ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017





Dear Members,

It's time for me to pass the torch to a new CIECA President, and as my term as such comes to an end, I would like to share what an honour it has been to work with an organization that has placed the importance of road safety in all its member countries at the forefront of their work since its inception in 1956.

I would also like to share my infinite gratitude to all CIECA Members as for one more year, they contributed to our organization: our activities in 2016 would not have been the absolute success they were without the collaboration of all our members. I would also like to thank everyone on the Bureau Permanent and the Secretariat who strived to make our ambitious 2016 – 2017 calendar a reality. Their commitment to CIECA and their contributions to our activities are also responsible for our success. Something of note that I have learned during my time as President is just how much road safety experts try to transform their own organizations to meet the needs of the citizens in their own countries. When our organizations share these changes with each other, the value is immeasurable, and it is proof that in times of budget cuts and social challenges, our community ensures that road safety remains at the heart of all our organizations, with CIECA converted in a vibrant, information-sharing platform.

The long term safety trend in road safety figures, especially in Europe, has been very positive due to the measures adopted over the past decade in many countries around the world. Within the context of the EU target to reduce by half road casualties between 2010 and 2020, there is still work to be done, and in 2017, CIECA will step to the front once more in order to provide all the services that our members need so they continue with their efforts to improve the protection of all road users. The ambitious CIECA strategy set up by our organization until 2020 will also provide the necessary guidance to continue rising to all the challenges that our sector might face in the near and long-term future.

It has been an absolute pleasure to serve all CIECA Members in all my capacities through all these years, and I wish my successor all the best in his/her new role leading CIECA into the future.

Kari Hakuli CIECA President

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HIGHLIGHTS IN 2016 - 2017

CIECA CONGRESS IN MADRID

From 6 to 8 June 2016, the Dirección General de Tráfico (DGT) hosted the 48th CIECA Congress entitled How best to prepare young people to be safe and responsible drivers for now and for the future.



3 NEW MEMBERS JOINED CIECA

- LIITU, Finland
- Opus Inspection, USA
- Vehicle Testing New Zealand (VTNZ)

AUDITS AND CONSULTANCY SERVICES

26 – 29 September 2016: EAG and TAG audit of the driving licencing system in Finland.

14 – 15 February 2017: EAG and TAG visit to the Service Agency of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia.



CIECA – CITA WORKSHOP

11 October 2016: New technologies and disabled drivers.

TRACTOR WORKSHOP

15 November 2016: CIECA organized a second event on this topic held at the premises of our Effective Member, the CBR in Alkmaar, the Netherlands.



EAG WORKSHOP

23 March 2017: How far is a driving test from a normal driving and how can the practical test be developed into a more "natural" driving experience?



TAG WORKSHOP

25 & 26 April 2017: The Driving Theory Test: Consideration of Special Needs Requirements.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW GUIDE ON DRIVER LICENSING

The Guide on Driver Licensing is under development, and very soon you will be able to consult the new guide ,export the information, update the data, and create your questionnaires directly in the website.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

In financial terms, 2016 was another good year for our organization.

Expert Advisory Group

The Expert Advisory Group (EAG) is a permanent group consisting of experts from different CIECA Effective Member organisations. 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.

The group at the moment consists of the following members:

- Per Gunnar Veltun (Norwegian Public Roads Administration)
 FAG Chairman
- Per-Olof Nilsson (Trafikverket, Sweden)
- Han Rietman (CBR, the Netherlands)
- Saulius Šuminas (REGITRA State Enterprise, Lithuania)
- Elina Uusitalo (TraFl, Finland)
- Lesley Young (DVSA, UK)
- Liesbeth Vermeren (GOCA, Belgium)
- Philippe Usson (Ministry of Interior, France)
- Marcellus Kaup (TÜV SÜD, Germany)

EAG visit to Georgia Tbilisi, 14 – 16 February 2017

The MIA Service Agency became a CIECA Effective Member in 2014, and since then, has been actively cooperating with the organization. The Service Agency has participated in various congresses and workshops organized by the International Commission for Driver Testing.

Members of the EAG, together with Lauris Kumpins, one of the TAG representatives, visited the Service Agency of Georgia last February.

Within the frames of the visit, the Ministry of Internal Affairs hosted the CIECA delegation whose members met with the Deputy Ministers of Internal Affairs, Shalva Khutsishvili and Davit Vardiashvili. During the meeting, Shalva Khutsishvili informed the experts about reforms and innovative projects implemented by the Service Agency. Both delegations also discussed other issues related to move the practical driving test from an enclosed compound into normal traffic conditions.

Within the frames of the visit, members of the CIECA delegation visited the headquarters of the Service Agency and got acquainted with the services on the ground. Along with the director of the agency, Nika Gelashvili, the experts discussed traffic safety and driver license granting procedures. Members of the delegation shared international and European experiences with the Georgian side on driver license issuing mechanisms and reviewed latest methods on the same matter.

The CIECA experts also held meetings with representatives of non-governmental organizations working in the field of traffic safety, where topical issues were discussed.

Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia





EAG audit in Finland

Helsinki, 27 – 29 September 2016

It was 2003 when Trafi had an EAG audit for the last time. Back then, we had already launched a project to develop the quality of the practical exams. After that audit, we knew what kind of exams we had and what we should do to develop them further. More than 10 years later, we have once more launched another project to reformulate the Finnish driver education and examination system. To start such a development project, it is vital to know which is our current situation. It is always easier to choose a direction to follow when you know where you are. The EAG gave us some valuable tips about the direction to take.

