

## Interim Governing Board Meeting

Interim Governing Board held its first meeting following the Inaugural Workshop at which it agreed the work plan for the year leading up to next February's Assembly meeting which is scheduled for end Feb/March. Please contact the Core Management Group for further details.

## Funding for HIV/AIDS Programme in South Asia

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) has announced initial funding for South Asia for the 'biggest International Federation AIDS regional programme outside of Southern Africa.'

The IFRC reports that funding has been received for the CHF 15 million, 5 year HIV/AIDS programme which encompasses the national societies of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The full article, by Dr Tim Bray, HIV/AIDS delegate in the International Federation's South Asia Delegation explains further via the [IFRC website](#).

## European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Annual Report 2004

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) has issued their Annual Report for 2004. It includes details of the 129 projects, totalling €4.1 billion, that EBRD financed during the year. A link to the report can be found via the [EBRD website](#).

## €35 million ERBD Loan for Albania Road Project

The European bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) has announced a €35 million sovereign loan to upgrade a 70 km section of road in part of Albania's north-south axis. The project is being co-financed by the European Investment Bank with a loan of up to €50 million and is supported by technical assistance grants from the EU and Canada. Find out more via the [EBRD website](#).



## Mainstreaming Gender into the Transport Sector – A Virtual Forum

The International Forum for Rural Transport and Development (IFRTD) and GATNET are inviting readers to join a virtual discussion on gender and transport issues for the development sector. The discussion is designed to share best practice, whilst exchanging knowledge and information.

The discussion will feed into a Round Table on Gender and Transport to be held on 11 July in Boston, USA. The discussion will take place over 4 weeks with a new discussion theme each week. The final theme, Gendered Time Poverty: The Role of Transportation in Women's Economic Empowerment, will be discussed on 13 June 2005. Links to previous discussions, along with further details can be found via the [IFRTD website](#).

## Global Road Safety Partnership – Annual Report June 2005

The Global Road Safety Partnership (GRSP) has issued their Annual Report for 2005. The report includes global highlights and updates in sustainable developments in road safety.

It also announces forthcoming good practices guides for 2006 on issues such as organising road safety, safety helmets and safety belts and child restraints.

The report can be accessed via the [GRSP website](#).

## Call for Papers for 85<sup>th</sup> TRB Annual Meeting, January 22-26 2006, Washington

The Transportation Research Board (TRB) Committee on Women's Issues In Transportation is calling for papers for the forthcoming Annual Conference in 2006.

Papers are invited on a variety of topics, including transportation issues developing countries (relating to the Millennium Development Goals). Further details can be found via the [IFRTD website](#).

## Forthcoming Events

Other events over the next few weeks include:

- 15th International Road Federation (IRF) International Road Congress, 14-18 June in Bangkok
- 7th International Conference on the Bearing Capacity of roads, Railways and Airfields, 27-29 June in Trondheim, Norway

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