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A Decade for Action on Road Safety

Last month, the [first Global Ministerial Conference on road safety](#) approved the [Moscow Declaration](#), which calls for a Decade of Action for Road Safety. At the same time, the six leading development banks published a joint statement setting out a new harmonised approach to improving road safety.

As action to prevent road deaths and injuries around the world gains momentum, iRAP is preparing to play a leading role in tackling high risk roads.

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The workshop brought together road safety professionals from motoring clubs, road authorities, research institutes and industry in Croatia, Czech Republic, Greece, Montenegro, Poland, Serbia, Slovakia, and Slovenia.



The event featured a demonstration of the new [Serbian motoring club \(AMSS\)](#) road inspection vehicle.

In conjunction with the workshop, the [Slovenian motoring club, AMZS](#), published its first Risk Maps, covering 6,500kms of motorways, main roads and regional roads.

Updated risk maps for Czech national roads have also published. They show that across 6,500km of roads there has been a one-third drop in the number of higher risk (black and red) sections in the latest three year data period.

New maps for 17,000km of national roads in Poland show that 60% of the network is high risk and accounts for 70% of all fatal and severe injury crashes. The latest results Europe results are available at <http://www.eurorap.org/>.

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iRAP is helping to transform a stretch of National Highway 1 in India into the country's first "greener and safer" highway corridor.

The project, which is funded by the [World Bank](#) and will be implemented by the [National Highways Authority of India](#), aims to lift safety standards to equal with the best in the world for motorists, pedestrians, motorcyclists and bicyclists.

Participants from leading road safety organisations including the [Federation of Indian Automobile Associations](#) and the [Institute of Road Traffic Education](#), and toll road operator L&T Panipat Elevated Corridor, contributed to the project in the iRAP Opening Workshop in New Delhi.



A detailed survey of the corridor has been undertaken using state-of-the-art equipment provided by Chennai-based Indian Road Survey and Management.

The World Health Organisation reports that more than 100,000 people die in road crashes in India each year. Final results of the iRAP assessment are due in early 2010.

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The new colour-coded map covers more than 140,000km of roads across 15 countries, and shows that 65% of fatal and serious crashes occur on single carriageways, 17% on dual carriageways and 11% on motorways.

Across the network, only 1 in 10 roads is rated as low risk (illustrated as green roads), whereas 1 in 7 rated as high risk (black roads). The risk of fatal or serious injury collisions on the high risk roads is 40 times higher than on the low risk roads.

The map was released in conjunction with the EuroRAP workshop of Western European nations, held in Brussels. The workshop drew in delegates from Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Iceland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.



The Pan European map can be downloaded from http://eurorap.org/news_item?search=y&ID=280

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On the eve of the [first global ministerial meeting on road safety](#), Prince Michael of Kent presented a series of special international awards for outstanding initiative, foresight and leadership, recognising significant 'milestones' on the road to Moscow over the previous five years.



EuroRAP was recognised for its campaign to provide consumer-based safety ratings for roads across Europe and give road engineers and planners vital benchmarking information. EuroRAP was instrumental in the establishment of iRAP, which is now working with governments and non-government organisations to prevent thousands of deaths and serious injuries in low and middle-income countries.

Since 1987, Prince Michael awards have given public recognition to those who have improved road safety throughout Britain. Now the [Prince Michael International Road Safety Awards](#) recognise outstanding achievement and innovation world-wide.

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The move which takes effect on 1 January 2010, comes as iRAP prepares to play a leading role in making roads safe during the Decade of Action for Road Safety.

Rob has led the development of a vibrant programme in Asia Pacific and played a pivotal role in the creation of the programme's technology and methodology. He will manage the global programme from Brisbane, Australia, hosted by the Queensland motoring club, [RACQ](#).



Greg Smith, currently iRAP Project and Communications Manager, will move into the role of Director, Asia Pacific. He will join Jo Hill (Director, EuroRAP), Julio Urzua (CEO, Latin America and the Caribbean), John Mumford (Director, Africa) and Peter Kissinger (Director, North America) in leading the regional programmes.

The team is further strengthened with the appointment of Richard Thornton as IT Manager. Richard will lead the ongoing development of iRAP's tailor-made risk-analysis software, ensuring it continues to provide cutting-edge capabilities to iRAP teams around the world.

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Developing Our Membership outlines proposals aimed at building an association that supports its members in a spirit of cooperation and mutual benefit worldwide.

iRAP Chairman, John Dawson said: 'The secret of our success is in the depth of the partnerships we have forged within countries and between countries. Quick transfer of know-how and continuous improvement must remain at the heart of what we do as an Association as we mobilise to support the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety.'

With the iRAP system being applied in every region –



Europe, Africa, Asia Pacific, North America, Latin America and the Caribbean – one of the proposals is that regional groupings be encouraged to evolve, including an iRAP Council for Africa.

We will welcome your feedback and ideas on the proposals. *Developing Our Membership* can be downloaded at http://irap.org/media/10539/developing_our_membership.pdf.

About iRAP

The International Road Assessment Programme (iRAP) is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to saving lives in low and middle income countries by promoting safer roads. The programme is also the umbrella organisation for [EuroRAP](#), [AusRAP](#), [usRAP](#) and [KiwiRAP](#).



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