The EAG offered a very good overview of our strengths and weaknesses comparing it to other CIECA countries, taking also into account the results of the audit that took place in 2003. It doesn't matter how familiar you are with your own system, as this type of activity is always an eye-opening experience. It was very useful for our development project. In all fairness, we had a very accurate idea of our situation, and the audit also strengthens our vision of the work we should undertake. At this moment, we are going to introduce a new system, and once everything is settled, we will consider the services of the EAG once more to collect their feedback on the achievement of our goals.

I recommend all CIECA Effective Members to carry out the audit every now and then. Personally, it was also a very positive and satisfying experience.

Mika Hotti Special Adviser, Trafi



CBR and **TAG** in driverless cars

It goes without saying that driverless cars will have major consequences for all road users. This is why CBR is hard at work exploring the possibilities of that future reality, including at European level with CIECA, the European umbrella association for driving test institutes. On 5 October 2016, CBR welcomed members of the CIECA Theory Advisory Group in Eindhoven for an inspiring visit.

Our counterpart testing institutes throughout Europe are facing the same significant challenges. 'The Netherlands is a small country,' noted Petra Delsing, CEO of CBR, during her welcome speech, we know better than anyone that we have to work together in order to prepare ourselves for this upheaval and, as a result, preserve road safety. That is why I am delighted to see you all here today.'

It is clear that learner drivers will, for the time being at least, still have to take their regular theory and practical exams until driverless cars become commonplace. The question in the meantime is if we should continue to test whether an individual is able to recognise road signs, considering that cars will soon be able to react to priority signs independently. It will not be long before roads and cars will be able to communicate with one another.

To gain a brief glimpse into the future, the group visited the Automotive Campus in Helmond. The guests were keen to make use of that opportunity. They were able to experience what it feels like to drive in a convoy with a headway distance of 0.3 seconds, i.e. extremely short. An interesting aspect was that the 'drivers' of the driverless cars had all taken extra driving skills training. 'You do, of course, need to be able to react quickly if the car turns out not to be as autonomous as intended.'

It is for this reason that the CBR presented its new theory system (introduced two years ago) to the representatives of the member states. This system offers numerous possibilities for modernising theory exams, e.g. new question types such as the drag-and-drop question that the CBR is set to introduce soon. This provides CBR with the technology it needs to keep up with the exponential technological developments happening around us.

Mika Hotti, the Finnish chairman of TAG summed up the day as follows: 'It was an inspiring day. It gave us much think about and a lot to discuss.'







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. The Theory Test Advisory Group is chaired by Mika Hotti, and currently the group consists of the following members:

- · Mika Hotti (Trafi, Finland) Chairman
- Josée Noe (GOCA, Belgium)
- · Dr. Sinan Alispahić (HAK, Croatia)
- Sanja Brnadić Zoranić (HAK, Croatia)
- Julien Duval (DSCR, France)
- Jan Schepmann (VdTÜV, Germany)
- · Guy Chamberlain (DVSA, Great Britain)
- · Lauris Kumpins (Ministry of Transport, Latvia)
- · Algimantas Tarabilda (Regitra State Enterprise, Lithuania)
- Karsten Nikolaisen (NPRA, Norway)
- Miguel Ángel Redondo (DGT, Spain)
- Mikael Stenberg (Transportstyrelsen, Sweden)
- Jasmine Atmaca (ASA, Switzerland)
- · Harold Bekhuis (CBR the Netherlands)
- Lars Rößger (TÜV / DEKRA arge tp 21, Germany) TAG database partner

From September 2016 to May 2017, the TAG carried out the following activities:

- 27 29 September 2016: TAG and EAG Audit in Finland.
 TAG representatives: Josée Noé and Harold Bekhuis.
- 5 6 October 2016, Eindhoven (the Netherlands): 12th TAG meeting.
- 21 December 2016, Tunis: Presentation on Cheating and Fraud in the Theory Test in the seminar organized to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the ATTT. The TAG was represented by Josée Noé and Julien Duval who travelled to Tunis and were in charge of giving these presentation.
- 14 16 February 2017: Consultancy services for the Service Agency of Georgia. On this occasion, the TAG was represented by Lauris Kumpins who travelled to Georgia to work with the EAG on this assignment.
- 15 16 March 2017, Zagreb (Croatia): 13th TAG meeting
- 25 -26 April 2017: TAG workshop on The Driving Theory Test: Consideration of Special Needs Requirements

France joins the TAG

Following recent driver education reforms and modernisation of its theory test, France has taken the opportunity to become an active component of the TAG following the acceptance of its candidacy within the expert group in September 2016.

International and multilateral cooperation is a key component to ensuring the proper implementation of the most recent theory exam technologies and item development solutions.

Being a part of the CIECA TAG, will enable France to benefit from the CIECA TAG members feedback as well as share its own perspective in regards to the evolution and modernisation of the theory exam whilst sharing advisory support.

Julien Duval

Chief Inspector, Delegate of Driver Testing and Road Safety, Ministry of Interior, France



Tractor workshop

On Tuesday 15 November, 21 representatives from nine different countries, met in Alkmaar, the Netherlands to discuss their experiences and ambitions for tractor tests.

After welcoming words from Augusta Sica, the CIECA Business Manager, and René Verstraeten, the CBR CFO, the participants got down to work. The morning session started with a brief outline of the European legal context in which tractor training and testing is conducted, provided by the EAG Chairman Per Gunnar Veltun from Norway. Following this, Ashley Bateman from DVSA presented the latest developments in Great Britain after which all participants were asked to share information about "how they do it in their country". This led to a lively discussion highlighting the big variety of approaches within the EU with variations from – "we have no practical test at all for tractors" to "we have an 85-minute test for tractors during which candidates are required to drive in built-up areas and city centres". Some other topics that were discussed in the morning session were: "What is the minimum age for the tractor category?"; "Is there a requirement for medical fitness"; "Are there any training requirements?" and "What foreign licenses give access to driving tractors?".

