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PRI e-News - October 2009

From the editor

Welcome to the first issue of PRI e-News. This e-mail newsletter will bring you up-to-date about PRI's activities, inform you about the latest developments in the field of road safety and bring news from PRI members.

In the future, this e-mail newsletter will be presented to you in a different format with hyperlinks linking to longer articles. We have now chosen for practical reasons to present PRI e-News like this.

I hope you will enjoy reading this first issue. If you have any remarks, suggestions or if you have news about your organisation's activities, you can send me an e-mail m.preseun@lapri.info. Your input is very welcome.

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PRI Update

VAMOS

As you may know, VAMOS - Volunteers Always on the Move for better Road Safety, an initiative of PRI, is an EU-project aiming at setting up effective instruments and methods for road safety activities at local level, involving volunteers and focusing on vulnerable road users. More information on: www.vamos-eu.org

VAMOS I, has been completed and the proposal for VAMOS II has been submitted to the European Commission for approval. Participation in VAMOS II is not limited to EU-countries. Non EU-countries, who are interested in participating, can join VAMOS II as a so-called 'listener'. EU-countries joining VAMOS II will make both a financial contribution to the VAMOS project and receive EU-funding for the project. So-called 'listeners' will not receive any EU-funding. Thus far, the countries who will participate in VAMOS II are: Slovenia, Belgium, Greece, Finland, Slovakia, Portugal, Switzerland (responsible for quality monitoring), The Netherlands (model country), Austria, Italy, Poland, Estonia and the two auditors Romania and Serbia. For more information about joining VAMOS II, participation requirements etc., please contact Bojan Žlender – VAMOS Project Manager or Barbara Krašovec – VAMOS Coordinator on vamos.slo@gmail.com.

Launch new PRI website

The new PRI website – www.lapri.info – was launched right before the 11th PRI World congress on 24-26 June this year. Meanwhile, all PRI members have received a username and password to login on the website's Extranet by clicking on the link Login. The Extranet is exclusive for PRI members. If you did not receive your username and password, please send an e-mail to m.preseun@lapri.info.

The new PRI website is in the first place a website *for* and *by* PRI members. Within the coming year, the PRI secretariat will focus on developing the PRI Extranet into a knowledge-database for PRI members. We need your help for this. Your suggestions and ideas on how to develop this knowledge-database are very welcome.

By clicking on the PRI website the link Events in the global menu, you will find an agenda with upcoming road safety related events. The link Publications gives you an overview of road safety (related) studies and publications. By clicking the link Press you will find press releases etc. from PRI, PRI members and other organisations as well as a section with press clippings called 'PRI in the press'. If you want to include studies, press releases and/or events from your organisation on one of these pages, send an e-mail to m.preseun@lapri.info. Events from PRI members will also be featured on the Homepage. Don't let this opportunity to promote your events pass and do send us information for the PRI website.

11th PRI World Congress

Road traffic crashes are globally the number one cause of death among young people aged between 15 and 19 years. By organising the 11th PRI World Congress on 'Young people and innovative road safety solutions' (24-26 June 2009), PRI has brought this problem to the attention of specialists and others involved in road safety. Reactions to the congress are very positive. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your contributions and for your enthusiastic and kind feedback.

Since the beginning of August, presentations given during the congress can be downloaded from the first text block on the Homepage of www.lapri.info . Due to technical problems the videos shown during the congress have not been uploaded yet. You will get an e-mail from the PRI secretariat to notify you when the videos have been uploaded.

Road Safety News

WHO Global Status Report on Road Safety

The World Health Organization (WHO) has launched on 15 June 2009 the Global Status Report on Road Safety. The global status report is the first broad assessment of the road safety situation in 178 countries, representing 98% of the world's population. Countries can use the results of the report as a benchmark to assess their own road safety position.

To read more or to download a copy of the report, go to the News block below on the Homepage of www.lapri.info .

First Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety – 19-20 November 2009 in Moscow

On 19-20 November 2009, the first ever Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety will be held in Moscow. This will be the first time that road safety is being considered and discussed at such a high level. The conference is an initiative of the UN and has been successfully argued for by the 'Make Roads Safe' Campaign. The objective of the conference is that both individual governments and governments will jointly make a real commitment and take action to prevent the number of road traffic deaths from increasing from 1.3 million to more than 1.9 million by 2020.

Read more about the conference on www.1300000.net

PRI President, Mr. Joop Goos, will attend the conference on behalf of PRI and put forward the 'Recommendations of the 11th PRI World Congress on 24-26 June 2009 to the 1st Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety in Moscow'. For these recommendations, called 'PRI Recommendations' please go to the first text block on the Homepage of www.lapri.info .

Also at the conference, the Final NGO Declaration will be put forward to which, on behalf of its members, PRI has contributed and which PRI has signed. For the Final NGO Declaration, please go to the News block on the Homepage of www.lapri.info .

PRI Member News

News from the Ukrainian Road Safety Association (URSA)

On 9-15 November 2009, the Ukrainian Road Safety Association (URSA) will organise the first all-Ukrainian Road Safety Week and World Remembrance Day for Road Traffic Victims. During this week, a number of events will be organised including a Forum for interested parties, a Forum 'Youth for road safety', an international conference 'Road Assistance', televised debates, charity concerts, car runs, motorbike rides and many more events. For more information you can contact URSA on office@roadsafety.org.ua .

Working Meeting of European and Ukrainian Parliamentarians on road safety

At the beginning of the all-Ukrainian Road Safety Week (see news item above), the Ukrainian Road Safety Association (URSA) is organising a Working Meeting about road safety with European and Ukrainian Parliamentarians.

The meeting's objective is the exchange of experiences on road safety between Parliamentarians. The expected result of the meeting is the establishment of contact and cooperation between the meeting's participants in order to reach the objective. Another expected result is that URSA, the Global Road Safety Partnership (GRSP) and Ukrainian MP's will get support for their initiative to hold a Forum for European and Ukrainian Parliamentarians in September 2010.

News from the Global Road Safety Partnership (GRSP)

The Global Road Safety Partnership (GRSP) initiates many road safety projects, initiatives and events. One of its latest achievements is the establishment of a coalition between GRSP, a wide range of Philippines-based private enterprises and several NGO's resulting in the creation this summer of the Philippines Global Road Safety Partnership (PGRSP). The Philippines is the world's 12th most populous country (92 million people) and faces growing problems as a result of traffic problems. The intention of PGRSP is address the key risk factors of helmet use, speeding, non-use of seatbelts, distraction, and drinking and driving through multi-sector and multi-component programmes that use globally recognized good practice.

Read more on: www.grsproadsafety.org