

# Newsletter

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## 3RD CHINA NATIONAL TRAFFIC SAFETY DAY

Last December all 37 primary schools of AIP Foundation's *Walk Wise* program in Kai County, China took part in pedestrian safety activities to celebrate China's 3rd National Traffic Safety Day. Together with Chevron, AIP Foundation organized the highly successful Walking School Bus for schools, in which a group of students and supervisors walk along safe walking routes to school, carrying road safety message signs to share with the community. The Walking School Bus increases community awareness of pedestrian safety and helps to ensure children get to and from school safely.



More information: <http://asiainjury.org/news/aip-foundation-celebrates-chinas-3rd-national-traffic-safety-day-with-walking-school-bus/>

## CHINA LAUNCHES FIRST NATIONAL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT WEBSITE

The Ministry of Public Security (MPS) kicked off the first nationwide traffic management website on Tuesday, according to a ministry announcement. Coinciding with the country's annual "Traffic Safety Day," the website [www.122.cn](http://www.122.cn) will provide real time traffic data to the public, especially useful for private car users. The website will base its data on the information collected and reported by the nation's 270,000 traffic policemen and video surveillance records to better guarantee traffic safety. The public can instantly consult with traffic police online and learn about hot topics and events in traffic control, said Head of the Traffic Bureau of the MPS. The traffic department will also make policy and enforcement adjustments in line with the suggestions submitted online.

Furthermore, the website will also play a role in road safety education, giving traffic knowledge lectures and safe travel tips to the public.

More information: [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-12/02/c\\_133827597.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-12/02/c_133827597.htm)

## COMMISSIONER VIOLETA BULC: ROAD SAFETY EU PRIORITY

Commissioner for Transport Violeta Bulc makes road safety a priority in EU transport policy. She made the following statement: "The World Day of Remembrance gives us a painful but necessary reminder that working towards improving road safety is a never ending process. It is clear that we have come a long way, but more needs to be done."



That is why I would like to take this opportunity to personally pledge to make road safety one of my top priorities as the European Transport Commissioner. I hope that I can count on you to work actively together with the European Commission, to help make our roads safer in Europe. Together we can save thousands of lives."

## DAKAR 2015 TESTING GROUND FOR ROAD SAFETY



As an example of how Dakar 2015 contributes to improving safety, speed limiters were built into the Mini and trucks from the Dutch team. Along the routes in the villages strict speed limits of 30 or 50 km / h are applicable to the participants of Dakar. It is

good that the speed in the villages is decreasing through a speed limiter. It is expected that the system will be applied within a few years in the Dutch and European road transport. Also good experiences were gained through a measuring system for tire pressure. 90% of the trucks driving with low tire pressure. Blowouts and overheating of the tires are one of the greatest losses in road transport. Not only by the downtime or any damage to the truck, but also because of (fatal) injuries of other drivers after a crash. Crashes also have a significant financial and economic impact by causing congestions.

## 50% OF YOUNG VICTIMS OF FATAL CRASHES IN NINE U.S. STATES USED ALCOHOL OR MARIJUANA

Half of young drivers who died in car crashes in U.S. states such as California, Hawaii and West Virginia were under the influence of either alcohol or marijuana, or both, according to statistics for fatal road accidents involving 16- to 25-year olds in nine U.S. states.

These nine states all routinely perform toxicological tests on the blood or urine specimens of drivers who die in car crashes. Overall, 50.3 percent of the deceased tested positive for alcohol, marijuana or both. Of these, 36.8 percent were under the influence of alcohol, 5.9 percent used only marijuana and 7.6 percent used both substances.

More information: [www.mailman.columbia.edu](http://www.mailman.columbia.edu)



### THIRD UN GLOBAL ROAD SAFETY WEEK 4-10 MAY 2015

# #SaveKidsLives

UN global road safety weeks are called upon by governments through UN General Assembly resolutions. As milestone events on the global road safety calendar, UN global road safety weeks serve as important platforms for concerted advocacy and give added impetus to the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020 and its goal: saving 5 million lives.

The global campaign for the Third UN Global Road Safety Week, 4-10 May 2015, on the theme children and road safety is: #SaveKidsLives. The campaign seeks to highlight the plight of children on the world's roads; generate action to better ensure their safety; and promote the inclusion of safe and sustainable transport in the post-2015 development agenda.

More information: <http://www.who.int/roadsafety/week/2015/en/>

The centrepiece of the #SaveKidsLives campaign is a child declaration, developed with input from children around the world. The campaign invites all road safety policy-makers and advocates to "sign it", "show it", and "deliver it" to those in charge of road safety in countries and communities during the Week. We encourage all of you to join the campaign yourselves and encourage your partners to do so, by spreading the word about the campaign through your respective networks.



