



Meeting of the IRF Working Group "Safer Roads"

Held on May 26th, 2010

Lisbon, Portugal

Minutes

Present

Evdorides	Harry	University of Birmingham
Kapila	Kiran K	IRF Geneva Chairman, ICT India
Mallouppa	Chrystalla	Ministry of Communication & Works, PWD
Nathalie Pereira		IRF

In attendance

Bhasin	Ashok	Jaypee Associates India
Dinitz	Arthur	Transpo Industries
Dreznes	Mike	Barrier Systems
Droege	Jan	Volkman-Rossbach
Jafri	Maj SJM	Span Consultants PVT. LTD.
Klein	Walter	SGGT Heintz.
Muller	Franz	SNOLINE
Nordengen	Paul	South Africa Road Federation
Nxumalo	Mutshutshu	South Africa Road Federation
Pearce	Anthony	IRF Honorary
Schliesing	Axel	SGGT
Sikdar	P.K	ICT India
Sinha	N.K	IRF Ambassador, ICT India
Stuart-Watt	David	Road Australia
Walsh	Adrian	gTKP Road Safety
Wink	Wolfgang	Volkman-Rossbach

Apologies

Christodoulou	Haris	Ministry of Communications and Works, Republic of Cyprus
Felappi	Luca	Arcelormittal
Heinrich	Jaroslav	HBH Project
Vorster	Hilton	Chairman of WG

1. Opening, apologies, adoption of agenda and last meeting's minutes

Harry Evdorides replaced the WG Chairman, Hilton Vorster, who could not attend due to circumstances beyond his control. All present at the meeting introduced themselves. It was announced that a new IRF Geneva Chairman has been elected, Mr. K.K. Kapila, who is also part of the Safer Roads Working Group.

The minutes of the last meeting held in Moscow in November 2009 – were accepted.

2. Themes of interest, work plan and target dates updates and discussion

a. Guidelines for the Development of Road Safety Master Plans

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Harry Evdorides, gave a brief background on the Road Safety Master Plan, based on a project led by Hilton Vorster of the City of Tshwane and its holistic approach. He explained the importance of this Master Plan is the involvement and sense of ownership at local level from the society and the provisions of road safety. Adrian Walsh added that the plan describes low cost engineering measures and address proper treatments, cost benefits analysis and other aspects. The planning process of the plan is driven by non-engineering safety people.

N.K. Sinha commented that the problems for developing countries differ and gave examples of the ones related to India and how they are addressing them. He continued on the efforts of partnering up with the Indian Government for the reduction of road injuries and death and the programs currently being taken

i. Update and discussion of a core group

In the previous meeting, there was a discussion about forming a core group that will help review the Guidelines in order to make them into a more general publication which can be applicable globally. Adrian Walsh suggested that this core group could be part of the iRAP review group which will be taking on board reviewing the current Guidelines.

A couple of members volunteered to be part of this review committee and it is composed of:

Adrian Walsh
Hilton Vorster
P.K Sikdar
Mike Dreznes
Anthony Pearce

b. Road safety management training courses

i. Update on SRE Programme 2010

Harry Evdorides updated the WG on the successful **Senior Road Executives Programme™** courses which took place in April 2010 at the University of Birmingham in the UK¹. The courses were received successfully. One of the features of the programme that contributes to its success is that participants get an opportunity to discuss issues found in their countries. For more information please visit www.sreprogramme.org

Some recommendations suggested by the WG concerned two issues: sustainability of training and funding. A possible way to go forward is to try and use gTKP to run the communication pieces of what came out from the course and also to have the participants of the courses part of a discussion group. The alumni can get involved by passing the message on to others about the training courses through some communication package by gTKP. This can become the means to promote road safety and particularly education programs.

