

IRF Washington **Upcoming Events & Activities Calendar 2012**

Third IRF Middle East Regional Congress (Hosted by the Ministry of Works, Kingdom of Bahrain)

January 8-12, 2012 — Manama, Bahrain

The largest and most important IRF event in the Middle East in 2012, this regional congress will consist of executive and technical sessions featuring innovation, sustainability and best practices in the areas of road safety, intelligent transport systems (ITS), pavements, and asset management. The two-day congress will include both executive and scientific/technical sessions, as well as a technology and commercial exhibition. An additional three days will be devoted to IRF Certified Training Courses.

Colombian Officials and Highway Operators ITS Orientation Visit to the United States

January 16-25, 2012— Dallas, Los Angeles, and Washington D.C., (during TRB Annual Meeting), USA

This visit for Colombian government officials and highway concession decision-makers is designed to provide a broad orientation about ITS solutions and deployments in the United States. The delegation will meet with U.S. companies to assess products and services, and their applicability to Colombia.

IRF Road Scholar Program

January 18-27, 2012 — Washington, D.C., USA

This annual 10-day program introduces top transportation graduate students (recipients of IRF grants) from around the world to IRF members and the road industry leadership. The program offers an ideal recruitment opportunity for IRF members.

IRF Annual Awards Luncheon

January 24, 2012 — Washington D.C., USA

This annual event honors and recognizes outstanding projects and organizations in front of an international audience of hundreds of road industry professionals.

IRF Technical Workshop on Rural Roads Management & Rural ITS

February 7-9, 2012 — Washington D.C., USA

This technical workshop is designed for officials and contractors, who build, operate and maintain rural roads around the world. There will be two focus areas: management best practices and lessons learned, and the emerging area of intelligent transport system (ITS) applications for rural roads and their economically-disadvantaged end-users.

Mexican Government Officials and Highway Operators ITS Orientation Visit to the United States

March 2012— Dallas, Los Angeles, and Washington D.C., USA.

This visit for Mexican government officials and highway concession decision-makers is designed to provide a broad orientation about ITS solutions and deployments in the United States. The delegation will meet with U.S. companies to assess products and services, and their applicability to Mexico.

IRF Sustainable Transport Summit

May 2012 — Abu Dhabi, UAE

This event will reunite global thought leaders and regional and local decision-makers in diverse areas of sustainable transport, including environmentally sustainable planning, and financial, operational and economic sustainability. Objectives include raising awareness, promoting sustainable management and design, sharing best-practices and innovation, promoting initiatives and opportunities for regional and international cooperation.

IRF Caribbean Regional Congress

May 8-11, 2012 — Montego Bay, Jamaica

Hosted by the IRF, this congress will feature international experts focusing on the specific needs and solutions to the infrastructure, safety and mobility challenges of the Caribbean. The event will feature executive and technical sessions, a commercial exhibition, and IRF Certified Training Courses.

Saudi & Gulf Highway Professionals Workshop (Part 2: Pavement Preservation & Recycling Methods)

June 2-5, 2012— Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

This second workshop for Kingdom and Gulf highway and road professionals will take an in-depth look at key issues affecting the role of new materials and technologies for pavement preservation, and will evaluate the benefits of new funding strategies and contracting models to sustain pavement preservation and the latest management tools, including a comprehensive presentation of recycling methods.

North America Regional Congress

June 2012— Edmonton, Canada

This congress will focus on both North American and International projects, markets, technology innovation, and industry trends. It will include dedicated tracks on PPPs, road safety, asset management and ITS. The 3-day congress will include both executive and scientific/technical sessions, as well as a technology and commercial exhibition.

Preserving Our Highway Infrastructure Assets

August 1-3, 2012— Ft. Lauderdale, USA

This annual event takes an in-depth look at key issues affecting the role of new materials and technologies for pavement preservation, and evaluates the benefits of new funding strategies and contracting models to sustain pavement preservation and the latest tools to manage pavement networks.

IRF Workshop on Performance-Based Contracts & Evaluating Asset Condition

August 16-18, 2012 — Chicago, USA

This workshop is designed to help road operators and agencies understand how to use and apply performance-based maintenance contracts in order to lower operating costs. The workshop will have a focus on North American experiences.

Road Safety Gulf Region Summit & Conference

October 2012 — Muscat, Oman

This event will be both a summit meeting for all road safety decision makers in the Gulf Region and a Road Safety Conference featuring the largest and most comprehensive road safety program in the history of the Middle East. Sessions and training will focus on best practices and technologies from around the world, and their applicability in Oman and the Gulf region.

IRF Executive Seminar on Performance-Based Road Maintenance Contracting

October 30 - November 8, 2012 — Orlando, USA.

This workshop is designed to help highway operators and agencies around the world understand and learn how to use and apply performance-based maintenance contracts in order to address life-cycle maintenance challenges and lower operating costs at a time of constrained budgets.

ITS Gulf Region Summit & Conference

November 4-7, 2012 — Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

This event will be both a summit meeting for ITS stakeholders and decision makers in the Gulf Region, and an ITS conference featuring the largest and most comprehensive ITS program in the history of the Middle East. Sessions and training will focus on best practices and technologies from around the world

in all areas of ITS, and their applicability and adaptability to the Gulf region.

Saudi & Gulf Highway Professionals Workshop (Part 3: Performance-Based Contracting)

November 10-14, 2012 — Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

The 3rd workshop for Kingdom and Gulf highway and road professionals will focus on showing how to use and apply performance-based maintenance contracts in order to address life-cycle maintenance challenges and lower operating costs.

Safer Roads by Design, Executive Seminar Series

December 2-12, 2012 — Miami, USA

The workshop will focus on all the key elements necessary to implement a successful Road Infrastructure Safety Management System with the goal of integrating safety into all aspects of design, planning, and construction while ensuring the best use of the road agencies' limited resources.