



## **OUR GOALS OF SAFER DRIVERS BY TRAINING AND TESTING**

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**Closing by CIECA President Elect Kari Hakuli**

Ladies and gentlemen,

The International Congress on “achieving our goals of safer drivers by training and testing” is now drawing to a close. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the European Commission and all the speakers for your valuable contributions in making this event a great success.

I hope this day has been informative for everyone here and that you will be able to make the most from the sessions you attended. Through a wide range of lectures and discussions, we have been presented with new ways to deal with some of the challenges in our profession. I hope that you shared your experiences and expertise with other participants from near and far, and that a strong connection between us all here has now been reinforced.

I am delighted about the quality of the presentations that we have had today. CIECA’s mission is to give value to its members. I hope you agree with me that bringing together this range of informed persons from a variety of disciplines shows exactly how CIECA should develop in the future with our broader agenda for promoting driver standards through education and assessment.

All of the material presented today will be put on-line on the public CIECA website.

Yesterday we took the important step of allowing CIECA to have a wider range of members from driver education and from research, from service providers.

I hope that today’s fine congress will encourage many of you in this hall to look closely at a membership arrangement with CIECA. We shall be publishing details how this will be administered.

It is always dangerous to pick out individuals. But let conclude by offering a few special thanks.

- My thanks to Transport Malta of course ;
- A very special thank you to Peter Ripard and Konrad Pule, who I am pleased could be here today. Please convey my thanks to your CEO Stanley Portelli for making this such a memorable event ;
- Thank you to the CIECA Expert Advisory Group for helping shape this programme ;
- Thank you Transport Malta's very own staff for their hard work ;
- We are also very grateful to the translators and technicians ;
- Thank you to my CIECA colleagues on the Permanent Bureau, the Secretariat and of course you our members and guests.
- And finally thank you to my predecessor Sonja Sporstøl, for her leadership that has taken CIECA to where it is today and handing it over to me in such good health.

We at CIECA look forward to seeing you all again at our 2012 congress!

Thank you and have a safe journey back!

Kari Hakuli

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