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IRF Symposium
**'Providing Infrastructure that
improves Road Safety'**

10-11 May 2011
Bucharest, Romania



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Welcome to the IRF Symposium 'Providing Infrastructure that improves Road Safety'



It is my great pleasure to extend a warm invitation to you to participate in the IRF Symposium 'Providing Infrastructure that improves Road Safety' which will be held in the brand new Crystal Tower Business Center in the Bucharest city centre on 10-11 May 2011.

Bucharest is honored to host the official IRF launch of the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020 during the Symposium. Known as the "Little Paris" in the early 20th century because of its famous tree-lined boulevards, the city has a rich history and a beautiful architecture, being at the same time a thriving, modern metropolis, with a diverse and growing cultural life exhibited in a number of various fields.

It is the ideal location for road safety experts from around the world to gather, deliberate, identify and commit to actions that ensure that road safety targets can be met by 2020.

The event will be a high-level two-day interactive Symposium consisting of six sessions. Some sessions will comprise introductory presentations by renowned practitioners, researchers and/or policy-makers. Others will take the form of an argumentation debate between industry experts moderated by an upbeat media professional. This event will be organised in a singular, dynamic way, introducing an informal set-up that will enable delegates from the audience to ask the speakers questions and actively engage in discussions. Examples of breakthrough infrastructure measures to improve road safety will be provided by experts from around the world.

The award ceremony for the brand new Innovation Award for Road Transport in Developing Countries (inroad) will take place during the Symposium Gala Dinner on 11 May 2011, following the official launch ceremony of the Decade of Action by Romanian dignitaries in a spectacular public place setting in central Bucharest.

By the end of the Symposium actions will be formulated that will contribute to the Symposium's conclusive document of recommendations, as a contribution to the UN Decade of Action on behalf of the road infrastructure industry. The Symposium will close with the solemn signature of the 'Action Plan for Providing Infrastructure that improves Road Safety' by all the participants.

We look forward to welcoming many road safety stakeholders in the beautiful city of Bucharest on this unique occasion. Aside from the opportunities afforded by the Symposium's working programme, you will also have the chance to experience a myriad of Bucharest's exclusive tourist and cultural attractions.

With best wishes,

Michael Stanciu
IRF Geneva Vice-Chairman
Symposium Chairman

Symposium Participants

Target group audience: EU, Central and Eastern Europe, Southern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia:

- Government and municipal agencies
- International financial institutions
- Road construction companies
- Infrastructure operators
- Road engineers
- Banks and insurance companies
- Consulting engineers and management consultants
- Educational and training institutions

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Programme at a glance

Monday, 9 May 2011

8.30 – 18.00	Symposium registration
9.00 – 13.00	IRF General Assembly / Board meeting (closed meeting)
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch break (buffet)
14.00 – 17.15	IRF Group of Experts 'Safer Roads' meeting (closed meeting)
14.00 – 17.15	IRF Committee on Finance & Economics meeting (closed meeting)
14.00 – 17.15	IRF Ambassadors Meeting (closed meeting)
19.00 – 22.00	Welcome cocktail for IRF meetings and Symposium delegates

Tuesday, 10 May 2011

8.00 – 18.00	Symposium registration
8.30 – 9.00	Plenary opening ceremony
9.00 – 09.30	Keynote speech
9.30 – 10.00	Coffee break
10.00 – 12.00	Session 1: Forgiving Roads
	Session 1: Discussion
12.00 – 13.00	Session 2: Good Practice in Data Systems
	Session 2: Discussion
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch break (buffet)
14.00 – 15.30	Session 3: High Quality Safety Products
	Session 3: Discussion
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break
16.00 – 17.30	Session 4: Managing Road Infrastructure Performance
	Session 4: Discussion
17.30 – 18.00	Transfer to hotels
19.00 – 19.30	Transfer to Gala Dinner
19.30 – 20.30	Cocktail and Award Ceremony for the Innovation Award for Road Transport in Developing Countries (Inaroad)
20.30 – 22.30	Symposium Gala Dinner
22.30 – 23.00	Transfer to hotels

Wednesday, 11 May 2011

8.30 – 10.00	Session 5: Sharing Regional Experience
	Session 5: Discussion
10.00 – 10.30	Coach transfer to historical city centre
10.30 – 12.30	Official Launch of the UN Decade of Action
13.00 – 13.30	Transfer to lunch reception
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch reception
14.30 – 16.00	Session 6: Sharing Regional Experience
	Session 6: Discussion
16.00 – 17.00	Closing and Signature of the 'Action Plan for Providing Infrastructure that improves Road Safety'
17.00 – 18.00	Farewell cocktail offered by the Ministry of Interior

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General Information

Symposium Venue & Accommodation

Symposium Venue

Crystal Tower Business Center, 48 Iancu de Hunedoara Blvd, 1st district, Bucharest, Romania

Hotel Reservation: please specify "IRF Symposium" to obtain the special rates negotiated with the hotels.

Capital Plaza Hotel (4 stars)

Single: EUR 75, double: EUR 85

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Tel.: +40.372.080.080/ Fax: +40.372.080.081

Email: guest@capitalplaza.ro and carmen.ianculescu@capitalplaza.ro

<http://www.capitalplaza.ro/>

Unique Hotel (3 stars)

Single: EUR 65

Piata Romana, Caderea Bastiliei nr 35, sector 1, Bucharest

Tel.: +40.021 319.45.91

Email: rezervari@hotelunique.ro

<http://www.hotelunique.ro>

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Symposium Language

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