

## The World Road Association

The World Road Association PIARC/AIPCR was founded in Paris in the year 1908. It is the eldest international organisation in the area of road management and road transport. It is a non-governmental, research-orientated, non-profit organisation that can be joined by countries, institutions, companies, regional authorities and individuals. Today the organisation has 2.000 members in over 140 countries of the world. There are 122 official member countries, including Austria.

The organisation's major task is to provide a forum for experts exchanging knowledge and techniques on roads and road transportation. Therefore 19 permanent international working groups (Technical Committees – TC) have been established for all fields dealing with roads and road transport. On a four year term, the World Road Congress and the Winter Road Congress are organized. These are accompanied by frequent conferences and seminars. A quarterly magazine (Routes/Roads) and a wide range of scientific publications are also released to members and to the public.

## Organisational bodies of PIARC

<b>Council</b>	Representation of all member countries, meets once a year
<b>Executive Committee</b>	PIARC's governing body, elected by the Council on a four year term
<b>Secretariate General</b>	Central head office in Paris, administrates the organisation
<b>National Committees</b>	Provides information transfer between national and international bodies
<b>First Delegates</b>	Country's official representative to the organisation and the council
<b>Technical Committees</b>	Permanent working groups with more than 850 experts

## The Austrian National Committee

The Austrian National Committee of the World Road Association was founded at the occasion of the World Road Congress in Vienna in the year 1973. The Austrian "Forschungsgesellschaft Strasse – Schiene – Verkehr" (Research Association for Road, Rail and Transport) provides the secretariat for the Austrian National Committee of PIARC. The National Committees major tasks are to support Austria's First Delegate and the Austrian members in the Technical Committees as well as to provide the exchange of road research related information between national and international level.



Since 2011 Austria's official representative at the World Road Organisation is Mag.a Ursula Zechner from the Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology. Together with the National Committee's president and the secretary general she represents Austria in the Council of PIARC. In 2008 the president of the Austrian National Committee Mr. Zotter was elected as Vice President of the World Road Association.

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**AUSTRIA**

**Austrian National Committee  
of the World Road Association (PIARC)**

**Comité nationale Autrichien  
de la Association mondiale de la Route (AIPCR)**

**Comité Nacional Austriaco  
de la Asociación Mundial de la Carretera (AIPCR)**



## Strategic Themes and Technical Committees

### Theme A: Management and Finance

Performance of Transport Administrations, Road Transport System Economics and Social Development, Innovative Financing, Coordination between National and Sub-National Authorities

Alexander Walcher (ASFINAG), Andreas Fromm (ASFINAG), Thomas Grünstäudl (ASFINAG), Georg Hauger (TU Wien), Volker Rux (ASFINAG), Christian Nagl (Land Salzburg)

### Theme B: Access and Mobility

TC/TF: Road Network Operations / ITS, Winter Service, Sustainable Mobility in Urban Areas, Freight, Road Design and Infrastructure for Innovative Transport Solutions

Dieter Hintenaus (ASFINAG), Martin Böhm (Austriatech), Heimo Maier-Farkas (ASFINAG), Peter Nutz (Stadt Wien), Josef Neuhold (Land Niederösterreich), Thomas Macoun (TU Wien), Stefan Ebner (WKÖ), Patrick Grassl (BMVIT), Andreas Breinbauer (FH Wien BFI), Martin Böhm (Austriatech)

### Theme C: Safety

National Road Safety Policies and Programs, Design and Operations of Safer Road Infrastructure, Infrastructure Security

Rainer Kienreich (ASFINAG), Bernhard Lautner (ASFINAG), Johann Fellner (WKÖ)

### Theme D: Infrastructure

Asset Management, Pavements, Bridges, Rural Roads and Earthworks, Road Tunnels Operations

Christian Honeger (ASFINAG), Alfred Weninger-Vycudil (PMS Consult), Mario Krmek (ASFINAG), Roland Spielhofer (AIT), Martin Kirchmair (ASFINAG), Johann Kollegger (TU Wien), Helmut Nievelt (Nievelt), Otto Leibniz (TU Graz), Sonja Wiesholzer (BMVIT), René List (ASFINAG), Bernhard Kohl (ILF), Peter Sturm (TU Graz)

### Theme E: Climate Change, Environment and Disasters

Adaptation Strategies / Resiliency, Environment Considerations in Road Projects and Operations, Disaster Management

Roland Gschier (BMVIT), Christof Rehling (BMVIT), Martin Pöcheim (ASFINAG), Heimo Berghold (ASFINAG)

### Committee on Terminology

Annelies Glander (Universität Wien)

## ASTRAD – SYMPOSIUM 2015

### Road Management and Winter Maintenance – a success story [www.astrad.org](http://www.astrad.org)



For the 10<sup>th</sup> time the **ASTRAD-Symposium** on Road Management and Winter Maintenance took place on **22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015** in Wels, Austria. Over 130 exhibitors welcomed more than 1.500 professionals from the road management and road maintenance sector at this biennial Austrian “Winter Road Congress”. The latest developments in equipment and technology for road operation and winter maintenance were presented at several technical sessions and in an exhibition area of 18.500 sqm total indoor and outdoor at free admission for registered visitors. The Symposium serves as primary forum orientated on



operational level, where the industry and manufacturers meet the users of their appliances and applications. Research and development present their latest equipment, while users such

as “road masters” and representatives from municipalities, provinces and local authorities can express their demands and wishes for the future. In the last years interest and popularity of the event has been growing steadily, and today even international participation is being achieved despite the forums orientation on the national level.

## Upcoming World Road Congresses 2018 and 2019

The results of the research work in the Technical Committees will be presented at the World Road Congress taking place from **6 to 10 October 2019 in Abu Dhabi**. The next International Winter Road Congress will take place in February 2018 in Danzig (Poland).

## The Conference of National Committees

From 2004 until 2012 the Austrian National Committee had been chairing the Conference of National Committees and represents all National Committees in the Executive Committee. The main focus of the working program was laid on improving the communication between the National Committees and on strengthening the position of every single Committee. Therefore a quarterly newsletter of the National Committees was established as a new tool in order to inform about news and activities within the National Committees such as events, conferences and publications. [www.piarc.org](http://www.piarc.org)

## Membership in the World Road Association

A membership in the World Road Association can be applied for through the Austrian National Committee, whether as an individual member or as a collective member.

The membership entitles you to reap the following benefits amongst others:

- ⇒ using the contacts with a worldwide forum of experts in the Road and Transport Sector,
- ⇒ receiving the magazine Routes/Roads and congress reports,
- ⇒ participating in the world wide exchange of knowledge and experience by becoming an active member in a Technical Committee after a nomination through the first delegate,
- ⇒ receiving discounted participation fees at the road congresses and at other events.

## Structure of the National Committee

### **President:**

Dipl.-Ing. Friedrich Zotter (BMVIT)

### **Vicepresidents:**

Prof. Dr. Johann Litzka (FSV)

Dipl.-Ing. Alois Schedl (ASFINAG)

### **Members of the Board of Trustees:**

Dipl.-Ing. Peter Beiglböck (Land Niederösterreich)

Dipl.-Ing. Bernhard Engleder (Stadt Wien)

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### **Secretary General:**

Dipl.-Ing. Florian Matiassek (BMVIT)