us: india@irfnet.ch

**9TH IRF REGIONAL CONFERENCE –
ORGANISING AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 12TH JUNE 2015 IN NEW DELHI**

The Organising Committee and Technical Committee, set up by the Conference Chairman, Mr. K.K. Kapila, jointly met in New Delhi on 12th June 2015 to deliberate on various action points regarding the 9th IRF Regional Conference, which will be held in New Delhi on October 5-6, 2015.

Warmly welcoming the participants to the meeting, the Conference Chairman elaborated upon the theme of the 9th Regional Conference, which is particularly important keeping in view that we are now already half way through the 'UN Decade of Action for Road Safety', the targets of which the Government of India stands committed to. He informed the members about the Road Safety Matrix, developed with inputs from all State Departments, to ensure that all stakeholders are on the same page as far as promoting road safety is concerned. This matrix will help in identifying gaps in achievements with regard to targets, so that all the State and Central organizations and departments can see the progress and action needed to address these gaps.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India is being approached to inaugurate the 9th IRF Regional Conference. His presence on the occasion would surely elevate the Road Safety Mission. Referring to IRF's attempts for Road safety to be placed on a higher pedestal in the UN Sustainable Development Goals which are updated every five years and are due to be updated shortly, he mentioned that IRF GPC has also taken up the matter with the European Union to ask its UN members to vote to place road safety at a higher level.

Mr. N.K. Sinha, Chairman, IRF India Chapter further highlighted the fact that as a consequence of this concern, the format of the 9th Regional Conference Programme would now focus on the India experience, providing expert advice and interactive sessions.

The Chairman of the Technical Committee Mr. S.N. Das, DG (RD), MoRT&H, drew attention to the increased emphasis now also being placed on long term measures for road safety activities, in addition to the previous preoccupation largely with short term measures.

Elaborating on the Programme Structure drawn up for the Conference, Prof. P.K. Sikdar, Advisor, IRF IC, mentioned that the sub-themes of the Technical Sessions were aligned with the five pillars of road safety, enunciated as important components of the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety, and issues devolving from them. Speakers identified for this purpose have been instrumental in the development of the five pillars.

The Committee members deliberated on various issues related to the Conference, among them the need for instituting uniform road safety structures in the States. It was agreed that the structure that is already in place in States needs to be reviewed and the best experiences to be

shared. Haryana and Tamil Nadu are two States, which are proactive in Road safety matters, from whom many lessons can be learnt.

The need for funding the structure with a full time nodal officer being appointed to coordinate with different departments was also discussed. It was mentioned that in Haryana, 40% of fines collected by the Traffic Police are now ploughed back into Road Safety Fund.

The importance of ensuring the ground level implementation of findings of Road Safety Audits that have been carried out in different States was also discussed.

A Conference Souvenir would be brought out on the occasion and all members are requested to contribute articles on road safety related topics for inclusion in the Souvenir.

HDM4 COURSE IN ROAD MANAGEMENT

For more than thirty years the University of Birmingham has been offering taught and research programmes in the area of road management and engineering designed to equip participants with the skills and knowledge of management procedures for the planning, appraisal, design, construction and maintenance of road networks. The programmes are relevant to conditions found in both developed and developing countries and are suitable for professionals who want to pursue a career in the road sector.

In addition, for the last fifteen years the Senior Road Executive Programme has provided continuing professional development for senior professionals working in the road sector and, by so doing, contributed to the dissemination of knowledge and expertise and facilitated the implementation of modern approaches to the management and financing of road networks worldwide.

The University of Birmingham is now pleased to offer three new hands-on courses in the areas of road safety, road economics, rural roads for development. The first is delivered in collaboration with iRAP (International Road Assessment Programme). The second is provided in collaboration with HDMGlobal and the third in association with IntechAssociates. All three courses are 5-day, intensive and practical residential programmes delivered by experts of international repute. They are aimed at road sector professionals, road engineers, field engineers, planners and road safety professionals who want to be exposed to cutting-edge established methodologies in road safety management and road economics.