The afternoon was kicked off with a presentation of the Dutch approach to the

tractor tests, presented by Martina Hendrix from the CBR. Following this, all the participants went outside where two test vehicles were available for them to drive on. During the drive, the participants were accompanied by two examiners from the CBR, who explained what they looked for during the practical examination and what kind of routes candidates drive during the practical examination. Despite the rain, the energy level in the afternoon was high and the participants were inspired to take a practical look at the requirements and possibilities of the practical test in their countries.

After a brief summing up and an exchange of initial reactions to the Dutch approach, Jacqueline Mathey, manager of the professional drivers' division of the CBR, thanked all the participants for coming to the Netherlands and for their reactions and input regarding the Dutch tractor test. The workshop was an example of how making something very practical can inspire new insights and fresh ideas. It was the perfect setting for sharing ideas and insights with colleagues from Europe.

Martina Hendrix Senior Product Manager, CBR





CIECA - CITA WORKSHOP

NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND DISABLED DRIVERS

This was the first joint workshop between CIECA and CITA (International Motor Vehicle Inspection Committee) which took place in the Thon City Centre Hotel in Brussels on 11th October 2016.

The workshop covered a number of areas such as how improvements in technology were assisting disabled drivers, the amendment to the EU 3rd directive on licence restriction codes, affordable access for disabled drivers in Europe, improvements in vehicle adaptations and the process of conducting a practical driving with a disabled driver and the assessment of the use of the adaptations. It became clear during the workshop that cost is the biggest single issue facing disabled drivers in their attempts to gain access to the road and that different methods of financial supports were available in different countries, some giving tax allowances and grants while others were giving no support at all. The EU parliament is working to make mobility more accessible to disabled drivers a right, just like work and education. It also examined the work on EU policy and adapted cars.

Presentations were delivered on vehicle adaptations and how improvements in

technologies have been implemented and another looked at the amendment to the 3rd Directive on restriction codes which was made in order to bring about more clarity with coding as some codes were now deemed inappropriate and unsafe and the new codes better reflect technological progress.

A presentation was given on the procedure in place for conducting a practical test with a disabled driver in Ireland, how the examiner identifies the codes to be recorded on the licence and how they assess that the driver is making correct use of the adaptations and that this in turn is not causing distraction, for the safety of all road users. This presentation also examined where improvements in modern vehicle technology at construction stage is assisting disabled drivers with the likes of electronic handbrake, keyless entry, push button stop/start and automatic wipers and lights.

It was an interesting workshop and participants had a number of questions for the presenters on the presentations delivered.

Brian Harnett

Training and Standards Manager, RSA





Setting up of the new CIECA topical group on Fitness to Drive

Following the workshops on Disabled Driver Assessment that took place in Amsterdam in 2014 and in Brussels in 2015, and given that many members showed their interest to continue working on this and other medical issues, CIECA has decided to set up a new topical group on Fitness to Drive.

The aim of the Topical Group is to provide the opportunity to interact with colleagues with similar interests, to keep abreast of new developments in their specialized fields, and to act as a source of professional and technical advice for CIECA.

Therefore, CIECA arranged the kick off meeting of the Fitness to Drive Expert Group (FDEG) that took place in London on 9 May 2017. The aim of this kick-off meeting was to agree on the scope and other key elements of the work of the group, and to provide the background for the discussion of a draft project plan for the FDEG.

The CIECA Secretariat will keep you informed about all developments regarding this issue via the CIECA Members Newsletter.



EAG Workshop

The 2017 EAG workshop took place in Sofia (Bulgaria) on 23 March, and it dealt with possible developments to be implemented in order to turn the practical driving test into a more "natural" driving experience. The event, attended by 37 participants, was possible thanks to the help of our Effective Member, the Executive Agency Road Transport Administration of Bulgaria.

As it is now normal procedure during our workshops, priority was given to the involvement of participants through group discussions, dynamic activities, and the publishing of a report following the event that is now available in our website.

This workshop focused on the exchange of the current knowhow, latest developments and background information on independent driving in different countries so that autonomous decision-making capacities of the candidate are encouraged during the test. These types of initiatives are seen to have a positive influence also on driver training.

Susanne Kaiser, from the Austrian Road Safety Board, was invited to talk about mental workload and its influence during the practical driving test. Other presentations by EAG members revolved on initiatives taken in Norway, the Netherlands, and UK to introduce more freedom of action on the part of the candidates during the practical test.





TAG WORKSHOP



30 participants joint on 25 and 26 April 2017 in the Riga Motor Museum in Latvia, to share information on the topic of candidates with special needs taking the driving theory test in CIECA member organisations with the aim to improve understanding of the experience of theory test candidates with special needs, and how they can be supported so that everyone has a fair and equal chance of passing.

Once again, the TAG made all attendants participate very actively in the workshop, and they worked together in groups completing a series of activities, sharing information about the procedures that have been set up in their respective countries regarding issues like the delivery of the theory test in foreign languages, and had the opportunity to enjoy the presentations on the topic given by Tony Westerlund from Trafikverket (Sweden), Georg Grasshoff representative from the Fahrschule Grasshoff (Germany), Helen Luker from DVSA (UK), and Garrett Sherry

from Prometric, a CIECA Associated Member.