More information: <http://www.savekidslives2015.org/>

### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND ROAD SAFETY



One of the main outcomes of the Rio+20 Conference was the agreement by member States to launch a process to develop a set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which will build upon the Millennium Development Goals and converge with the

post 2015 development agenda. It was decided establish an "inclusive and transparent intergovernmental process open to all stakeholders, with a view to developing global sustainable development goals to be agreed by the General Assembly" Information on the different work streams can be found on the below mentioned website.

More information

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?menu=1561>

### TRAVEL SAFETY TIPS FOR WINTER ROAD TRIPS

Elaine Schoch from Carpe Travel shared some of winter road trip tips. She describes 5 categories of tips:

1. Prepare your vehicle for winter;
2. Follow winter driving recommendations;
3. Carry emergency supplies;
4. Pack a survival kit;
5. Stay calm if stranded.



Detailed information for each category can be find on the website of Carpe Travel.

More information: <http://carpe-travel.com/?s=winter+road+trip+tips>

### TRANSFORMING TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE 2015



Transforming Transportation 2015 examined how smart, connected urban mobility can improve quality of life in cities. Through panels and presentations, the conference has addressed how the upcoming United

Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) impact urban transport, with an emphasis on data and technology, governance, and international financial flows.

More information: <http://live.worldbank.org/transforming-transportation-2015>

### WEIGHTS AND DIMENSIONS OF TRUCKS LEGISLATION IN EU

The amendments to the Weights and Dimensions of trucks legislation that has been ongoing in Brussels for the past couple of years is finally coming to a close. There is disappointment that negotiations between the Council, Parliament and Commission concluded that safety and environmental design changes to the front of the lorry cab will not be possible before 2022.



The agreement, which still has to be formally agreed by member states on Friday December 12<sup>th</sup> and by plenary vote at Parliament, will mean that a manufacturer will be allowed to increase the length of the cab to improve safety and environmental performance. The European Transport Safety Council (ETSC) said that the EU deal to postpone new rules enabling lorry designs is a setback for road safety. (Briefing: [Weights and Dimensions of Heavy Goods Vehicles – Maximising Safety](#)).

More information: <http://www.ecf.com/advocary/road-safety/mega-trucks/>  
[http://archive.etsc.eu/documents/PIN\\_Annual\\_report\\_2013\\_web.pdf](http://archive.etsc.eu/documents/PIN_Annual_report_2013_web.pdf)

### AGENDA

European Motorcyclists' Forum 2015

2-3 February 2015, Brussels-Belgium

More information: [www.fema-online.eu](http://www.fema-online.eu)

Excellence in Road Safety Awards 2015

4 February 2015, Brussels-Belgium

More information:

[www.ercharter.eu/en/excellence-road-safety-awards](http://www.ercharter.eu/en/excellence-road-safety-awards)

Winter Cycling Congress 2015

10-12 February 2015, Leeuwarden-The Netherlands

More information: [www.wintercyclingcongress2015.org](http://www.wintercyclingcongress2015.org)

Technical Conference on Road Infrastructure Safety Equipment

12-12 February 2015, Athens-Greece

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4<sup>th</sup> Global Road Safety Film Festival

13-14 February 2015, Casablanca-Morocco

More information: [life@roadsafetyfilm.org](mailto:life@roadsafetyfilm.org)

IRF Road Safety Challenge for Africa  
11-12 March 2015, Addis Ababa-Ethiopia  
More information: [www.irfnet.ch](http://www.irfnet.ch)

4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Global Alliance for Road Safety NGOs  
13-14 March 2015, Marrakech-Morocco  
More information: [globalmeeting2015@roadsafetynbos.org](mailto:globalmeeting2015@roadsafetynbos.org)

Safer Roads by Design: Across Six Continents  
15-25 March 2015, Kuala Lumpur-Malaysia  
More information: [info@irfnews.org](mailto:info@irfnews.org)

70<sup>th</sup> Session Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (UNECE-WP1)  
23-26 March 2015, Geneva-Switzerland  
More information: [www.unece.org](http://www.unece.org)

21<sup>st</sup> Meeting United Nations Road Safety Collaboration  
26-27 March 2015, Geneva-Switzerland  
More information: [www.who.int/roadsafety/en](http://www.who.int/roadsafety/en)

EENA Conference 2015  
22-24 April 2015, Bucharest-Romania  
More information: [tc@eena.org](mailto:tc@eena.org)

International Conference on "Road Safety in Local Community"  
22-25 April 2015, Kragujevac-Serbia  
More information: [www.bbn.co.rs](http://www.bbn.co.rs)

