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Dear Members,

Since the creation of CIECA in 1956, it has been our mission to increase the professionalism and skills of our members through ongoing projects and networking programs. The growth and loyalty of our membership over the years is a testament to the quality programs and services that we provide. Again this past year, our members benefited from a number of CIECA events and services,

as well as from the efforts of expert staff working to protect the interests of CIECA members.

CIECA continued to put road safety at the top of its agenda last year with the Road User Education Project, our primary objective for 2014 which was presented in March 2015 to all CIECA members. Begun in 2013, the report will help members to reach higher levels of knowledge and sharpen their skills. In order to ensure the success of the project, CIECA members attended numerous working group meetings to contribute to the project and to ensure the smooth finish of this undertaking. With this effort our members have shown unwavering commitment to the organization and rest of CIECA members. This project promises to extend CIECA's influence further, as it will provide an excellent starting point for future improvements in driver training and testing in many countries.

We started last year in the wake of two years of financial uncertainty, a situation that forced us to put several proposed new programmes on hold. After a year of thorough finance control, and careful and considered expenditure, I am happy to report that we are ending 2014 on a very positive note, and with a financial result of €83.877,50.

As we prepare for a new year, we will continue to raise CIECA's public profile by improving our website, refining our services and hosting interesting events to involve our members and other external stakeholders in our activities. The future development of the CIECA website comes as part of a process to make the organization more approachable and relevant for existing and potential members. However, please note that your support and ideas are vital for CIECA's success, and we welcome your suggestions as we create and polish a new exciting new programme for all of you, and we continue to revamp our services.

In all of these efforts, the Permanent Bureau, the Expert Advisory Group (EAG), the Theory Advisory Group (TAG), and the Secretariat were gratified and encouraged by the dedication and support of our membership. I look forward to working with all of you on our new initiatives in the coming year.

Kari Hakuli
CIECA President

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DRIVING TESTS AUDITS CONDUCTED BY THE EAG AND TAG

An important novelty to note this year is the first collaboration between the Expert Advisory Group and the Theory Advisory Group in the audits of the driving tests. For the first time, both expert groups audited the practical and theory test when the EAG and a representative of the TAG travelled together to Dubai in December 2014 to audit the tests offered by the RTA. This is an important step for the TAG who is now in the position to offer a new service to members: the audit of the theory test.

The EAG also visited the REGITRA in Lithuania. Following their first audit in 2014, the EAG received a request from the organization to go back to the country in order to reassess the system in the light of the recommendations suggested by the expert group during their first visit. This audit has been the basis for a new service offered by the EAG: the re-evaluation of the driving tests which have been previously audited by the group.

COMPLETION OF THE RUE PROJECT

The RUE Information Day held in Berlin on 12 March 2015 marked the completion of the Road User Education (RUE) project with the presentation of the final report to all members. The project was finalized within the agreed timeline, and exceeding all expectations regarding the quality of its content. This RUE project has been of the outmost importance to our organization, and it showcases the commitment of all CIECA members to road safety and to our organization.

COMPLETION OF THE RIDERSCAN PROJECT

The EU funded RIDERSCAN project, 'A European Scanning Tour for Motorcycle Safety' came to an end at the beginning of 2015. On 2 and 3 February 2015, the results of the project were presented during the European Motorcyclists' Forum organized by FEMA in Brussels.

6 NEW MEMBERS JOINED CIECA

- Kosovo Forum for Road Safety
- Departement Mobiliteit en Openbare Werken, Belgium
- Research and Development Center for Driving, Rusia
- The Forum of Mobility Centres, UK
- UAR Finland Oy

CIECA CONGRESS IN DUBLIN, IRELAND

From 4 to 7 June 2015, the Road Safety Authority (RSA) hosted the 46th CIECA Congress entitled **Hazard Perception and the development of simulation techniques in the theory and practical tests**. The Congress assembled more than 160 representatives from CIECA member organizations and road safety professionals from numerous countries.

WORKSHOP ON DISABLED DRIVER ASSESSMENT

On 26 November 2014, a workshop on Disabled Driver Assessment (DDA) was held in the CBR headquarters in Amsterdam. This was a very important event attended by 43 participants, seven of them observers from non-CIECA member organizations. The goal of the workshop was to come up with ideas on how to create, maintain and disseminate international standards concerning DDA.



THE ROAD USER EDUCATION PROJECT

The Road User Education (RUE) project was a CIECA project that was designed as an expert consultation with the aim to elaborate conjoint recommendations regarding minimum competence standards for drivers and driving teachers, and to develop a framework for a curriculum.

The overall objective of the project was to contribute to reaching the 50% reduction target of road fatalities, set in the European Commission's policy orientation "Towards a European road safety area: policy orientations on road safety 2011-2020" and the European Parliament report on Road Safety 2011-2020. More specifically, the project aimed to be a key element in the realization of the Commission's Objective N° 1: Improve education and training of road users. It was also a response to the United Nations Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic from 2010 pleading for improved driver training and examination.

From the first reflections on the future possible evolution of the European driver licensing regime at the CIECA General Assembly in Malta in 2011, and at a preparatory workshop in Leuven in 2012, the Road User Education Project was launched at the Kick-off meeting in Klettwitz (Germany) in October 2013, where three working groups were set up:

The images in pages 4-5 were taken during the RUE Project Information Day that took place in the Maritim proArte Hotel in Berlin on 12 March 2015. The list of participants in the event included 44 CIECA members, and two observers: the European Commission and the German Ministry of Transport.



I have been working within the CIECA Permanent Board for one year now as one of the Vice-Presidents of the organization. As such, I intend to keep myself busy, timely responding to the needs of all CIECA members. I am very satisfied to have been offered the opportunity to contribute with my many years of international experience on road safety to the service of CIECA.

During the first year of my mandate, I was entrusted with the chairing of the

Steering Committee of the RUE project, and I can vouch for the commitment and professionalism of all parties involved, and especially of the working group leaders: Bernd Weiße, Kay Schulte and Ian Holden. They have worked very hard for a whole year in order to complete on time the assignment for which all of them volunteered.