Taking advantage of the venue where the event took place, participants visited the Riga Motor Museum and could view the largest and most varied vintage motor vehicle collection in the Baltic region. The exhibition certainly made for a very special setting, and participants were extremely excited to participate in a number of interactive environments made possible by the use of exciting modern technologies which included touchscreen monitors, video recordings, and virtual reality applications.

This workshop responded to the interest of TAG member organisations, faced with similar responsibilities and operational challenges on a regular basis, and based on the conclusions gathered in the workshop, the TAG will develop a best practice document on this topic that will be available for all CIECA members in the coming months.



48TH CIECA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND

How best to prepare young people to be safe and responsible drivers for now and for the future, Madrid (Spain)

8-9 June 2016



The International Commission for Driver Testing (CIECA, an international organisation that brings together traffic authorities and organisations related to driver training), held its 48th International Congress in Madrid this week. It was organised by the Dirección General de Tráfico (DGT) and the Confederación Nacional de Autoescuelas (CNAE).

For two days, specialists in traffic and driver training from all over the world shared experiences on learning to drive and gave their views on the future of transport.

Technology and driving

The role of technology in driving, or connected and autonomous vehicles, was one of the main discussion points. "Autonomous driving is here to stay", confirmed the General Manager of Traffic, María Sequí. "Connected citizens demand connected vehicles", the Deputy Director for Mobility Management of the DGT, Jaime Moreno pointed out. Stating that driving technology "can do away with human error, it is an opportunity for road safety" he predicted autonomous vehicles will be in circulation by 2020.

"The driver will be a passenger



But doubts have also been expressed about complete vehicle automation, due to the difficulties this may involve. According to Charles Johnson, a psychologist at the British consulting group CAS specialising in driver behaviour and training, human beings will never be completely replaced by the autonomous vehicle: "We will not be driving, but we will be in charge", said Johnson.

Anticipating risk

Risk perception by drivers and future training programmes were the other two main discussion points at this congress. Pierre Ginefri, specialist in road-safety education at the French Ministry of the Interior, announced the release this June of a new format for the theoretical driving test in his country, an innovation which will soon also be included in the DGT's theoretical tests, as María Seguí announced.

For his part, researcher Robert Isler, of the University of Waikato in New Zealand, described the relationship between driver training and risk anticipation as an important brain function that evolves in people and changes with age. He left us with an interesting reflection: "Do we drive as we live and work? Can people's level of satisfaction predict safe drivers?" For Isler the answer is yes.





CONGRESS 2016:



The CIECA website and the Guide on Driver Licensing

Collecting driver testing data and making it available to members is an integral component of the CIECA Strategy. The CIECA website represents an important tool to access information, which is regularly used by the CIECA members.

The new website launched in 2016 has been an important technological improvement, which allowed for a greater usability and at the same time significantly reduced the website's vulnerability. During 2016 members got familiar with the new website, while they continued accessing the old Guide on Driver Licencing because the data transfer from the old Guide to the new Guide on Driver Licencing was in process until April 2017.

The Guide on Driver Licensing is an online catalogue accessible only to members. It is an information tool which contains approximately 50,000

records and all sorts of driver testing information. The information contained in the database is provided by effective members and updated by them on a regular basis. In addition, the new Guide on Driver Licencing allows them to create questionnaires directly in the website. All members can consult and download 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 disseminates it back to members and other stakeholders who have a legitimate interest in it. In 2016-2017, the Secretariat processed 14 queries originating from members covering a wide range of topics in the field of driver training and testing:



- 1. Hazard perception test (Trafi Finland) June 2016
- 2. Smart Yard (Roads & Transport Authority Dubai, UAE) June 2016
- 3. Situational Judgement (Driver & Vehicle Agency Northern Ireland) July 2016
- 4. Hazard perception in the theory test (CBR The Netherlands) August 2016
- 5. Virtual reality based driving simulator with focus on hazard perception (Roads & Transport Authority Dubai, UAE) - August 2016
- 6. Code 40.01 (CBR The Netherlands) August 2016
- 7. Study on driver training, testing and medical fitness (European Commission) -September 2016
- 8. Young drivers (HAK Croatia) October 2016
- 9. Special Driving Test (CBR The Netherlands) November 2016
- 10. Driving licence codes 05 Limited use (Trafi Finland) November 2016
- 11. Code 78 for category BE (Ministry of Transport, Road Transport Administration Bulgaria) - November 2016
- 12. Emergency drivers (Road Safety Authority Ireland) December 2016
- 13. Accident rates (Roads & Transport Authority Dubai, UAE) February 2017
- 14. Organisational structure (Roads & Transport Authority Dubai, UAE) February 2017

The reports are made available in the reports section of the CIECA website and, as far as possible, the data collected through the questionnaires is entered in the Guide on Driver Licensing.

With the new Guide on Driver Licencing the information gathering process is being further improved with member queries being conducted directly via the Guide on Driver Licensing rather than using paper questionnaires. Furthermore, a follow-up system has been built, allowing the administrators to get a precise overview of the status of each questionnaire.

History Report

anniversary by producing a report that demonstrates the progress



MEMBERS

The number of CIECA members is growing every year. CIECA counts now 75 members from 36 countries, covering almost all of Europe, and is also represented in Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, Republic of Korea, Canada, Russia, Georgia and the United States of America.

In the last 12 months the CIECA family welcomed three new members: LIITU from Finland and Opus Inspection from USA as Associated Members, and Vehicle Testing New Zealand as an Effective Member.

We expect that this trend will continue, and that new members from across the globe will continue to enrich CIECA's expertise.