International Symposium on Road Safety Behaviour,  
Measurements and Indicators  
23 April 2015, Brussels-Belgium  
[www.conference.brsi.be](http://www.conference.brsi.be)

3<sup>rd</sup> International Exhibition for Traffic Management  
27-29 April 2015, Moscow-Russia  
More information: [expotraffic@mackbrooks.com](mailto:expotraffic@mackbrooks.com)

GRSP Asia Pacific Seminar and iRAP Workshop  
28-30 April 2015, Manila-Philippines  
More information: [www.grsproadsafety.org](http://www.grsproadsafety.org)

3<sup>rd</sup> UN Global Road Safety Week 2015  
4-10 May 2015 Theme: Children and Road Safety  
More information: [www.who.int/roadsafety/week](http://www.who.int/roadsafety/week)  
[sminkeyl@who.int](mailto:sminkeyl@who.int)

International Transport Forum Annual Summit 2015  
27-29 May 2015, Leipzig-Germany  
More information:  
[www.internationaltransportforum.org/2015](http://www.internationaltransportforum.org/2015)

Velo-City 2015  
2-5 June 2015, Nantes-France  
More information: [clc@claudelisbonis.com](mailto:clc@claudelisbonis.com); [e.baltatzi@ecf.com](mailto:e.baltatzi@ecf.com)

Autonomous Vehicle Symposium 2015  
16-18 June 2015, Stuttgart-Germany  
More information: [www.autonomousvehiclesymposium.com](http://www.autonomousvehiclesymposium.com)

Senior Road Executives Training Programme 2015  
22 June – 4 July 2015, Birmingham-United Kingdom  
More information: [newsletter@irfnet.ch](mailto:newsletter@irfnet.ch)

7<sup>th</sup> International Scientific Conference CAR 2015  
9-11 July 2015, Bucharest-Romania  
More information: <http://car.utcb.ro>  
[Carmen@cfdp.utcb.ro](mailto:Carmen@cfdp.utcb.ro)

TRANSED 2015 International Conference on Mobility and  
Transport of Elderly and Disabled Persons  
28-31 July 2015, Lisbon-Portugal  
More information: [www.transed2015.com](http://www.transed2015.com)

Road Safety Course Delft  
14-25 September 2015, Delft-The Netherlands  
More information: <http://delftroadsafetycourse.org>

1<sup>st</sup> Europe & Central Asia Regional IRF Conference  
15-18 September 2015, Istanbul-Turkey  
More information: [www.irfnews.org](http://www.irfnews.org)

18th International IEEE Congress on Intelligent Transport  
Systems  
15-18 September 2015, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria-Spain  
More information: [www.itsc2015.org](http://www.itsc2015.org)

71<sup>st</sup> Session Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (UNECE-WP1)  
5-7 October 2015, Geneva-Switzerland  
More information: [www.unece.org](http://www.unece.org)

International Conference on ITS and Safe Mobility &  
International Workshop on Youth and Road Safety  
2-6 November 2015, Abu Dhabi-United Arab Emirates  
More information: [etss@etss.ae](mailto:etss@etss.ae); [joopgoos@lapri.info](mailto:joopgoos@lapri.info)

25th World Road Congress  
2-5 November 2015, Seoul-South Korea  
More information: [www.piarcseoul2015.org/wrcs](http://www.piarcseoul2015.org/wrcs)

World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims  
15 November 2015  
More information: [www.worlddayofremembrance.org](http://www.worlddayofremembrance.org)

2<sup>nd</sup> Global High-Level Conference on Road Safety  
18-19 November 2015, Brasilia-Brazil  
More information: [www.who.int/roadsafety/decade\\_of\\_action/en](http://www.who.int/roadsafety/decade_of_action/en)  
[sminkeyl@who.int](mailto:sminkeyl@who.int)

2<sup>nd</sup> International Traffic Safety Forum on Youth and Traffic Safety  
23-25 November 2015, Dammam-Saudi Arabia  
More information: [www.salamh.org.sa](http://www.salamh.org.sa) and  
[forum2015@salamh.org](mailto:forum2015@salamh.org)

3<sup>rd</sup> Conference of Transportation Research Group of India  
17-20 December 2015, Joy Kolkata-India  
More information: [www.trgindia.org/trg\\_conference\\_2015/](http://www.trgindia.org/trg_conference_2015/)

12<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion  
18-21 September 2016, Tampere-Finland  
More information: [www.who.int](http://www.who.int), [dufaysh@who.int](mailto:dufaysh@who.int)

18<sup>th</sup> IRF World Meeting  
14-17 November 2017, New Delhi-India  
More information: [www.irfnet.ch](http://www.irfnet.ch)