After the RUE Project Information Day which took place on 12 March 2015 in Berlin, I can say that I am very happy with the content of the report which will provide a basis for many countries to further develop and improve their driving licencing and driving education systems.

Finally, I would like to convey my gratitude to all CIECA members who have been involved in one way or another in this project. It has been a very interesting experience for me.

Roland Krause
CIECA Vice-President



- WG1: minimum driver competence standards
- WG2: designing the framework for a curriculum
- WG3: minimum standards for driving instructors and accompanying persons (layman instruction)

Kay Schulte (DVR, Germany) and Per Gunnar Veltun (NPRA, Norway), all under the supervision of the CIECA's Bureau Permanent.

The report was presented at the RUE Project Information Day in Berlin on 12 March 2015 and it can be found in the members' only section of the CIECA website.

The work was carried out by outstanding CIECA members bringing along both excellence in the field and insight into specific conditions and institutional settings at national level in the study areas.

In total, 42 outstanding CIECA members coming from 24 organizations and 14 countries were directly involved in the project work, which was discussed at 4 plenary meetings, 4 steering committee meetings and 6 working group meetings. The project ended in October 2014 with the presentation of three working group reports.

The final report of the project based on the three working group reports was written by Bernd Weiße and Dr. Kris Kaufmann (both from TÜV | DEKRA arge tp 21, Germany) in cooperation with the project steering committee members Ian Holden (DVSA, Great Britain), Mika Hotti (Trafi, Finland), Dr. Roland Krause (DEKRA, Germany),





From left to right: Jean Malinowski (Ministry of Interior, France), Per Gunnar Veltun (Norwegian Public Roads Administration), Elina Uusitalo (Trafi, Finland), Saulius Šuminas (REGITRA State Enterprise, Lithuania), Jörg Biedinger (TÜV Nord, Germany), Han Rietman (CBR, the Netherlands), and Per-Olof Nilsson (Trafikverket, Sweden).

EXPERT ADVISORY GROUP

The Expert Advisory Group (EAG) is a permanent group consisting of experts from different CIECA Effective Member organizations. Members are appointed by the Permanent Bureau, which also approves its work programme. The EAG acts as a

source of technical and professional advice, and it helps with studies, workshops, the preparation of the Congress, and also provides an audit service of their driving test systems to members.

LEADING

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The EAG is not a travelling club, but during the last few years the group has been to Africa (Tunis), North America (Quebec), and the Middle East (Dubai) in addition to enjoying the Mediterranean (Cyprus) and several countries in Europe!

How come? Most CIECA members are found in Europe, but some are also outside, and the number is steadily increasing. One of the main services we offer, is driving test audits. The bonus to the members of the group is to get to learn a lot about driver training and testing systems in other countries: we meet a large number of knowledgeable and competent colleagues and we experience new places which come with their local attractions.

This year we said goodbye to two well-loved members, Jean Malinowsky, our expert from France, and Jörg Biedinger, our representative from Germany. We are very sorry to see them going, but we are very happy with our new EAG members: Lesley Young (DVSA, UK), Liesbeth Vermeren

(GOCA, Belgium), Philippe Usson (Ministère de l'Intérieur, France), and Marcellus Kaup (VdTÜV, Germany).

Why the new additions? Until now the EAG has consisted of 5-7 experts from different member organizations. The decision to increase the number of experts was made with the goal to improve and expand the variety of the services that the group provides for members. Apart from the driving test audits, the EAG will also deal with technical, scientific and project related questions formulated by the Secretariat, the Permanent Bureau and the CIECA members, and in general will contribute more to the realization of the CIECA Strategy.

Being the Chairman of this group is really a pleasure and the proof that it is possible to have fun while at work!

Per Gunnar Veltun
EAG Chairman

EAG VISIT TO LITHUANIA

Back in 2009, REGITRA asked the CIECA Expert Advisory Group to assess the driving testing system in Lithuania, and to consider actions to strengthen the licencing system and the professional skills of those involved in it. At the beginning of 2014, the EAG received a request from the organization to go back to the country in order to reassess the system in the light of the recommendations suggested by the expert group during their first visit. The group travelled to Lithuania on 23-25 September 2015.

After the first audit performed by the EAG six years ago, we expected a reliable evaluation of the actions taken by our organization following their recommendations, and their feedback on the progress we have made. The EAG spent three days in Lithuania during which they visited two different testing locations, had a lively discussion with driver examiners, and observed some practical tests of different categories. On this occasion they also had the possibility to be present at one practical driving lesson given by a driving school at Kaunas. The days of the visit were busy for both visitors and us and the time was spent in the most efficient way. Our organization is very grateful for the expertise and professional insights that we have got from the group of experts. Moreover, we were much impressed by the level of competence that the group members shared with us. We are looking forward to implementing corrections in the strategy for the development of the driving tests in our country based on the feedback we have got from the EAG. In general, as a member of the group, I am convinced that the audit service provided by CIECA gives to all members a great opportunity to avail of the expertise of independent specialists to assess the current state of their driving licencing systems. This really adds value to the CIECA membership.

**Saulius Šuminas, EAG Member
REGITRA (Lithuania)**



EAG VISIT TO RTA IN DUBAI

The group had the pleasure to visit Dubai from 9 – 11 December 2014. The primary objective of the visit of the CIECA's Expert Advisory Group (EAG) was to audit the practical driving test and overall driver testing regime in Dubai. Furthermore the EAG provided, following the request of the RTA, a number of presentations about how to deal with the higher levels of the GDE matrix in training and testing. During its stay, the EAG members had the opportunity to visit the headquarters of RTA and the Emirates Driving Institute in Dubai.

On this occasion, the EAG was also accompanied by Serge Muller, representative of the SNCA from Luxembourg, and member of the CIECA Theory Advisory Group (TAG) who was in charge of auditing the theory test, a new service for all CIECA members.

