

Tunis Assembly

Preparations are in hand for the next gTKP Assembly, to be held in Tunis, Tunisia, from 28 February to 1 March 2006. Our CMG has been contacting you and invitations will be sent out in due course. If you are interested in attending, please direct your enquiries to info@gtkp.com

Crash Lab

Delhi's Institute of Road Traffic Education (IRTE) has created India's first mobile collision investigation and analysis laboratory. Known as 'Crash Lab', the vehicle is equipped with advanced cameras and software that allow the mobile analysis team to collect data directly from accident scenes. A comprehensive three-dimensional picture of the scene is then constructed, allowing road safety authorities to better plan the safety of vulnerable road users.

Funded by the FIA Foundation for the Automobile and Society, Crash Lab is a vital initiative in India, where nine people die in road accidents each hour. At present it has been used only on the Delhi-Mumbai Highway, but IRTE plans to extend its use across the country.

Environmentally Friendly Vehicles Conference

Jenni Borg, the director of gTKP and leader of the Urban Demand Management work stream, attended the Environmentally Friendly Vehicles Conference held in Birmingham, UK on 10 and 11 November. Organised by the UK Department for Transport, the conference addressed technical and policy developments arising from the pressing need for global solutions to pollution caused by transport.

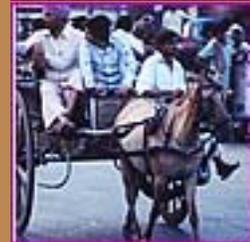
Jenni participated in the 'Engaging Emerging Economies' workshop, which addressed the need to balance environmental care with the right to enhanced transport in emerging economies.

Technology Transfer Centres

The World Road Association (PIARC) is involved in the running of Technology Transfer (T2) Centres in eight countries. Designed to function as contact points for the reception and dissemination of transport and engineering knowledge, the centres are established in China, Tanzania and six other African and Asian countries.

gTKP has contacts with a number of the T2 Centres, and plans to work closely with them to solve problems of local knowledge distribution and take-up. A full list of operative T2 Centres, with contact details, can be viewed at

<http://www.piarc.org/en/projects/technology-transfer/>



gTKP at PIARC Rural Access Seminar

Mike Dyson, leader of gTKP's Rural Access work stream, delivered a paper at PIARC's Technical Committee seminar on Sustainable Access and Local Resource Solutions in Siem Reap. Held from 28 to 30 November in conjunction with the Royal Cambodian Government, the seminar was organised by PIARC's Technical Committee 2.5 (Rural Roads and Accessibility) to showcase new developments in sustainable rural road engineering.

Mike's presentation on gTKP, which enthusiastically received by the more than 125 international delegates, was augmented by two breakout sessions on gaps and take-up in rural access knowledge. gTKP also hosted a cocktail party for 95 distinguished guests. 25 English- and French-language papers from the event are to be loaded on www.gtkp.com in the near future.

gTKP at IFRTD, Stockholm

Jenni Borg, Programme Director of gTKP, attended the International Forum on Rural Transport and Development (IFRTD) Executive Meeting in Stockholm from 21 to 24 November. Hosted by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), the meeting was combined with the Forum's Strategy Development Workshop.

As a 'core donor' to IFRTD, gTKP was closely involved in the Workshop, and Jenni

delivered a presentation outlining the case for practical collaboration between gTKP and IFRTD.

Forthcoming Events:

UITP Regional Business Forum

26-28 February 2006

Following the success of the First International Union of Public Transport (UITP) Regional Business Forum for Public Transport, a second event will be held in Bahrain from 26 to 28 February 2006. Full details are available at:

<http://www.uitp.com/working-bodies/business/working.cfm>

World Bank Transport Week

27 to 31 March 2005

The next instalment of the World Bank's Transport Week event will take place in Washington D.C. from 27 to 31 March 2006. Full details, once available, will be posted at www.gtkp.com

Sustainable Transport Award Reception

22 January 2006

The Institute for Transport and Development Policy (ITDP), in association with Environmental Defense and the Transportation Research Board, will present a sustainable transport award to Myung Bak-Lee, Mayor of Seoul, for his efforts in reducing oil dependence and greenhouse gas emissions in the South Korean capital. Details can be found at: <http://www.itdp.org/events.html>

