



Year in Review
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January

10-14 January - 89th annual meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) was held in Washington. IRF Deputy Director General, Susanna Zammataro, presented Changer, the IRF Greenhouse Gas Calculator to several US DOTs and road industry representatives. Peter Midgley, gTKP's Theme Champion for Urban Mobility – delivered a presentation to the TRB "Transportation in Developing Countries Committee.

14 January – Susanna Zammataro attended Transforming Transportation conference held in Washington and jointly organised by the Asian Development Bank, the World Resources Institute Centre for Sustainable Transport (EMBARQ), the Inter-American Development Bank and the Partnership on Sustainable Low Carbon Transport.



26-27 January - The gTKP Theme Champions and the gTKP management met in Bordeaux, France to plan the activities of 2010.

26 January - The Mayor of Bordeaux received the gTKP Theme Champions and management staff for a presentation about the Bordeaux Urban Mobility plan.

Mark Thriscutt becomes the new gTKP Theme Champion on Governance.

February

Launch of the new gTKP website www.gtkp.com.

1-5 February - First IRF Road Safety Audit course are held in New Delhi, India. These courses are organised in collaboration of ARRB, an IRF member of Australia.



4 February - Staff outing and team building exercise.

8-12 February - Second IRF Road Safety Audit course held in New Delhi, India.

8 February - The PPP Working Group meets in Geneva.

15 February – Members meet in Geneva for a brainstorming session to identify challenges and opportunities of the road sector.

16 February - The Executive Committee meets in Geneva.

23-25 February – The IRF staff participates at UNECE Inland Transport Committee in Geneva, Switzerland.

March

2 March – Pat Sankey, Director General of IRF Washington, visits the IRF Geneva.

10-11 March – Sibylle Rupprecht and two gTKP Theme Champions visit the Department for International Development (DFID) officials in London.

22-26 March - IRF held a stand at Intertraffic 2010 held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. IRF holds two seminars: Olim Latipov organises 'Development of ITS Policies' and Susanna Zammataro organises 'Time for Changer'.



24 March - Maria Novikov presented Changer to Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) Working Group on Transport in Istanbul.

April

7-9 April - Susanna Zammataro, Deputy Director General attended the 5th China National Forum on Innovative Highway Technology convened in Beijing organised by the China Highway and Transportation Society (CHTS) - a member of IRF. In a key note speech she presented IRF and Changer.



17.4. - First topical Environment Newsletter was sent out.

12-24 April - Senior Road Executives Programme 2010 was held at the University of Birmingham, UK. This event was disrupted by the eruption of the Icelandic Volcano Eyjafjallajökull.



Sandra Costa Marini from IRF, responsible for the logistics of the SRE, Maria Novikov and Olim

Latipov attended the course.

IRF publishes: 'An Initial Scan for Promising Alternative Technologies', 'Report on Rice Husk Fired Clay Brick Road Paving, Vietnam', and 'le Partenariat public-privé / au-delà des aspects financiers'.

17.4. April – Peter Midgley, gTKP Theme Champion, meets with representatives of the Development Banks and other stakeholders in Washington, DC to discuss funding of gTKP

30.4. - Steering Group of gTKP and the Theme Champions met in Geneva.

May

11-12 May - Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, was the venue for the IRF supported Adriatic Region Infrastructure Investment & Finance Summit 2010, which was organised on the occasion of the Annual Meeting of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Caroline Visser, IRF Geneva's expert on Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs), presented the economic advantages of PPPs from a contractor's point of view.

19 May – Clients who purchased Changer received the first update of the Changer Software.



21 May - IRF Geneva had the privilege of welcoming a distinguished delegation from the Chinese Ministry of Transport and Communications.

24-25 May - Susanna Zammataro participated in the working group of PIARC TC A.1 "Preserving the Environment", gathering in Lisbon, Portugal.

25-28 May – The very successful IRF World Meeting to be held in Lisbon, Portugal.

25 May – IRF Geneva holds its General Assembly in Lisbon.

Kiran Kapila is elected as new chairman of IRF Geneva.

Samir Allam is nominated IRF Geneva High Representative by the General Assembly.

26 May – The PPP Working Group convened during the IRF World Meeting.

27 May – Susanna Zammataro holds a demo session for Changer during the IRF World Meeting and with



Bachar Hakim (Scott Wilson) a session on "Greening Road Infrastructure" for Indian officials present at the world meeting

28 May - The Environment Working group members met during the IRF World Meeting.

IRF Geneva released new publication 'Safe Roads for Development'.