During their visit, the EAG and the TAG were impressed by all the initiatives that the RTA has taken since its creation in 2005, and especially by the ambitious strategic plan that has been set up for the period 2014-2018. All experts hope that their suggestions will contribute somehow to the achievement of these goals, and will be very happy to continue supporting RTA's efforts in any way they can.

During their audit in Lithuania, the EAG had the opportunity to meet a group of driving examiners at the testing location in Kaunas (photo on the left). This experience proved to be extremely enriching, and the group of experts held a similar meeting during their audit in Dubai. As a result, the EAG has decided to include this type of meeting as one of the regular features of their audits.

The feedback session given by the EAG to their hosts in Dubai took place on 11 December 2015, at the impressive premises of the RTA Headquarters (view of the interior of the building in the photo below). The EAG visited Dubai just few days after their National Day which is celebrated on 2 December (hence the flags), so they could still enjoy the atmosphere of the festivities.





Set up in 2010, the Theory Test Advisory Group (TAG) acts as a source of professional and technical advice for CIECA in matters of theoretical and computer-based assessment and supporting education.

The Theory Test Advisory Group is chaired by Mika Hotti. During this year, Jacques Quoirin (GOCA) and Peter Weddell-Hall (DVSA) have left the group. Currently the group consists of the following members:

- Mika Hotti (Trafi, Finland) - Chairman
- Josée Noe (GOCA, Belgium)
- Dr. Sinan Alispahić (Hrvatski Autoklub, Croatia)
- Sanja Brnadić Zoranić (Hrvatski Autoklub, Croatia)
- Jan Schepmann (VdTÜV, Germany)
- Adrián Gottlieb (National Transport Authority, Hungary)
- Lauris Kumpins (Ministry of Transport, Latvia)
- Algimantas Tarabilda (Regitra State Enterprise, Lithuania)
- Serge Muller (Société Nationale de Circulation Automobile, Luxembourg) - TAG Deputy Chairman
- Karsten Nikolaisen (Norwegian Public Roads Administration, Norway)
- Miguel Ángel Redondo (Dirección General de Tráfico, Spain)
- Mikael Stenberg (Transportstyrelsen, Sweden)
- Anita Bigler (Association of the Road Traffic Departments, Switzerland)
- Frans Korpel (CBR - The Netherlands)
- Bernd Weisse (TÜV / DEKRA arge tp 21, Germany) – TAG database partner



What does the TAG chairmanship mean to me?

TAG represents 14 different countries. First of all I am proud that the TAG gave me the steering wheel of the group. For me this job means growing. It is very difficult to think of any other way to achieve this kind of experience except by doing this job.

The support from CIECA and from my own organization (Trafi) makes the environment safe for me to carry out this role. I know that I will get support and help from CIECA, both from the Permanent Bureau and the Secretariat.

I didn't have any plans to become a Chairman as I never thought that I would be ready for a challenge

like this. However, I have enjoyed every moment despite the fact that all the days were not only sunshine.

If you ever have the possibility to work actively in CIECA, take it and make the most of it. And be proud of it. It will open a new world for you. The TAG chairmanship might be one of these possibilities.

So go ahead, take some responsibility and take an active part in the promotion of the CIECA goals. I would really like to encourage all of you to take the opportunity whenever is available.

For me the TAG Chairmanship is a dream come true. It is a dream which I didn't even know I could dream of.

Mika Hotti
TAG Chairman

ORY ADVISORY GROUP



From September 2014 to May 2015, the TAG held the following meetings:

23 – 24 October 2014, Riga (Latvia)
26 – 27 March 2015, Helsinki (Finland)

As you probably know, the work of the group is set up by a homework to be completed by all members on a certain topic related to the theory test. During

2014, the TAG was very busy designing a tool to audit theory test systems, and they even found the time to perform the first two ever TAG audits. The first took place in Latvia, when the group assessed the theory test in the country following the request of the Ministry of Transport. The second theory test audit was carried out in Dubai when Serge Muller joined the EAG in its visit to the Road Transport Authority (RTA).



In the beginning of 2014 I joined the Theory Advisory Group, which at the time, was working on the creation of a Theory Test Quality Assurance Audit System.

Based on my university studies as a mechanical engineer with a specialisation in process optimisation and my long-lasting professional experience in auditing

environmental and security compliance of buildings and technical facilities, I got the opportunity to provide additional support for designing the TAG Theory Test Quality Assurance Audit System.

During our meeting in October 2014 that took place in Riga, we got the auditing system ready and the idea came up to conduct a first audit in order to 'give it a try'. I volunteered for conducting the first audit at the Road and Transport Agency of Dubai within the frame of the already scheduled EAG-Audit in December 2014.

Participating in this audit was extremely enriching for all the EAG members and me, as each of the groups was able to audit independently the theoretical and the practical part of the driving licence exams. Both groups held common daily meetings that enabled us

to get a broader appreciation of the system in place. Additionally we exchanged our different appreciations and wrote the final report together, itemizing strong and sensitive points completed with suggestions that could further increase the quality and the easiness of use of the system for the RTA and the candidates.

My participation in the first TAG audit was really inspiring as it gave me the opportunity to evaluate a theoretical exam system created recently and which offers a genuine feel-and-touch quality. Furthermore, it allowed me to get some very interesting ideas about how to enhance our existing Theory Testing System in Luxembourg. And to make things even better, I enlarged my network within the CIECA allowing me to get quick answers concerning specific questions.

Based on the experienced gathered in this first audit, I'm convinced that the Theory Test Quality Assurance Audit System is a very useful tool designed to give detailed feedback about how a theory test system works and could be improved. Nevertheless, we will further improve the system in order to obtain a sustainable auditing tool and an audit service that can be offered to every CIECA member organization.

The TAG is convinced that this audit system is a very useful instrument for increasing the overall quality of every driving licence scheme and for further developing the idea of save driving.