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

- Austria: Bundesministerium für Verkehr, Innovation und Technologie (BmVIT)
- 2. **Belgium:** Flemish Administration, Mobility and Public Works Department
- 3. **Belgium:** *Groupement des Organismes de Contrôle Automobile* (GOCA)
- 4. **Bulgaria:** *Ministry of Transport, Road Transport Administration*
- 5. Canada: Société de l'Assurance Automobile du Québec (SAAQ)
- 6. Croatia: Hrvatski Autoklub (HAK)
- 7. Cyprus: Ministry of Communication and Works
- 8. **Czech Republic:** *Ministry of Transport, Drivers'*Administration Department
- 9. Estonia: Estonian Road Administration
- 10. Faroe Islands: Akstovan
- 11. Finland: Finnish Transport Safety Agency (TraFi)
- 12. **France:** *Ministère de l'Intérieur, Délégation à la sécurité* et à la circulation routières (DSCR)
- 13. **Georgia:** *Ministry of Internal Affairs, Service Agency Legal Entity of Public Law (LEPL)*
- 14. Germany: DEKRA Automobil GmbH
- Germany: Verband der Technischen Überwachungsvereine e.V. (VdTÜV)
- 16. Great Britain: Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA)
- 17. **Hungary:** National Transport Authority (NTA), Department for Training and Examination
- 18. Ireland: Road Safety Authority (RSA)
- 19. Kosovo: Ministry of Infrastructure

- 20. Latvia: Ministry of Transport, Road Traffic Safety Directorate
- 21. Lithuania: REGITRA State Enterprise
- 22. Luxembourg: Ministère du Développement durable et des Infrastructures, Département des transports
- 23. Malta: Transport Malta
- 24. Monaco: Ministère de l'Etat, Service des Titres de Circulation
- 25. New Zealand: Vehicle Testing New Zealand (VTNZ)
- 26. Northern Ireland: Driver and Vehicle Agency (DVA)
- 27. **Norway:** Norwegian Public Roads Administration (Statens Vegvesen Vegdirektoratet)
- 28. **Poland:** *Ministry of Infrastructure and Construction, Road Transport Department*
- 29. **Portugal:** Associação Nacional dos Industriais do Ensino de Condução Automóvel (ANIECA)
- 30. Portugal: Institute for Mobility and Transport (Instituto da Mobilidade e dos Transportes, I.P., IMT)
- 31. Republic of Korea: Road Traffic Authority (KoROAD)
- 32. Romania: Ministry of Interior and Administration Reform,
 Driving Licence and Vehicle Registration
- 33. Spain: Ministry of Interior, Dirección General de Tráfico (DGT)
- 34. Sweden: Swedish Transport Administration (Trafikverket)
- 35. Sweden: SwedishTransport Agency (Transportstyrelsen)
- 36. **Switzerland:** Association of Road Traffic Services (Vereiniqung der Strassenverkehrsämter, ASA)
- 37. Switzerland: Federal Roads Office (Bundesamt für Straßen, ASTRA)
- 38. **The Netherlands:** Centraal Bureau Rijvaardigheidsbewijzen (CBR)
- 39. Tunisia: Agence Technique des Transports Terrestres (ATTT)
- 40. **Tunisia:** *Ministère du Transport, Direction Générale des Transports Terrestres*
- 41. United Arab Emirates: Ministry of Interior
- 42. United Arab Emirates: Roads & Transport Authority (RTA), Licensing Agency



OPUS INSPECTION

Opus Inspection is pleased to be a new member of CIECA. Our company, a part of Opus Group, is a leading vehicle inspection and vehicle services company with operations in Europe, North and South America and Asia.

At Opus, we are currently expanding our vehicle services activities to include driver training and driver examination, both of which are a natural extension leveraging our core competencies and addressing the same client base.

We look forward to learning from CIECA's library of knowledge, and to participating in the ongoing work of the Commission. Opus is a publicly traded company on the NASDAQ OMX in Sweden. More information can be found on our websites, www. opusinspection.com and www.opus.se.

Bill Dell

Executive Director





FINNISH TRAFFIC SAFETY TRAINERS ASSOCIATION - LIITU

Finnish Traffic Safety Trainers Association LIITU is a new operator in the Finnish driver training sector. Our members are driving schools, CPC training centers, producers of driver teaching educational materials and other professionals of the field.

We started our operations on 1st October 2014, and we have 150 members including the biggest driving school groups in Finland. Our corporate members' turnover is at the moment about 20 % of the Finnish driver training sector annual turnover.

The common goal of our members is to promote the development of road safety positively, and to train responsible drivers. We act on behalf of professional driver trainers, so that the value of the sector continues to increase and develop.

CIECA is an excellent platform for networking, with important links to the EU Commission, and it also gives access to high-quality data.

CIECA membership gives us credibility and underlines our expertise in the driver training field. We are honored to be part of the CIECA family.