IRF Geneva published the Thematic Bulletin 'Urban Mobility'.

The yearly Ambassador Meeting was held in Lisbon.

The Working Group 'Safer Roads' met in Lisbon.

25 May – Kacem Iaych represented the IRF in Second African Forum for Dialogue held in Geneva.

25-28 May – Rob Petts, gTKP Rural Roads Theme



Champion made a presentation at the Asian Development Bank Transport Forum in Manila, Philippines.

26 - 28 May - International Transport Forum 2010 meets in Leipzig around the theme Transport & Innovation to look into the challenges and opportunities for deploying the power and potential of innovation to improve the transport sector. – Maria Novikov attended this event on behalf of the IRF.

30 May - 2 June - IRF was prominently represented at the Michelin Challenge Bibendum organised in Rio de Janeiro. On behalf of the IRF, Bill Vincent, BRT specialist, made a presentation at an urban mobility session.

June

25 June – Peter Midgley, gTKP Theme Champion on Urban Mobility, addresses Sustainable Urban Mobility Measures at the International Seminar on Sustainable Development of Ha Noi Urban Transport organised by VIBRA of Vietnam. *30.6.* – The 2nd version of the gTKP communication strategy was delivered to the gTKP Steering Group.

June – we made an extensive survey of the gTKP services.

June – the IRF made a survey of its members to identify the perceived future challenges of the road infrastructure sector.

July

5 - 8 July – Sibylle Rupprecht, Director General of IRF Geneva, holds extensive meetings with World Bank and other international stakeholders in Washington DC to discuss financing of the gTKP project. She also meets for a long discussion with the staff of the IRF Washington.

10 July - first dedicated ITS Policy Committee Newsletter is published.

12 - 16 July – A IRF Road Safety Audit course is held in New Delhi, India

19 - 23 July – A second IRF Road Safety Audit courses is held in New Delhi, India

August

15 August - IRF Geneva chairman, Mr. K. K. Kapila, meets in Beijing with Mr. Li Juchang, President of the China Highway & Transportation Society (CHTS), an IRF member. The meeting was also attended by Mr. Liu Wenjie, Secretary General of CHTS, Mr. Ju Rongyun, Deputy Secretary



General of CHTS, Mr. Lin Sheng, Director of the Consulting Department, Ms. Wang Danqing, Director of the International Department, and Ms. Nina Guan, Assistant Director of the International Department.

28 August – The first call for submission to the Inroads Award (Innovation Award for road transport in Developing countries) goes out.

7 Themed gTKP knowledge CD ROMs are published.

September

1 September - Sibylle Rupprecht and Susanna Zammataro were invited by the European Commission to present CHANGER, the IRF Greenhouse gas Calculator.

1 September - Sibylle Rupprecht and Susanna Zammataro met with Herman Meyer, the Chief Executive Officer of Ertico. It was a pleasure to introduce the IRF and especially the ITS Policy Committee to Mr. Meyer.

8 September - IRF was represented by Sibylle Rupprecht and Susanna Zammataro at the UN workshop on *Climate Change Impacts on International Transport Networks*, held in Geneva.



17 September – The new call for contributions for IRF Bulletin Rural Transport is published

Release of IRF World Road Statistics 2010

The Department for International Development (DFID) ceases its funding of the gTKP project.

We say good-bye to Olim Latipov.

October

5-6 October - United Nations Road Safety Collaboration (UNRSC) met in the Executive Board Room of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva on 2010. IRF was represented by Sibylle Rupprecht and Maria Novikov. Sibylle Rupprecht chairs the subgroup of Infrastructure and Road Safety.



6 - 7 October - the Institute for Transport Studies of the University of Leeds, UK, hosted the fall meeting of the IRF policy Committee on ITS.

11 - 14 October - Under the theme "Preserving African Roads", the 4th edition of the IRF / SARF regional conference is held up in Cape Town, South Africa. Susanna Zammataro held the welcome address and a key note speech.

13-15 October - Susanna Zammataro addresses the second NEPAD Transport and Infrastructure Summit 2010 held in Johannesburg, South Africa on climate change and road infrastructure and a presentation on alternative local construction material.

14 October – the gTKP workshop on Governance Capacity in the Transport Sector in Africa was held in Stellenbosch, South Africa. The workshop was led by Mark Thriscutt, gTKP Theme Champion and Dr Malcolm Mitchell of South African Roads Federation (SARF).

