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On November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2006, the International Road Safety Academy – Association organizes in Amsterdam a series of meetings dedicated to a different approach of road safety, from the education and research point of view.

Since December 7<sup>th</sup> 2005, when the first contract of collaboration on road safety at University level was signed between IRSA and the Technical University of Cluj, Romania, several other Universities showed their interest in the Academic collaboration on road safety under the umbrella of IRSA.

In this context, a working group was formed for finding a mutual platform regarding the curricula and the approach of the many components of road safety within M.Sc. and Ph.D. studies, exchange of programs, students and staff for Education, research studies as well as the use of equipment, hard-, and software.

At the “Academic Union for Road Safety” will be present important representatives from Universities like:

- Technical University of Cluj –Napoca, Romania,
- Lund University, Sweden.
- Hasselt University, Belgium.
- Institute of Traffic & Road Safety of the University of València, Spain.
- San Francisco University of Quito, Ecuador
- Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia
- Near East University, North Cyprus.

We will keep you informed on the outcome of these meetings and their practical effect at the level of the Universities present.

IRSA concentrates on offering and developing M.Sc. and Ph.D. programs, studies and research on Road Safety at Universities all over the world. With this we try to stimulate the conduction of reliable, innovative and comparative research on one hand, and to equip the local policy makers of the future with the highest quality of knowledge and best practice on the other hand.