



NEWS release

IRSA starts enforcement and public awareness courses in Romania, North Cyprus, Turkey and Ethiopia

IRSA – Romania, IRSA – North Cyprus and IRSA – Ethiopia start new training programs related to public awareness campaigns, crash investigation & reconstruction, in-depth crash investigation, speed enforcement and alcohol enforcement.

IRSA - Romania

IRSA – Romania officially starts the first high level in-depth crash investigation program, based on the Finish model that has successfully been used in Finland for many years. IRSA's senior consultant Mr. Sven – Olof Hassel will present this program to 16 police officials in Bucharest in the period 8 – 12 May 2006. Beside this first course, other Romanian road safety and enforcement training programs will be evaluated and compared to international European models, adjusted and scheduled as follow-up courses.

IRSA – North Cyprus

IRSA – North Cyprus begins its first 3 day Public Awareness Road Safety Course on 22 May in Nicosia. Governmental, road and police authorities will receive good practices about EU public awareness campaigns that were very much appreciated in other countries. This public awareness course is directly related to a digital speed enforcement program which will start on June 1st, 2006. The Public Awareness Course is necessary to inform people about the need to introduce this kind of technology for improving the terrible road safety situation in this country.

IRSA – Staff Bureau has prepared a special course for students which focus more on the skills, attitude of the driver and the related psychological elements that, unfortunately are not include in their basic driver courses. Driver trainer programs from the Netherlands and the UK are the basis of this course. Local trainers of the IRSA – North Cyprus will be trained at first by the international IRSA senior consultants. The training will start as soon as possible.

In June the first meetings will be organized to prepare this special advanced driver training program for students. The Near East University is the first where such a course will start.

Together with the IRSA Staff Bureau, IRSA – North Cyprus will also start in June to monitor the presently used enforcement training programs at the police academy. The first programs that will be prepared are: crash investigation & reconstruction, collection of crash data and the use of crash data for strategic and operational road safety purposes. The adjusted programs will be scheduled for after the summer.

IRSA – Ethiopia

IRSA – Ethiopia will organize the second speed and alcohol enforcement course in August in Addis Ababa. Ethiopian police specialists and trainers will be instructed on how to use the latest radar and laser speed and alcohol enforcement technology.

IRSA – Association provides IRSA – Ethiopia with radar and alcohol detection equipment, donated by IRSA supporting members. The training will be carried out by experienced Canadian and UK IRSA consultants.

IRSA – Turkey

IRSA – Turkey is preparing a pilot red light enforcement project in Istanbul. In Ankara and other cities similar speed and red light enforcement projects will follow later.

Beside speed and red light enforcement, IRSA – Turkey is preparing another important enforcement project. Due to the incredible number of overloaded trucks which create very dangerous situations on the Turkish main roads and unacceptable damage to the surface of the roads, the road authorities have decided to introduce a new weigh-in-motion system on the Turkish motorways. An international successfully implemented system will be introduced by IRSA – Turkey.

In the near future, IRSA – Turkey will organize enforcement and public awareness training courses on the subjects mentioned above.