16 October – IRF announces that Mr. Henry Kerali, Sector Manager Transport Sustainable Development Department (ECSSD) for Europe and Central Asia at the World Bank, will be the new IRF Road Finance



Counsellor. He is succeeding Mr. Ian Heggie, former World Bank adviser who has over the many years done a tremendous job in helping the IRF address road finance questions.

20 October – Kacem Iaych represents the IRF at the Statistics Day 2010. This date marked the first ever World Statistics Day, the day paid tribute to statisticians.

21-22 October – At the 5th China Asphalt Summit, held in Shanghai, China, Sibylle Rupprecht opened the event with a key note address about eco-friendly material for road construction.

25 October - An information briefing meeting of the ITS Policy Committee is held during the ITS World Congress in Busan, South Korea.



25- 29 October – At the 17th World Congress on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) in Busan, South Korea - IRF Geneva's Caroline Visser was one of the speakers at IBEC's Amy Polk session on International Cooperation to Promote ITS Understanding and Deployment.



26 October – At the fringe of the 2nd International Convention on Rural Roads, high-level bilateral discussions were held between Mr. K.K. Kapila, the Chairman of IRF

Geneva and Mr. Feng Zhenglin, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Communication, China.

26 October – IRF organises a gTKP Workshop on Urban Mobility & Environment in Jinan, China which is



well received.

27-29 October - The very successful 2nd International Convention on Rural Roads organised by IRF is held in Jinan City, Shandong, China.

We say good-bye to Nathalie Pereira.

We say good-bye Leo Chan, webmaster.

November

15 November - Road Safety Programmes Manager Maria Novikov represented IRF at the Congress, delivers a presentation on low-cost infrastructure measures improving road safety at the 3rd International Congress "Safety on the Roads for the Safety of Life" in St. Petersburg.

16-18 November - IRF's Caroline Visser is invited to take part in the stakeholder session during the EasyWay Annual Forum 2010 held in Lisbon, Portugal.

24 November - The IRF Board of Directors meets in New Delhi. There are many important issues to be discussed and



decisions for the future to be taken. The Working Group "Safer Roads" will meet in meet on 24 November 2010 also in New Delhi. The 5th Regional IRF Conference on Road Safety is the perfect setting for such a meeting. The Working Group will not only finalise work in progress but also discuss the future organisation of the group and its work.

24 November – A trade mission composed of road sector industry leaders met with IRF Geneva Chairman, K. K. Kapila, and IRF Geneva Director



General, Sibylle Rupprecht, in Delhi to discuss infrastructure opportunities in India. This is followed by a reception at the Australian Trade Mission of New Delhi.

24 November – The Road Safety Working Group meets in New Delhi at the occasion of the 5th IRF Regional Conference on Road Safety.



25-26 November - 5th IRF Regional Conference on Road Safety is held in New Delhi, India. The conference is opened by the Minister of Transport of India.

29-30 November - Caroline Visser spoke at a key road event, the Polish Road Infrastructure summit 2010, held in Poland's capital of Warsaw.

November- Rural transport Bulletin Vol. 1 is published.

The Small Structures for Rural Roads Guidelines Volume 1-4 is published online.

Johann Luque joins the IRF as new webmaster.

December



9 December - Kiran K. Kapila, and the IRF Washington chairman, Brian Harris, met in Geneva. The chairman of ERF Brussels, Mr. Jacobo Diaz, joined to discuss strategic issues.

13 December – the IRF Geneva staff holds its traditional Christmas lunch.

15-17 December - Black Sea Economic Commission (BSEC) Head Quarters in Istanbul, Turkey, staged a joint event by UNECE, World Bank's Public Private Infrastructure Advisory Facility (PPIAF), BSEC and the

International PPP Platform Turkey on capacity building in Public-Private Partnerships. Caroline Visser presented the IRF views at this meeting.

21 December – The call for Abstract for the IRF International Road Congress "Innovation in Road Infrastructure" held on 22-24 November 2011 - Moscow, Russian Federation is published.

Throughout the Year

- Throughout the year, the Secretariat managed and coordinated the World Highways IRF pages and articles, the contributions in Le Strade, in European Road Review, and in Transport Business magazine.
- Throughout the year, the Secretariat actively participated in the Technical Committee of the IRF World Meeting, promoting the event, calling for abstracts, co-organising it.
- Throughout the year also, we kept our members informed through newsletters of IRF and gTKP.
- We also continue to develop our websites for IRF and gTKP (www.gtkp.com) whose library is populated with more than 2500 documents and publications.



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