Serge Muller
TAG Deputy Chairman



THE RIDERSCAN PROJECT



On 2 and 3 February 2015, CIECA participated in the European Motorcyclists' Forum (EMF), a yearly event organized by the Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations (FEMA), gathering representatives from motorcycling associations, transport authorities, researchers and the powered two-wheeler industry to discuss safety and policy issues regarding motorcycling in Europe. Augusta Sica, CIECA Business Manager attended the event as one of the CIECA representatives, and she was joined by Werner De Dobbeleer, representative of the VSV (Flemish Foundation for Traffic Knowledge) and one of the CIECA Associated members, who moderated one of the sessions on behalf of our organization. The Forum's 2015 edition focused on the outcomes of RIDERSCAN, 'A European Scanning Tour for Motorcycle Safety'. Co-funded by the European Commission, the RIDERSCAN research project gathers existing information on motorcycle safety in Europe, identifies needs for action and creates a cross-border knowledge-based network to make recommendations for EU interventions.

The results of the RIDERSCAN data collection process were presented and discussed with motorcycling and road safety experts during a full-day workshop on 2 February in Brussels, consisting of sessions on the status of motorcycling safety in Europe, the access to PTWs, safer road environments, safety messages and PTW safety strategies at member state level.

The session on accessing motorcycling, moderated by Werner De Dobbeleer, showed that there is a definite need to allow young riders to have experience on smaller bikes. The present accessing system also leads to a perceived discrimination against women candidates and there is an issue of unlicensed riders. There was criticism on the fact that PTW candidates have to take the test on a 'representative' bike, whereas this is not the case for car drivers. Since it seems that among EU politicians there is no appetite to have a 4th Driving Licence Directive, it was asked if there is any scope under the technical provisions to look at some of these issues, or whether amendments to the present Directive could bring a solution. Another issue is the possible correlation between power and collisions, especially as with greater power comes stronger acceleration. The need for improved rider training was mentioned, but for this to work, instructors have to be of the highest quality, and regularly re-certified.

The workshop was followed by a half-day debate session in the European Parliament on 3 February, where the RIDERSCAN outcomes were discussed with EP members and EU officials. The outcomes will be taken into account in the mid-term evaluation of the European Commission Road Safety Policy Orientations 2011-2020. The RIDERSCAN outcomes and the EMF 2015 Memorandum are available on www.fema-online.eu.

Werner De Dobbeleer
Press Officer, VSV

Image: Filip Van Look



MEMBERS

CIECA has come a long way since its inception in 1956. What started as a sort of an inward 'gentlemen's club' has developed into an international, outward-looking organization, with 70 members coming from 36 different countries, leading the field of driver testing in the world.

Almost all European countries are represented in our organization, without forgetting our members from Canada, Georgia, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, the Republic of Korea, Russia, Canada and the United States of America.

Since 2011, the CIECA membership has been steadily increasing mainly due to the adhesion of new Associated and Affiliated members which have enriched the expertise of our organization.

We expect that this trend will continue, and that the CIECA family will continue to expand across the globe.

Photo above: New CIECA members are given the opportunity to introduce themselves to the rest of their CIECA colleagues during the Members' Forum which takes place after the CIECA annual General Assembly. The photo above was taken during the Members' Forum on 5 June 2014, and it shows (left to right): Ann-Kristin Thomte (Nordic Union of Driving Schools, Norway), Rikke Mo Veie (Nord-Trøndelag University College, Norway), Pekka Ahlgren (Häme Vocational Institute, Finland), Jan Vissers (Royal HaskoningDHV Nederland B.V., The Netherlands), and Charles Johnson (CAS, UK).



CAS staff have been involved in research and development work concerning human factors in the transport sector, including road transport, since 1988. One of CAS's first projects was to develop a competence framework for drivers in the Kowloon Bus Company who were very concerned by the high accident rate involving their buses. CAS then formed a relationship with the Driving Standards Agency in the UK for whom we undertook a range of projects including the development of driver competence frameworks, driver teacher frameworks, competence-based driving tests and the assessment of driver attitudes. DSA encouraged us to get involved on their behalf

in various CIECA activities including contributions to the Expert Advisory Group (EAG), presentations to the CIECA Congress and other meetings and participation in other working groups. Through these activities, it soon became clear to us the value of belonging to a community like CIECA. It provides us with a network of invaluable contacts and with access to an important research database and expert advice and opinions which greatly help us in our work with clients. CAS continues to work extensively in the road transport sector both for Government agencies such as the Road Safety Authority in Ireland and the Highways Agency in the UK and with companies with a keen interest in road safety such as Serco Ltd., Rail Safety & Standards Board and Crossrail Ltd. Being part of CIECA helps us ensure that we are up to date with what is happening in the driver licensing, driving regulation and driving research worlds and, through this, to improve the service we provide to our clients.

**Charles Johnson,
Technical Director, CAS**

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Currently, there are four categories of CIECA members:

- **Effective members:** entities responsible for the regulation, execution or auditing of driving tests.
- **Associated members:** organizations involved in research, education and assessment activities related to the Association's competences that are willing to support CIECA's goals though they do not regulate, execute or audit driving tests.
- **Affiliated members:** international umbrella bodies involved in activities related to CIECA's objectives.
- **Honorary members:** persons who have made a particularly special contribution to CIECA.

EFFECTIVE MEMBERS

Georgia : LEPL Service Agency of MIA Georgia

Germany: DEKRA e.V.

Germany: Verband der Technischen Überwachungsvereine – VdTÜV e.V.