Sampsa Lindberg

Executive Director

ASSOCIATED MEMBERS

- Austrian Road Safety Board (Kuratorium fur Verkehrssicherheit, KFV), Austria
- 2. Belgian Road Safety Institute (BRSI), Belgium
- 3. CAS, United Kingdom
- 4. Centaure, France
- 5. Ecole de Conduite Française (ECF), France
- 6. Editions nationales de Permis de Conduire (ENPC), France
- Flemish Foundation for Traffic Knowledge (Vlaamse Stichting Verkeerskunde, VSV), Belgium
- 8. **German Road Safety Council (Deutscher Verkehrssicherheitsrat, DVR),** Germany
- German Society for Traffic Psychology (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Verkehrspsychologie e.V., DGVP), Germany
- 10. Häme Vocational Institute, Finland
- Institut National de Sécurité Routière et de Recherches (INSERR), France
- 12. Instructional Technologies Inc., USA
- 13. Jelly Learn, United Kingdom
- 14. LIITU, Finland
- National Confederation of Driving Schools (Confederación Nacional de Autoescuelas, CNAE), Spain
- 16. Neo Information Systems Co., Ltd., Republic of Korea
- 17. Nord University, Norway
- 18. Opus Inspection, USA
- 19. *Prometric*, Ireland
- 20. PSI, United Kingdom
- 21. Qeyadah Driving Solutions, United Arab Emirates
- 22. R&D Center for Driving (RDCD), Russia
- 23. Royal HaskoningDHV Nederland B.V., The Netherlands
- 24. The Forum of Mobility Centres, United Kingdom
- 25. TÜV | DEKRA arge tp 21, Germany
- 26. UAR Finland Oy, Finland
- 27. University of Hasselt, Transportation Research Institute (IMOB), Belgium



VEHICLE TESTING NEW ZEALAND

Vehicle Testing New Zealand Limited (VTNZ) is a member of the DEKRA Group of companies and is the largest provider of vehicle & driver testing services in New Zealand.

VTNZ was awarded the contract by the New Zealand Transport Agency for the provision of all regulated driving tests in New Zealand from 1 May 2015 and undertakes in excess of 260,000 driving tests per year.

As a member of CITA for over twenty years and the value we have gained from this for our vehicle inspection business VTNZ joined CIECA in 2016. New Zealand is a small country and understanding the need for continuous improvement CIECA provides us the opportunity to learn international best practice for driver licensing and practical testing and the sharing of information and networking opportunities with other members.

Greg O'Connor

General Manager Operations









AFFILIATED MEMBERS

- 1. American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA), USA
- 2. European Driving Schools Association (EFA)
- 3. European Transport Training Association (EuroTra)
- 4. MOVING International Road Safety Association e.V.
- 5. Nordic Union of Driving School Associations

HONORARY MEMBERS

- 1. *Mr. Jozef-Peter Vaessen*, the Netherlands, former CIECA President
- 2. Mr. Willem Vanbroeckhoven, Belgium, former CIECA President
- 3. Mr. Jean-Pierre Fougère, France, former CIECA Secretary General-Treasurer
- 4. Mr. Peter Ripard, Malta, former CIECA Vice-President
- 5. Sonja Spørstol, Norway, former CIECA President

The CIECA structure

CIECA is a member-based organisation, composed by the following

General Assembly

The General Assembly consists of all CIECA member organisations 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 (Board of **Directors**)

The Permanent Bureau is the executive body of CIECA and is responsible for the management of the organisation. 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 consisting of a maximum of seven members from different member organisations. 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, and it is located in Brussels.



The Permanent Bureau



During the last CIECA General Assembly held in Madrid, four Vice-Presidents were elected for a three-year term:

- Mr. Hedi Agrebi Jaouadi (ATTT, Tunisia)
- Mr. René Claesen (CBR, The Netherlands)
- Dr. Roland Krause (Dekra, Germany)
- Mr. Jacques Quoirin (GOCA, Belgium)

These representatives joined the following members of the Permanent Bureau:

- Kari Hakuli (Trafi, Finland) President
- Mark Magee (DVSA, UK)
- Pat Travers (Road Safety Authority, Ireland) Vice-President

The post of Secretary General-Treasurer, remained unoccupied throughout the year as there was no candidate for the post in the last CIECA General Assembly. However, following article 18.8 of the CIECA Statutes, René Claesen was co-opted as Secretary

General-Treasurer until the next General Assembly which took place in Trondheim (Norway) in June 2017.

During 2016, all Board members continued to work to reinforce CIECA's position, and to build on the agreed strategy of the organization for the period up to 2020. In addition to following up the day-to-day business of CIECA, 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 the preparations of the 2017 Congress in Trondheim, Norway;
- overview of the activities organized by the Secretariat, the activities of the EAG and the TAG;
- · representation of the organization in external events;
- · setting up of the new Fitness to Drive expert group.

CIECA IN EXTERNAL EVENTS

- 15 September 2016: Workshop on Study on driver training, testing and medical fitness, European Commission, Brussels (Participation of Kari Hakuli, CIECA President, René Claesen, Jacques Quoirin and Pat Travers, CIECA Vice Presidents, and Augusta Sica, CIECA Business Manager)
- 30 September 1 October 2016: 12th Joint Symposium of the German Society for Traffic Medicine Association (DGVM) and the German Society for Traffic Psychology Association (DGVP) / 12. Gemeinsames Symposium der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Verkehrsmedizin e. V. (DGVM) und der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Verkehrspsychologie e. V. (DGVP), Rostock, Germany (Presentation by René Claesen, CIECA Vice President)
- 11 12 November 2016: 6th German Driving School Instructors Congress, Berlin, Germany (Participation of Dr. Roland Krause, CIECA Vice President).
- 26 27 April 2017: European Driving Schools Association (EFA) Meeting, Prague, Czech Republic (Participation of Kari Hakuli, CIECA President)

CIECA Permanent Bureau



Who is Pat Travers?

The Road Safety Authority (RSA) employs almost 300 staff and is responsible for the regulation and assessment of driving instructors and for conducting driving tests and CPC tests in all categories of vehicle. I am Chief Driver Tester with the RSA. I have responsibility for the technical competence of the RSA driver testers and ensuring the uniform implementation of the driving test standard in Ireland.

Being a part of the CIECA Permanent Bureau has been of enormous benefit to me giving me an opportunity to work with some of the leaders in the field of driver training and testing.