Type of Course : Continuing Professional Development
Duration : 5 days (7-11 September 2015)
Start Date : 7 September 2015

For more details, see: <http://www.irfnet.ch/hdm.php>

STOP. THINK. ACT. Say no to carelessness!!

CYCLISTS: USE REFLECTIVE TAPES FOR SAFETY!*(bhp.com)*

Bicycle riders are often at the receiving end of road mishaps globally. The situation is all the more grave in India, where even motorists bear the brunt of bad infrastructure and poor driver discipline. The main issue for cyclists is that motorists often fail to spot them, however alert they may be. Visibility is the most basic form of safety and the International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT), has found that the traditional retro-reflectors currently being used by domestic bicycle manufacturers are of an inferior quality and do not conform with the basic photometric requirements as per the ISO 6742-2 standards set for retro reflectors.

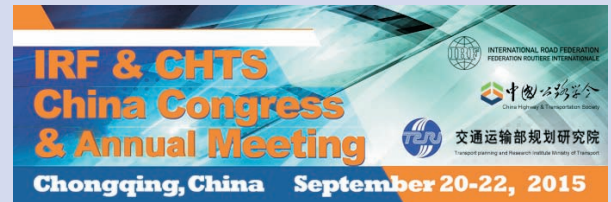
Instead of retro reflectors, the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has stressed the use of retro reflective tape and fluorescent paint. Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Road Transport, has already written to Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution - Mr. Ram Vilas Paswan to update the safety standards of bicycles. This includes a mandate to use retro reflective tapes on certain parts of bicycles for better visibility.

According to Mr. Gadkari's letter, around 6,600 cyclists were killed in road accidents in 2012 alone. Over 50% of those fatalities reportedly took place in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu alone.

RETRO REFLECTIVE TAPES MUST ON BICYCLES TO REDUCE ACCIDENTS: IRF*(PTI)*

International Road Federation (IRF) said the International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) found the traditional retro-reflectors used by the domestic bicycle manufacturers to be of inferior quality and not conforming to standards. It said Union Minister Mr. Nitin Gadkari had last year written to Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Minister Mr. Ram Vilas Paswan for ensuring safety standards for bicycles, including provisions for fixation of retro reflective tapes, at specified spots to make them visible during night. Bicycle users are one of the most vulnerable road users, susceptible to high rate of road accidents. In 2012 alone, about 6,600 cyclists were killed in road accidents. "Poor visibility of bicycle riders due to lack of proper reflective devices installed on bicycles is major reason for the high rate of accidents with motorised vehicles," Gadkari had said in the letter.

IRF Chairman Mr. K.K. Kapila said the organisation, along with Ministry of Road Transport, will fix reflective tapes on bicycles free of cost so that riders could be easily spotted by drivers of other vehicles at night.

IRF & CHTS 2015 CHINA CONGRESS AND ANNUAL MEETING

**Chongqing, China
20 - 22 September 2015**

The International Road Federation (IRF Geneva), the Transport Planning and Research Institute of the Ministry of Transport of China (TPRI), and China Highway and Transportation Society (CHTS) will be hosting a major conference in the beautiful city of Chongqing, China on 20-22 September 2015.

Chongqing was separated from Sichuan province and made into a municipality in its own right in March 1997 in order to accelerate its development. Since its elevation to national-level municipality, the city has dramatically expanded its transportation infrastructure. With the construction of railways and expressways to the east and southeast, Chongqing is a major transportation hub in southwestern China.

The IRF & CHTS China Congress and Annual Meeting will focus on Road Safety, Sustainability and Asset Management and attract participants from all over China and the region. The event will have plenary sessions and thematic sessions running in parallel.

Early bird registrations rates are available until 30th July 2015!

For further information, check this link :

<http://www.irfnet.ch/event.php?id=1&title=IRF%20Events>

MEMBERSHIP OF IRF INDIA CHAPTER

IRF IC is a membership-based organization, representing corporate and institutional players and stakeholders in the road infrastructure sector in the country. Road safety has been at the core of IRF IC's activities, which also promotes "green road" approach. IRF IC has made a dent in policy through advocacy.

IRF IC invites all stakeholders in road sector to join it as members and contribute to the efforts for better road infrastructure and safety.

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