Great Britain: Driver & Vehicle Standards Agency - DVSA

Hungary: National Transport Authority, Department for Training and Examination - NTA

Ireland: Road Safety Authority - RSA

Kosovo: Ministry of Infrastructure

Latvia: Ministry of Transport, Road Traffic Safety Directorate

Lithuania: REGITRA State Enterprise

Luxembourg: Ministère du Développement durable et des Infrastructures

Luxembourg: Société Nationale de Circulation Automobile – SNCA

Malta: Transport Malta

Monaco: Ministère de l'Etat, Service des Titres de Circulation

The Netherlands: Centraal Bureau Rijvaardigheidsbewijzen - CBR

Northern Ireland: Driver and Vehicle Agency - DVA

Norway: Statens Vegvesen Vegdirektoratet (Norwegian Public Roads Administration)

Poland: Ministry of Transport, Construction and Maritime Economy

Portugal: Instituto da Mobilidade e dos Transportes Terrestres - IMTT

Portugal: Associação Nacional dos Industriais do Ensino de Condução Automóvel - ANIECA

Republic of Korea: Korea Road Traffic Authority - KoROAD

Romania: Ministry of Interior and Administration Reform, Driving Licence and Vehicle Registration

Spain: Dirección General de Tráfico – DGT, Road Education and Training Department

Austria: Bundesministerium für Verkehr, Innovation und Technologie – BmVIT

Belgium: Groupement des Entreprises agréées pour le contrôle automobile et le permis de conduire / Groepering van erkende ondernemingen voor autokeuring en rijbewijs – GOCA

Belgium: Departement Mobiliteit en Openbare Werken - Afdeling Beleid Mobiliteit en Verkeersveiligheid

Bulgaria: Ministry of Transport, Road Transport Administration

Canada: Société de l'Assurance Automobile du Québec - SAAQ

Croatia: Hrvatski Autoklub – HAK

Czech Republic: Ministry of Transport, Drivers' Administration Department

Denmark: Rigspolitiets Færdselsafdeling (Danish National Police)

Estonia: Estonian Road Administration

Faroe Islands: Akstovan

Finland: Finnish Transport Safety Agency - TraFi

France: Ministère de l'Intérieur, Délégation à la sécurité et à la circulation routières

Receiving the letter saying that CIECA had appointed me as an Honorary Member made me proud and happy. I am now in charge of the Norwegian Driving Schools Association. In this position, it would not have been possible for me to attend workshops and be part of the "CIECA family", but as Honorary Member the door to CIECA is open again. CIECA has grown to be the most important organization in Europe within the field of driving education and testing. The fact that almost every country in Europe is a member is of great value and you have high standing in DG Move who values the information from, and meetings with, CIECA. CIECA creates meeting points for members where we can discuss the situation in our countries and over the years these discussions have given a broader understanding of why driving education differs from one country to another. I believe in change, and to start processes of change it is necessary to start talking and to understand the background and history of developments in each country. CIECA has produced a wide range of reports



related to driving education, driver testing and traffic safety in general. As Honorary member I now have access to all reports produced over the years and they are still relevant when we discuss and look at the road ahead of us. CIECA has become more and more professional and I am impressed by how efficiently CIECA organizes workshops and events with very little resources. The workshops always have a relevant focus and being Honorary Member did open the door into good discussions. I learn a lot and I very much appreciate the opportunity to meet colleagues and friends. Over the years I have got to know many members and I always look forward to meet them again. The value of these relationships is not easy to describe, but it gives me a good and positive feeling of being part of the CIECA family. I am proud of how CIECA has developed into a professional organization and I am proud of being an Honorary Member of this organization.

Sonja Spørstol,
CIECA Honorary member

Sweden: Trafikverket (Swedish Transport Administration)

Sweden: Transportstyrelsen (Swedish Transport Agency)

Switzerland: Vereinigung der Strassenverkehrsämter (Association of Road Traffic Services) - ASA

Switzerland: Bundesamt für Straßen (Federal Roads Office) – ASTRA

Tunisia: Ministère du Transport, Direction Générale des Transports Terrestres

Tunisia: Agence Technique des Transports Terrestres – ATTT

United Arab Emirates: Ministry of Interior

United Arab Emirates: Roads & Transport Authority – RTA

ASSOCIATED MEMBERS

Association Centaure, France

CAS, UK

Confederación Nacional de Autoescuelas (National Confederation of Driving Schools) - CNAE, Spain

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Verkehrspsychologie e.V. (German Society for Traffic Psychology) – DGVP, Germany

Deutscher Verkehrssicherheitsrat (German Road Safety Council) – DVR, Germany

Ecole de Conduite Française – ECF, France

Häme Vocational Institute, Finland

Institut National de Sécurité Routière et de Recherches – INSERR, France

Instructional Technologies Inc., USA

jelly learn, UK

Kierowca – PL , Poland

Kosovo Association of Motorization-AMRKS, Kosovo

Kuratorium für Verkehrssicherheit (Austrian Road Safety Board) – KFV, Austria

Nord-Trøndelag University College, Norway

Pearson VUE, UK

Prometric, Ireland

Qeyadah Driving Solutions, United Arab Emirates

R&D Center for Driving – RDCD, Russia

Royal HaskoningDHV Nederland B.V.

The Forum of Mobility Centres, UK

TÜV | DEKRA arge tp 21, Germany

UAR Finland Oy, Finland

Vlaamse Stichting Verkeerskunde - VSV, Belgium

AFFILIATED MEMBERS

American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators – AAMVA, USA

European Driving Schools Association – EFA

European Transport Training Association - EuroTra

MOVING International Road Safety Association e.V.

Nordic Union of Driving Schools Associations

HONORARY MEMBERS

Mr. Jozef-Peter Vaessen, the Netherlands, former CIECA President

Mr. Willem Vanbroeckhoven, Belgium, former CIECA President

Mr. Jean-Pierre Fougère, France, former CIECA Secretary General-Treasurer

Mr. Peter Ripard, Malta, former CIECA Vice-President

Sonja Spørstol, Norway, former CIECA President



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CONGRESS

46TH CIECA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND CONGRESS 2014: HAZARD PERCEPTION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF SIMULATION TECHNIQUES IN THE THEORY AND PRACTICAL TESTS, DUBLIN (IRELAND) 4 - 6 JUNE 2014

The Road Safety Authority (RSA) in Ireland were delighted to have being afforded the opportunity to host the 46th Annual Congress in Dublin in 2014. During the course of the 45th Congress in Switzerland on behalf of the RSA Michael Dolan, Chief ADI Examiner, invited all delegates to Ireland for the 46th Congress and warned of typical Irish weather that would necessitate the bringing of umbrellas and wellington boots. However, we were indeed fortunate to see some rare sunny weather that allowed everyone to enjoy the best of what Dublin had to offer.