Why did I join the Permanent Bureau? I originally joined the Permanent Bureau to act as liaison for the RSA in the lead up to the hosting by the RSA of the CIECA annual congress in Dublin in 2014. However having gotten to see how the

Permanent Bureau work at first hand I applied for a position of Vice President and was successful in securing a tree year term which ends in June 2017.

By being a member of the Permanent Bureau you get an opportunity to act not only on behalf of your own organisation but on behalf of the entire CIECA family. This is not only a responsibility but is

Pat Travers is finishing a three year term as vice president of the Permanent Bureau.

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also a wonderful opportunity to represent the wider driver testing fraternity.

Being a part of the Permanent Bureau involves being a part of making decisions on the development of policies and strategies that will shape the future direction of CIECA, and engagement with bodies such as the European Commission allows you to be an advocate for our members in the development of future directives in the field in which we work.

I have benefited in my own role by having had the opportunity to engage on a regular basis with the wide range of expertise that is present among the members of the Permanent Bureau which includes contributions from the chairs of the EAG and TAG.

To this end I wish to thank my fellow board members for their assistance over the last

three years and to also thank the CIECA Secretariat, Augusta, Eva and Blanka, for all the hard work they do on behalf of all CIECA members.

Pat Travers Chief Driver Tester, RSA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BUDGET AND REALISATIONS FOR 2016

The year 2016 ended satisfactorily for our organization. Another year with a positive result will make possible the provision of new services for members, and the creation of a new topical group in 2017: Fitness to Drive Expert Group (FDEG). The Secretary-General Treasurer and the Business Manager monitor costs and expenses on a monthly basis.

Operating Income	Realisation 2015	Budget 2016	Realisation 2016
Membership fees	439,267.00	430,000.00	447,117.51
Other income (Bank interest, research projects, events, etc.)	2,981.91	400.00	3,993.01
Total operating Income	442,248.91	430,400.00	451,110.52
Operating expenses			
Personnel	239,002.98	265,000.00	262,787.90
Services	19,694.25	25,000.00	20,354.27
Accomodation Brussels office	31,379.69	32,000.00	38,407.95
Office service costs	8,748.68	10,000.00	11,169.50
Travel & accomodation Secretariat	11,393.93	15,000.00	15,839.91
BP representation Travels	884.93	5,000.00	
Activities congress/workshop and visits	9,625.89	20,000.00	11,214.82
Permanent Advisory Groups	13,928.41	15,000.00	12,789.69
Representation and marketing	7,478.05	5,000.00	10,822.16
Contingency	0.00	5,000.00	1,000.00
Total operating expenditures	358,587.26	412,000.00	399,558.82
Total operating Income	442,248.91	430,400.00	451,110.52
Total operating expenditures	358,587.26	412,000.00	399,558.82

Economic result	83,661.65	18,400.00	51,551.70
Depreciation	7,554.49	10,000.00	10,817.24
Financial Charges	485.25		277.56
Extraordinary Charges			
Provision vacation Y+1	28,418.78	26,500.00	26,500.00
Provision vacation Y	-24,333.97	-26,500.00	-24,503.40
Financial result	71,537.10	8,400.00	38,460.30

Han Rietman leaves the EAG

During the 2002 CIECA Congress in Scheveningen, I was appointed as one of the members of the first EAG working group. The setting up of such group was a very important step, as the CIECA Steering Committee turned into a professional working group expertise of its members. For me, becoming a member of such a club was a dream come true.

From the very beginning, working with other European experts felt extremely good. There were lots of discussions and exchange of opinions that resulted in fruitful cooperation, and deep insight on the issues discussed.

I participated in a lot of interesting events and workshops, like the Bike Safety seminar in Assen. This was an extremely professionally organized event, and the output of which informed the Directive 2006/126/EC.

My first assignment as a member of the EAG was to organize a workshop about the harmonization of assessment systems in Europe. The event was held in Berlin in 2003. At that moment, it was impossible to get over the bridge between a fault based and a competence based testing system. It really shows great progress that here and now, in 2017, there is no discussion among experts on this matter as we all agree that a system that takes into account the overall performance of a candidate will deliver a safer and more responsible driver.

During the 15 years that I have been a member of the group, I have visited a lot of organizations, and it seems to me that every country is searching for a testing system that responds to certain cultural and historical needs. I have also a strong belief that all CIECA members are willing to learn from each other: since I started in the group, I never ceased to learn from the host countries that the EAG visited even though we were there to help them to improve their practical tests. This is the real value of our organization, the fact that we can all learn from each other, and that we can take this knowledge back with us to our own countries: CBR and the Netherlands benefited from my being in the EAG, and I tried to give back all this to CIECA again by sharing what I experienced and learned while participating in audits, visits and other events.

Therefore, I would like to thank all the people that I have met in CIECA throughout the years. I believe that all discussions that I have held, even heavy and difficult ones, have contributed to the harmonization of driving tests around Europe and beyond! I will still work for CBR for seven more years, so I hope to see you all in other CIECA events where we will continue to share our opinions, and the new developments and initiatives of our organizations.

Han Rietman

EAG Member and Business Development Manager, CBR



CIECA is not only a professional, but also a very social organization. For me, it was very interesting to meet new people while participating in the social programmes organized during the CIECA congresses throughout the years, where I have met a lot of partners of CIECA representatives. All the organizations in charge of the congresses did a great job arranging for exciting visits for us, and sharing with us the most beautiful and interesting places in their countries. My experience in CIECA has been very social, interesting and warm, and, because of this, I've got lots of friends all around Europe with whom I intend to keep in touch.

