COLLECTIVE AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

Rewarding members with a range of key benefits, entitlements and opportunities
As a strong advocate for knowledge sharing, networking and professional development, the Association encourages individual participation in its world-class roads events, forums, committees and discussion groups. By joining the Association, members benefit from sharing expertise and comparing their experiences with like-minded professionals across the globe.

Members can also access an extensive collection of high quality services and resources, along with special promotions, fee discounts and more.

**AN EXTENSIVE AND DIVERSE GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP BASE**

Association members share the common goal of an integrated, sustainable and safe transport system. From national and regional authorities to collective members (such as universities, companies, scientific and technical associations, consultancies, user groups) and individuals - all are concerned with the spectrum of issues relating to roads and road transport.

**A REPUTATION FOR LONGEVITY AND LEADERSHIP**

To join the Association is to join a network that has existed since 1909 at the dawn of the Motor Age. More than 100 years later, the Association continues to foster and facilitate global discussion and knowledge sharing on roads and road transport. The Association now boasts 118 government members worldwide and retains consultative status to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

**A POWERFUL PLATFORM FOR KNOWLEDGE SHARING**

The Association has assembled several key forums, committees and groups:

- **Technical Committees**: unite experts from numerous areas including road safety and design, network operations and maintenance, finance and governance. Experts are nominated by member countries to work on issues identified under the Association’s Strategic Plan, a key ‘directions’ document endorsed by member countries. Technical Committees allow participants to access global information and expertise, along with professional development and networking opportunities.

- **National Committees**: exist as a national level forum in over thirty member countries and maintain similar objectives to the international Association. Committees provide and facilitate two-way communication and

**INTERNATIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS**

The Association offers talented young professionals an outstanding opportunity to work for the General Secretariat located in Paris, France. Having been nominated by their member country, individuals are seconded from around the world to assume an active role in the management and support of the Association. They can also be nominated as associate members of Technical Committees where they will be afforded an international perspective, insight and education on road issues.

Each of these invaluable opportunities enables road industry professionals to elevate their professional standing and progress their career, knowledge and experience at an international level.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESS EXPOSURE AND PROMOTION**

Members of the Association can market their own brand, products and services through its magazine Routes/Roads and the large exhibitions held in conjunction with both the World Road Congress and the International Winter Road Congress.
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The Association's extensive pool of global resources exists as an invaluable tool for professional development, education and training:

**World Road Association website:** Visit www.piarc.org for a range of online resources including technical reports and dictionaries, lexicons in several languages, events and seminars information and access to the Association's magazine. A monthly newsletter promoting upcoming events, seminars, publications and activities of the National Committees is also available online.

**Routes/Roads magazine:** This quarterly publication (published in English and French) showcases outstanding road sector achievements and includes comprehensive papers that blend topical issues with illustrative case studies.

**HDM-4:** Since 1996, the Association has assumed responsibility of the development and management of the software platform for the analysis of road investments and road maintenance policies, providing software upgrades and global user support.

**Terminology database:** The database is an online multilingual dictionary of road terms that is free to any website user. The database includes over 32,000 terms in English, 20,000 in French and a variable number of terms in another 18 languages.

The Association recognises and rewards the talent and commitment of members in several ways:

**Member of Honor:** Recognises outstanding commitment to the Association and the road sector community.

**National Committee Award:** Recognises outstanding achievement of a national committee in interchange and promotion of country transport sector at the national level.

**World Road Congress Prizes:** Awarded every four years at the World Road Congress, these member country sponsored prizes acknowledge.

outstanding papers submitted to the Congress on selected topics, or award criteria. Winning authors also have the privilege of presenting their paper on the international stage.

Collective and individual members can access special promotional offers and enjoy discounted publications. They will also benefit from fee reductions applying to registration at key events hosted by the Association (such as the World Road Congress), regional conferences and seminars.

For **collective members**, joining the Association enables them to:

1. receive four copies of each edition of the Association’s magazine,
2. receive the Association’s electronic newsletter,
3. access additional Association publications and productions at a reduced rate,
4. access the Members’ area of the Association’s website (including exclusive and regular updates on the Technical Committees activity and the database of the Association’s members and experts contact details),
5. receive one copy of the published proceedings of each Congress,
6. appoint two representatives to the World Road Congress who will each benefit from a reduced registration fee to attend, and
7. appoint one representative to the International Winter Road Congress who will benefit from a reduced registration fee to attend.

For **individuals**, joining the Association enables them to:

1. receive a copy of each edition of the Association’s magazine,
2. access additional Association publications and productions at a reduced rate,
3. access the Members’ area of the Association’s website (including exclusive and regular updates on the Technical Committees activity and the database of the Association’s members and experts contact details),
4. receive the Association’s electronic newsletter,
5. benefit from a reduced registration fee to both the World Road Congress and the International Winter Road Congress, and
6. receive one copy of the Congress proceedings (published on the occasion of each World Road Congress and International Winter Road Congress).
The huge network of road professionals involved in the activities of the World Road Association offers perfect opportunities to position your country and its development in a global context. Being active in the work of the commissions, committees and other bodies within the Association, has made it possible for my country, my employer and myself not to only benefit from the exchange of latest international knowledge but also to influence the direction of the work done within the Association. Not to forget the great pleasures and benefits of a broadened mind.

My first encounter with the Association goes back over twenty years. During this time and through all the possibilities offered by the Association, and through my involvement in the activities in most of its structures (…) whether in the regular statutory meetings or seminars, workshop, etc., real forum of exchange of knowledge, I have considerably widened the horizon of my scientific and technical knowledge of the road and transport sector. The new knowledge and good practices acquired through the Association enabled me to grow and mature in terms of professional capacities, thereby improving the quality of my professional output/delivery. This is what I try to share with my colleagues in my current professional environment.

The Norwegian Public Roads Administration is involved in a lot of international cooperation, but most of it within Europe. Through the Association, we meet experts in many fields from all over the world. Its global scope is what makes the Association exceptional. On a personal level, being involved in the Association is very rewarding. It is inspiring to be a part of an association with experts that organize international seminars all over the world, produce world class technical reports on up-to-date issues, and organize the World Road Congress, all while navigating through different ways of working, uncoordinated time-zones, budget constraints and ‘day-jobs’.

The exposure to unique international networking opportunities and the expansion of my knowledge across the roads and transport sector more broadly have been invaluable both personally and professionally. Through the work of our Technical Committee, I’ve seen projects through from the conceptual stage through to practical application. The lessons we’ve learnt through our research are brought back and shared with my colleagues for our organisations benefit.

The knowledge sharing and exchange through various activities have greatly supported all phases of the road and transport development in our country. With the world community rapidly changing and diversified, I am confident that the Association, as a unique worldwide group of professionals, will continue to play an important role to realize safe, efficient and sustainable road infrastructure essential to every aspect of human life. Furthermore, after the recent devastating natural disaster in northeast Japan, I feel it particularly valuable to make sure that we are connected internationally in terms of both technology and friendship.