We enjoyed the 46th Congress in the historic surroundings of Dublin Castle. The congress itself was formerly opened on 6th June 2014 by Mr Leo Varadkar, Minister for Transport Tourism and Sport. The RSA provided delegates with examples of their work by displaying many of the Educational resources both in the foyer of the Congress and outside in the Castle Courtyard. It was not difficult to see why Ireland has

been enjoying such a great success with their Road Safety Strategy and delegates commented on the vast array of resources that the RSA had developed since it was first established in September 2006. In that time they have seen the road fatalities fall from 365 in 2006 to 196 in 2014, a reduction of 46%. However, the RSA are the first to say that there is still a long way to go and the continuation of working closely with CIECA with the sharing of knowledge and experience with its vast number of subject matter experts will assist them with seeing a further reduction in the number of fatalities and serious injuries on Irish roads.

The congress itself was extremely well organized under the direction of Michael Dolan who has been a regular contributor at CIECA events over the last number of years. He has got to know us and understand the philosophy of the CIECA family. Armed with that knowledge he and his team organized a splendid congress that was enjoyed by all who attended. Both





CIECA and the RSA received very positive feedback on all of the events including the formal and closing dinners as well as our social event trip to Glendalough.

At the closing dinner held at Ballsbridge Hotel in the city we all became expert Irish dancers with some obviously having had previous experience (Well done Irene!) In Switzerland we re-established an old tradition that involves the handing over of the flag to next hosts of the congress. In the photo on the right we can see Declan Naughton (Director RSA) passing over the CIECA flag to Jan Shepmann (VdTÜV, Germany) with the help of Kari Hakuli, CIECA President.





DDA WORKSHOP



I was invited to present, on behalf of the Forum of Mobility Centres (a network of disabled driver assessment centres across the UK) at a CIECA workshop on 26th November 2015 dealing with the needs of Disabled Drivers.

It was a stimulating workshop which focused on the current development of services for disabled people across Europe, the differences between standard driver testing and assessment and the need for common standards across Europe (with a particular focus on the role of the PORTARE Handbook of Disabled Driver Assessment as a step towards this). My contribution looked at the skill-sets and further training necessary to enable staff to assess the impact of a medical condition or disability on the driving task.

It was extremely encouraging to see strong representation from different countries within Europe and a willingness to share ideas and experience on the way forward.

There was collective agreement on the need to establish common standards that achieve the appropriate balance between the mobility needs of the individual disabled motorist and wider road safety concerns. The link between disability and ageing and the impact of an ageing population across Europe was also well understood.

It would be true to say that the Forum of Mobility Centres was initially a little hesitant about the role of CIECA in taking these developments forward. As a non-statutory, not for profit, organization representing a range of diverse mobility centres, we had concerns about being marginalised in the discussions, feared that the clinical nature of the assessment process would not be fully understood and felt that the focus of future standards may be based on a framework for testing rather than assessment.

However, we were genuinely encouraged by the openness of the discussion, the substantial expertise of the participants and the extent of common ground between us. We now believe that CIECA can play a central role in developing standards and were made to feel that our contribution would be valued and respected. We are delighted that the CIECA Board of Directors accepted our subsequent application for Associate Membership and look forward to close working in the future.

**Ed Passant, Chief Executive,
Forum of Mobility Centres**

The two first photos on the top left were taken during the Disabled Driver Assessment workshop that took place in the CBR Headquarters in Amsterdam on 26 November 2014. 36 CIECA members, and seven observers participated in this event. The first photo shows Regina McFadden (RSA) during the discussions. The next one shows Jos De Vries (CBR) during his presentation.

CATEGORY B REPORT

The Category B report which was previously edited in 2008 and 2010 is an overview of the category B (passenger) car licencing process in approximately 43 countries worldwide. The document provides information on the training, testing and probationary licencing systems in these countries, with a focus on training and practice, driving test, and post test.

CPC REPORT

The CPC report was written by Jean Pierre Fougère as a result of the CPC Workshop that was held in Mechelen (Belgium) on 13 November 2013. In this report, CIECA proposes three main avenues for further thoughts in order to improve the effectiveness of the Directive 2003/59/EC: a better harmonization, the improvement of the content of subjects listed in Annex 1 for the initial training, and the implementation of a quality assurance system.

During 2013 – 2014, the Secretariat was very busy completing all these reports which can be found on the member-only pages of the CIECA website.

REPORTS

DRIVER QUALIFICATION CARD REPORT

Following the request from CIECA members, the Secretariat updated the report published in 2011 concerning Driver Qualification Cards. The report gives an overview of the EU member states which decided to introduce the Driver Qualification Card and of those which preferred to affix the Community code to the driving licence. It also lists the different card formats that have been introduced until now.

MEDICAL REPORT

This report, entitled *The medical examination for driving licence applicants / holders in the EU*, is an updated version of the document published in 2010, and gives an overview of the most important differences in terms of the medical examination practices concerning the delivery and renewal of driving licences in the different Member States. This document also aims to outline the various current regulations concerning the form, the content and the procedure of the medical examination at the time of the issue of the driving licence.

TRACTOR REPORT

The report, written by Jean Pierre Fougère after the Tractor Workshop held in Brussels on 27 February 2014, offers a precise overview of the current situation on tractor issues among CIECA member countries. It intends to identify the measures taken in this domain and to draw lessons on the best practices observed, more particularly as regards the new legal and administrative context created by the Regulation (EU) n° 167/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 February 2013.

THE CIECA WEBSITE AND THE GUIDE ON DRIVER LICENCING

Collecting driver testing data and making it available to members is an integral component of the CIECA Strategy, and several advancements were made during the last years.