Marlin Rietman

Member of the extended CIECA Family



The history and continuity of the EAG is largely tied up to you, Han. You have been a member of the group since 2002, and you have taken part in more audits than anyone else. Almost every country in Europe is on your list of merits! What says even more of you is that you have always been eager to share the experience that you gained from your participation in the group. As you are now leaving the EAG, I would like to thank you warmly for your professional cooperation as well as your pleasant company. Good luck with future challenges!

Per Gunnar Veltun, NPRA, Norway, and Chair of the EAG

Now the time has come when we will miss you, and your many years of experience together with your expertise in the EAG as well as in CIECA altogether. All EAG members have always listened to you, and I would like to thank you personally for your work and support. I wish you all the best in your future life: stay healthy and enjoy your life with your family.

I will always look forward to seeing you again in future CIECA events. You are simply the best!

Saulius Suminas, Regitra, Lithuania

Goodbye to Kari

Kari's dedication and commitment has made CIECA a major player in the field of road safety. He's worked tirelessly to develop and promote our organisation and, as a result, leaves us in a strong position to both continue to grow and implement our latest 5 year strategy. Personally, I want to say a big thank you to Kari for making me so very welcome when I joined the Permanent Board in 2015. His relaxed leadership style put me at ease from day one and enabled me to participate in the knowledge that that all contributions were equally valued. I soon found Kari to be equally warm and friendly outside of the Permanent Board meetings. His CIECA stories, and alleged photographs, are almost legendary. It's as they say, the end of an era. Kari will be sorely missed.

Mark Magee, DVSA, UK

Kari, it has been a great pleasure to work with you! A good sense of humor is always a good supplement even when dealing with serious tasks and challenges, and you possess and share a lot of it. I have really enjoyed the informal way in which you have governed the PB meetings, and how well you have listened to everybody's opinion before decisions have been taken. I wish you good luck with your new assignment! Thank you very much, Mr. President!

Per Gunnar Veltun, NPRA, Norway

More than 4 years ago, when I first met Kari, he was a very quiet person, only saying what was necessary. As time went by, and we had the opportunity to cooperate, I learned that Kari was the right person for our organization: on the one hand, he is the expert, and on the other, the "captain". With his calm and professionalism, he is in the position to solve any problem while having the interest of all CIECA members at heart. In addition, privately, you feel comfortable and at total ease in his company, and he is always ready for a good joke. I will miss Kari as partner and president of the PB.

Roland Krause, Dekra, Germany

After six years as CIECA President, the time has come for me to leave. During my term of office, I hope that I have been able to make my views known on many issues. However, at this point I would like to say goodbye to all my colleagues, and to thank CIECA for all the opportunities that I have been given to learn and grow in this organization.

Let me begin by saying how privileged I feel to have had the opportunity to serve CIECA and all its members: Effective, Associated and Affiliated. I truly feel that all my years in CIECA have been fulfilling, and have given me the opportunity to gain valuable experience in the workings of international cooperation.

Without a doubt, the EU today, and indeed Europe as a whole, is very different from the EU (and Europe) that Finland joined in 1995. I started to attend CIECA events in 1995, and I was extremely lucky to join the EAG back in 2002, where I was clearly fascinated by this prestigious environment. I found my involvement in an expert group consisting on international experts a most stimulating experience. I certainly changed a lot in the process, and I am very pleased to say that CIECA, and also Europe expanded their membership dramatically at the same time. In each of the cases of new European legislative implementation, while trying to assist all CIECA organizations, this organization also learned and adapted itself. In doing so, it became stronger as an institution by developing a strong network, and taking on new projects that have open the way to new and valuable developments in the field of driving licencing.

1995 also saw the introduction of Vision Zero that brought the notion that road safety is the responsibility of a number of organizations and persons (legislative authorities, public employees, politicians, road managers, vehicle manufacturers, the police, etc.) that need to work together in order to attain the goal of reducing road accident fatalities. This interaction among different actors in the road transport system has somehow been replicated in our organization with all CIECA members being fully aware of the importance of sharing information on initiatives that render our roads safer for all road users. I am of the view that CIECA has played a very constructive role in the implementation of road safety measures that aim to protect all road users, and I believe that you all will continue making this organization even more responsive to the needs of road users. I leave CIECA today feeling optimistic about road safety as there are still many challenges ahead but I can also see the willingness of lots of people to continue the work in this field.

My post in CIECA would have been much more difficult if it were not for the support and advice of many colleagues. It is important to remember that CIECA has many human faces. Being an active party in CIECA has given me the opportunity to participate in stimulating discussions on many key issues presented from many different perspectives. 'United in Diversity' is the official motto of the European Union, and it could also be the official motto for CIECA. Personally, I have found all CIECA members helpful and always willing to share their experience and knowledge with me. Working so close to people from different cultures also helped me to understand that there are multiple and equally valid ways to solve problems, and that there are different types of thinking and approaches all of which deserve respect. CIECA has prepared me to engage effectively across cultural and other differences, and has enriched my life enormously, providing me with countless inspiring and refreshing ideas to bring back to my own country. CIECA has given me the opportunity to learn to collaborate and behave in appropriate ways with different cultures in shared spaces, teams, and organizations that are inclusive, effective, innovative, and satisfying. Having said that, I would like to highlight that despite all that I have already mentioned, the best gift that CIECA has given me is that of friendship: I leave many friends in this organization, and I certainly intend to continue in contact with them all.

Finally, I realise that a very challenging and illuminating experience is coming to an end for me, one that I will treasure for the rest of my life. Let me thank all of you for your friendship and the honour of having worked with you.

Thank you and goodbye.





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