Introduction

Dear Partners,

It is not too late for me to wish you a Happy New Year! I hope that 2011 will be a year of success for all ATIs and partner organisations. Many challenges are ahead of us in helping those in the road transport industry be equipped with the knowledge and skills to perform their work safely and professionally. However, by working together, I am confident that these challenges will be turned into opportunities and that we can collectively make the profession stronger. Some ATIs have been very active in 2010 in implementing programmes and in taking the lead in establishing strong learning capabilities, and for this they deserve recognition for their active work in addressing key challenges of the industry.

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2011 IRU Academy Seminar and ATI Meeting

The 2011 event will coincide with the launch of the UN Decade of Action on Road Safety and will take place in Istanbul on May 11-12th.

The IRU Academy Seminar will focus on changing the behavior of road users to effectively improve road safety.

The Seminar, hosted at the Beykoz Vocational School of Logistics, will focus on the key pillars of the UN Decade of Action on Road Safety and on key research conducted to understand the main causes of accidents and crash factors. Fully in line with the objective of the UN Decade of Action on Road Safety, the aim of the conference is to inform participants about the latest initiatives and trends prevailing in road safety, provide a state of play of the endeavors undertaken in different regions, understand what the main causes of accidents that involve heavy commercial vehicles are, and highlight existing solutions that can be implemented to effectively reduce fatalities on the road.

The conference will be followed by themed workshops and the ATI meeting during which key initiatives and potential collaboration will be discussed.

The Programme of these events is attached to this email and will soon be posted on the IRU Website. You are kindly invited to register to these events through the links below:

Register to the IRU Academy Seminar and related workshops
Register to the IRU Academy ATI meeting
2011 Price Structure

The IRU Academy price structure has been revised and not only have some adjustments been made to render the programmes even more attractive, but a new policy is available to help those ATIs who systematically implement IRU Academy Programmes and deliver IRU Academy Diplomas and Certificates. To assist these ATIs in their work, they will be eligible to benefit from an altered student fee price structure. Instead of a flat fee per Diploma/Certificate, ATIs will be able to instead incur a fee which is a small percentage of the full cost they charge to participants, between 2 and 10% depending on the level of activity. The 2011 price structure is available to ATIs through the ACM under the downloads section. Should you experience problems in accessing this information or should you have any questions on the new price structure and/or your eligibility to benefit from the altered fee structure please contact us.

Safe Loading and Cargo Securing Programme

In line with the IRU’s objective to increase road safety and in response to the needs expressed by several ATIs, the IRU Academy has been focusing on the development of a new training programme on Safe Loading and Cargo Securing.

A checklist has been published in multiple languages and whilst the full programme shall be released in the first quarter of 2011, key explanations of its rationale and underpinning concepts and standards are available here.

Should you have questions on this programme, please contact us.

CPC Manager & Driver ME Programme

The IRU Academy has been working on the development of regional programmes tailored to the needs of ATIs operating in the Middle East.

A CPC Manager Instructor Briefing will be hosted in Istanbul on February 28th to March 3rd. Should you wish to participate in this event, please contact us.

CPC Driver International Programme (CIS)

In close partnership with leading ATIs in key CIS countries, the IRU Academy is initiating the development of a CPC Driver Programme for Drivers engaged in International Transports. Shall you wish to know more about this programme, please contact us.
Updated ADR 2011 Programme

The IRU Academy has updated its ADR programme in line with the updates to the ADR Convention. The new programme is accessible in English to all ADR ATIs through the ACM.

Tachograph – Drive & Rest Time Rules

Following the implementation of Amendments 5&6 of the AETR agreement, the IRU Academy has updated its Tachograph brochure. The PDF version is available to all Tachograph ATIs through the ACM. Printed versions can be obtained in English and Russian by contacting us.

The IRU Academy, in partnership with USAID’s Regional Trade Liberalisation and Customs Project and GIZ’s Support to Regional Economic Cooperation in Central Asia Programme, is planning another set of seminars on the AETR agreement and the implementation of digital tachograph in the CIS region in late January 2011 in Tashkent (Uzbekistan), Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan), Almaty (Kazakhstan), and Dushanbe (Tajikistan). These seminars will unite representatives from IRU Associations, IRU Academy ATIs, official authorities, control bodies and transport operators.