Actions to be taken:

If approved by the University of Birmingham, Adrian Walsh and Nathalie Pereira can help design a plan on how to go about this and have a capacity programme. Harry Evdorides will get back to the Secretariat on this matter.

ii. Road Safety Audits – IRF India Chapter

N.K. Sinha and P.K. Sikdar informed the WG on the Road Safety Audit courses in India which took place in February 2010. The aim was to bring the actual number of less than 50 auditors in the country to 250. After developing a general tailored training template, the Australian Road Research Board (ARRB) came onboard and then took the courses for 5 days. These courses have been certified

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and supported by the government and a directive has been issued for this to be implemented on all roads. For more information please visit the IRF India Chapter website and the IRF Geneva site. There are four more courses planned: two in July 2010 and two in December 2010.

It was recommended by Anthony Pearce to collaborate with Dr Rohit Baluja and his Road Safety Engineering College for the next Road Safety Audit courses in July and December.

Arthur Dinitz added to the discussion on road safety programs and new technologies in the USA.

c. Participation in the ISO Standards project

i. Update and recruitment of task leader

Since the last WG meeting in November 2009 – Moscow, it was discussed that it is important for the WG to follow up on the ISO Standard project. Paul Nordengen who is involved in the ISO Standard 241 (certifying organizations) on Road Traffic Safety Management systems, briefed on the ISO Standards importance and how valuable it is to address the progress of lack of enforcement and to increase the industry participation. The bigger impact is for developing countries and on consignors and consignees. Adrian Walsh added that there are already 2 people from gTKP (an IRF project) working on the committee. The next standard will be published in 2012 and it is important to ensure they are 'practical' standards.

It was decided at the meeting that IRF needs to be involved in the ISO Standard 241 and suggested that an IRF WG member from the host country of the meeting attends the meeting if possible. For the next meeting taking place in November 2010, 1-5 in Germany (city TBA), Paul Nordengen has offered to attend. He will then be circulating the documents to the Secretariat who will then circulate it for comments to the rest of the WG.

KK Kapila has also offered for the ISO meetings that someone from IRF India can attend.

d. gTKP website – resources

Adrian Walsh commented that gTKP is currently used by most of the development banks as a resource. Any piece of knowledge WG members have on any activities related can send them to the Secretariat – Nathalie Pereira – to post on the website and communicate it to the rest of the community.

e. IRF knowledge section – resources

Nathalie Pereira stressed the importance of WG members to send any relevant information on what the member organizations are doing, new products being launched, trainings, and any information to be posted on the knowledge section of the IRF website in order for us to communicate to all the members everything we are working on and to promote each other's organization initiatives.

f. Publications

i. Distribute UN Road Safety Collaboration Group Policy Document

Adrian Walsh distributed in the meeting the finalized version of the printed UN Road Safety Collaboration Group Policy Document "Roads for Life – A Policy Framework for Safe Infrastructure" which IRF Collaborated in. Copies can be accessed through the Secretariat.

3. New Matters

a. Statement of WG's Commitment to the Decade of Action

It was decided that following the Decade of Action, a global charter on Road Safety, which came from the First Global Ministerial Meeting on Road Safety in November 2009 – Moscow, that the WG should draft a statement of three actions that IRF Members may commit to.

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Volunteers for the drafting committee who will take this action forward are:

Hilton Vorster

Harry Evdorides

P.K. Sikdar

Nathalie Pereira

4. Proposition of time and venue for the next WG meeting

It was proposed by K.K. Kapila and other members that the next WG meeting should take place parallel to the 5th IRF Regional Conference on "Institutional Mechanism Required for Road Safety:An Action Plan" 25-26 November 2010. The SR WG meeting was proposed for November 24th 2010.

5. Other business

Chystalla Mallouppa has expressed interest to receive information on IRF India's initiative of Audit trainings. Nathalie Pereira and K.K. Kapila will follow up.

K.K. Kapila expressed that this WG should be a knowledge portal for everyone and has offered a mechanism for honorarium for WG members giving advice. Harry Evdorides will be working on a template for this along with the chairman and secretariat.

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned.

IRF members who feel they could contribute in any of the above activities are invited to contact the secretariat at npereira@irfnet.org or by phone +41 22 306 0260.

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Signed: NP