The Guide on Driver Licensing is an online database accessible only to members. It is an information tool which contains all sorts of driver testing information and contains approximately 50,000 records. The information contained in this database is provided by effective members and updated by them on a regular basis. Members can request reports drawn from the data in the major areas of interest: the driving licence, the theory test, the practical test, test centres, examiners, legislation, etc.

The Secretariat also collects driver training and testing information on behalf of its members, analyses it, and produces a report which is sent back to members and other stakeholders who have a legitimate interest in it.

The reports are available in the A-Z section of the CIECA website, and the data collected through the questionnaires is entered in the Guide on Driver Licensing.



In 2014-2015, the Secretariat processed 25 queries from members covering a wide range of topics in the field of driver training and testing:

1. Theory test in foreign languages (GOCA, Belgium) - June 2014
2. Disabled licencing procedures and driving test (LEPL, Georgia) - June 2014
3. Candidate's level of education (Ministry of Internal Affairs Romania) - June 2014
4. Alcolocks (Polish Ministry of Infrastructure and Development, Poland) - June 2014
5. Itebank confidentiality (CBR, the Netherlands) - August 2014
6. Expiry and renewal of driving licences (RSA, Ireland) - August 2014
7. Driver's licence renewal (RTA Dubai) - August 2014
8. Recognition of driving licence from Canada (RSA, Ireland) - August 2014
9. Eligibility for tractors and bicycles (Swedish Transport Agency) - August 2014
10. Re-licencing offenders (DVSA, Great Britain) - September 2014
11. Guide Fees - September 2014
12. Dubai Driverless Cars Centralized Training Academy (RTA Dubai) - September 2014
13. Driving Licence Retention (RSA, Ireland) - October 2014
14. Survey about the CIECA website - December 2014
15. Exemptions from the Driver CPC qualification (ASTRA, Switzerland) - December 2014
16. Dates of driving tests (DGT, Spain) - January 2015
17. Guide Pass Rates - January 2015
18. Guide Statistics - January 2015
19. Post licensing measures (KoRoad, Korea) - January 2015
20. Elderly driver's licence renewal (Ministry of Transport, Czech Republic) - January 2015
21. Cycling safety policies in the EU (Moving / Etrasa) - January 2015
22. Motorcycle safety (RIDERSCAN project) - January 2015
23. Weight requirement for test vehicles and vehicle/trailer combinations (DVSA, Great Britain) - February 2015
24. Update Medical Report - February 2015
25. Security survey (CBR, the Netherlands) - March 2015

THE CIECA STRUCTURE

CIECA is a member-based organization, with the following structure:

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly consists of all CIECA member organizations and is the highest decision-making body within CIECA. The financial accounts and activity report of the Permanent Bureau (Board) need to be approved by the General Assembly. The appointment of members of the Permanent Bureau and any changes to the CIECA Articles of Association (Statutes) must be approved by the General Assembly. The General Assembly is normally convened once a year.

PERMANENT BUREAU (THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

The Permanent Bureau is the executive body of CIECA and is responsible for the management of the organization. The Permanent Bureau (Directors) consists of the President, the Secretary General-Treasurer, and a maximum of seven Vice-Presidents (one of whom is appointed by the Board as First Vice-President). Directors are nominated by effective members. The Permanent Bureau meets on average five times a year to discuss ongoing affairs and can meet ad hoc whenever it is necessary.

EXPERT ADVISORY GROUP

The Expert Advisory Group (EAG) is a permanent group whose members come from different Effective member organizations. Members are appointed by the Permanent Bureau, which also approves its work programme. The EAG acts as a source of technical and professional advice, and it helps with studies, workshops, the preparation of the Congress, and also provides an audit service of their driving test systems to members.

THEORY TEST ADVISORY GROUP

Set up in 2010, the Theory Test Advisory Group (TAG) acts as a source of professional and technical advice for CIECA in matters of theoretical and computer-based assessment and supporting education.

SECRETARIAT

The Secretariat is the body responsible for the day-to-day operations, administration and monitoring of the delivery of strategic objectives of CIECA. It provides support to the Board in their administrative work and assists all other bodies in their functioning. The Secretariat is led by the Business Manager.



I am a driver training and testing specialist, and I have been a CIECA Vice-President since 2010. I was also the Secretary General-Treasurer of the organization for one year and a half until 2012. My special areas of expertise are the 2003/59/EC (CPC) and the 2006/126/EC (3DLD) Directives, and I have made several presentations on these topics at several events.

For 10 years now, CIECA has provided me with the opportunity to get involved in its development by participating in exchanges of knowledge and experiences with other CIECA members. I was always glad to share my expertise and experiences as a driving instructor and a driving test examiner in categories "A to Z", but these exchanges have also enriched my own insight so that I have

been able to bring back to my country lots of information.

I thank all the CIECA members for all I have learnt from them. I was always a proud representative of the organization and I hope to have been a worthy CIECA member.

From 1st June this year, I will go back to the 'training side' of this profession, and I will leave behind the 'testing' bit.

However, I will keep my contact with CIECA as I am going to work for an organization which is a CIECA member as well, so I might see you again! Thank you all, it has been a pleasure!

Tamás Hima
CIECA Vice-President



THE PERMANENT BUREAU

During the last CIECA General Assembly held in Dublin, Kari Hakuli, saw his re-election as CIECA President. Pat Travers from the Road Safety Authority (RSA, Ireland) who had been appointed as interim Vice-President at the end of 2013, was appointed Vice-President during the same event.

The Permanent Bureau is at the moment composed by the following representatives of CIECA Effective members:

- Kari Hakuli (Trafi, Finland) – President
- René Claesen (Centraal Bureau Rijvaardigheidsbewijzen, the Netherlands) – Deputy President and acting Secretary-General Treasurer
- Tamás Hima (National Transport Authority, Hungary) – Vice-President
- Dr. Roland Krause (Dekra, Germany) – Vice-President
- Jacques Quoirin (GOCA, Belgium) – Vice-President
- Pavel Nahodil (Ministry of Transport of the Czech Republic) – Vice-President
- Pat Travers (Road Safety Authority, Ireland) – Vice-President

Since the last Congress in Dublin in 2014, the Board members took steps to position CIECA to confront existing and emerging challenges.

In addition to following up the day-to-day business of the organization, the Board of Directors paid special attention to:

- actions to contain expenditure, to improve budget and accountability;
- actions to transform CIECA through improvements in governance and operational effectiveness;
- follow-up of CIECA Strategy for the period up to 2020;
- follow-up of the preparations of the 2015 Congress in Berlin;
- overview of the activities organized by the Secretariat, including the Road User Education Project and the European project RIDERSCAN, and the activities of the EAG and the TAG.

CIECA IN EXTERNAL EVENTS

- EFA Meeting, 8 – 9 October 2014, Reykjavík, Iceland (Participation of Jacques Quoirin, CIECA Vice-President).
- Workshop in preparation of the mid-term evaluation of Commission road safety policy orientations 2011-2020, European Commission, 17 November 2014, Brussels, Belgium (Participation of Augusta Sica, CIECA Business Manager).
- Presentation of the DEKRA Road Safety Report 2014 – Urban Mobility, 19 November 2014, Brussels, Belgium (Participation of Augusta Sica and Eva Mateo, CIECA Business and Programme Managers).
- Seminar on Driver licencing procedures in accordance with European standards, European Commission's DG Enlargement, 30 January 2015, Tbilisi, Georgia (Presentation by Tamás Hima, CIECA Vice-President).
- 2015 CITA Conference: 'Enhancing the value of vehicle inspection', 14 – 16 April 2015, Dubai, UAE (Presentation by Kari Hakuli, CIECA President).

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BUDGET AND REALIZATIONS FOR 2014

The year 2014 ended with a good financial result. Although CIECA is a not-for-profit organization, a positive result is important for investment in the improvement of services. The Secretary-General Treasurer and the Business Manager monitor costs and expenses on a monthly basis.

OPERATING INCOME	REALIZATION 2013	BUDGET 2014	REALIZATION 2014
Membership fees	412,121.00	415,000.00	429,933.21
Other income (Bank interest, research projects, events, etc)	489.97	1,500.00	4,256.69
Ecowill project	14,258.29		
Services rendered to third parties	37,366.34		
Total operating Income	464,235.60	416,500.00	434,189.90
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Personnel	230,615.28	240,000.00	211,733.32
Services	27,112.88	30,000.00	29,822.15
Accomodation Brussels office	30,368.14	32,000.00	29,810.18
Office service costs	13,601.22	13,000.00	11,090.81
Travel & accomodation Secretariat	21,910.46	20,000.00	12,784.63
Congress	49,887.96		
Activities congress/workshop and visits	39,831.03	20,000.00	4,715.42
Permanent Advisory Groups		15,000.00	8,149.72
Representation and marketing	4,406.73	5,000.00	3,154.59
Board representation costs		1,000.00	1,019.05
Contingency		10,000.00	8,179.00
Other charges	14,556.24		722.84
VAT		16,000.00	6,677.07
Communal taxes		4,800.00	7,255.65
Total operating expenditures	432,289.94	406,800.00	335,114.43
Total operating income	464,235.60	416,500.00	434,189.90
Total operating expenditures	432,289.94	406,800.00	335,114.43
Economic result	31,945.66	9,700.00	99,075.47
Depreciation	5,061.38	5,000.00	4,496.51
Financial charges			664.80
Extraordinary charges			2,917.00
Taxes			6.49
Risk provision Nov-Ev		0.00	
Risk provision doubtful customers	-14,667.77	0.00	
Provision vacation Y+1	28,914.36	28,900.00	24,333.97
Provision vacation Y	17,220.80	-28,900.00	-17,220.80
Financial result	23,910.07	4,700.00	83,877.50

NEWS FROM THE SECRETARIAT

AUGUSTA SICA, CIECA BUSINESS MANAGER

Augusta joined us in September 2014 and took the reins of CIECA and its Secretariat, where she shares the office with Blanka Wirth and Eva Mateo. She has been very busy getting to know the organization and setting up an interesting programme for all the CIECA members. She has taken one minute to give us some information about herself.

Where are you from?

I am from Caserta, a very nice place in the South of Italy.

Who would you want with you if you were stranded on a deserted island?

My boyfriend, of course.

If you could do anything you wanted right now, what would it be?

I would like to go to the sea and swim.

Where do you most want to travel, but have never been?

After 8 years in Brussels, the Caribbean!

What is your favourite memory?

I have many, life has been generous with me. However, one of my favorite memories is of my childhood, and it is the image of my grandmother sewing.

What is your favourite book?

The picture of Dorian Grey by Oscar Wilde.

What has been your biggest challenge?

Every day there is a new challenge!

What does your perfect day look like?

Friends, good food and good wine, a chat and a laugh. That is a perfect day!

University or life experience, which do you feel best prepares you for life?

Life experience, no doubt! But study is an important instrument to understand life better.

If you were to create a piece of art, what would the subject be?

Human beings. There is nothing more complex and more fascinating than humans.

If you could go back in time, what year would you travel to?

2007: the first year I was in Brussels, I was young, enthusiastic and joyful. The most enjoyable year of my life.

What does your life say about you?

That I always fought for what I wanted to achieve, and that I got what I have by force of will, determination and passion.

How would your friends describe you?

One of my best friends says: trustworthy, funny, a safe harbour, fairly apprehensive (only if she loves you)... but don't mess with her....!!

What do you think of CIECA?

Difficult to say without sounding phony, but it is a very professional organization, a motivating environment with interesting people and the best experts of the sector. I am proud to be a part of it.

What do you enjoy most of CIECA?

The smile of my colleagues in the morning when I arrive at the office, and more in general the family environment, the kindness of people and the after work dinners with the members!

MOMENTS 2014-2015



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