

1st SafetyNet Conference & Workshop

on European Accident Data and
Road and Vehicle Safety Policy



SafetyNet is a large research project that has been established by DG Transport Energy within the European Commission, involving 21 partners from 17 countries. The purpose of the project is to develop the Framework of the European Road Safety Observatory that can be used to inform and direct road safety policy across the 25 member states. More details of SafetyNet can be found at the project website (<http://safetynet.swov.nl>).

The work will be at a mid-point at the time of the conference when the EC and safety community will be considering the longer term development of the system.



Prague May 10-11 2006
First Programme





The purpose of the conference is to examine the ways in which data driven road and vehicle safety policies are formed and identify the new challenges that will come with new technologies and post-2010 casualty reduction targets. Speakers will help define the future development of the Observatory for both EU and national level support to safety policy.

The Conference on Day 1 provides the opportunity to consider the views of government, industry and road safety practitioners on the need for structures and methods to gather and apply accident data to road and vehicle safety policy making.

Workshops on Day 2 present an update on the progress of SafetyNet with parallel sessions providing opportunities to test the prototype European Road safety website (ERSO), and gain insight into the concept of multilevel modelling for data analysis.

Cost of attendance is £115 and includes:

- Registration fee
- Conference pack including proceedings (CD)
- Refreshments and lunches both days
- Reception including buffet at the Grand Hotel Bohemia on the evening of 10/05/06 (guests of delegates will incur separate charge of £40 per guest)

* Conference organisers VSRC, Loughborough University, with local assistance from CDV, Czech Republic

This 1st SafetyNet international conference will bring together high-level speakers to represent the range of areas of road and vehicle safety policy and to demonstrate best practice in gathering and applying road safety data.

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The conference will be held in the Czech Republic in the beautiful city of Prague. The first day (May 10) will take place in the prestigious Municipal House, a national heritage building, which during the mid-nineties underwent a period of major renovation. Since its re-opening in 1997 it has returned to being an important centre of social and cultural life www.obecnidum.cz

Translation services will be available.

The weather in May is usually clement and the conference will take place during the famous International Music Festival.



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SafetyNet Conference Programme

Day 1 Conference Municipal House

Nám_sti Republiky, 1090/5, 11121, Prague 1, Czech Republic.

Registration will take place from 08:30 onwards

09:30 Conference opened by Professor Pete Thomas Loughborough University

Session 1 Accident data within the EU policy framework

09:45 Speaker from the European Commission

10:00 Czech Minister for Transport

10:15 Paolo Costa Chair of the Transport Committee of the European Parliament

10:35 Representative of the Austrian Government (Current holders of the Presidency of the EU)

11:00 - 11:20 - BREAK

Session 2 Knowledge transfer from accident data to policy

11:20 Jean-Paul Repussard EC project officer for SafetyNet

11:40 Joseph Carra Director National Centre for Statistical Analysis National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, USA

12:00 Dr Rune Elvik Chief Research Political Scientist, Institute for Transport Economics, Norway
Dimensions of road safety problems and their measurement

12:20 Miroslav Jovanovic Secretary of the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP6) Road Traffic Accident Statistics in the UNECE region

12:40 Panel discussion

13:00 - 14:00 - LUNCH

Session 3 Stakeholder use of accident data

14:00 Claes Tingvall, Professor Director of Traffic Safety, Swedish Road Administration, Chairman of Euro NCAP Priorities, processes and validation of new vehicle safety systems - how can we be effective, transparent and efficient in a market driven safety development.

14:20 Yves Page Deputy Director Laboratoire d'Accidentologie, de Biomécanique et d'études du comportement humain PSA Peugeot Citroën - Renault (LAB), France Accident Research Needs for Evaluating the effectiveness of countermeasures based on technologies

14:40 John Dawson Chairman, EuroRAP. How can our roads be made safe?

15:00 Josef Mikulik Director, Transport Research Centre, Czech Republic

15:20 - 15:40 - BREAK

Session 3 continued

15:40 Meredydd Hughes QPM, Chief Constable, South Yorkshire Police ACPO Lead for Road Policing.
Investigating Road Death - the British Perspective

16:00 Eleni Petridou, Professor of Preventive Medicine and Epidemiology Centre for Research and Prevention of Injuries (CEREPRI) Dept. of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Medical School, University of Athens Use of alternative sources of accident data to improve road and vehicle safety and ultimately reduce road traffic injuries

16:20 Jörg Beckmann, Executive Director, European Transport Safety Council (ETSC) Turning Research into Politics - the EU policymakers' commitment

16:40 To be confirmed

17:00 Panel discussion

17:30 End of Conference Day One

19:30 Reception Grand Hotel Bohemia - Kralodvorska 4, 11000 Prague, Czech Republic

Day 2 Workshops

Charles University, Blue auditorium, Rektorat UK, ovocny trh 3 116 36 Praha 1

Registration will take place from 08:30 onwards (for those attending day 2 only)

09:00 - 10:00 WP1, Care Accident Data Methodological aspects of accident data enhancement
Incorporating the following areas

- An integrated approach for defining an EU common data collection framework
- EU wide methodology to identify and tackle the issue of under reporting
- From road accident data to fact sheets

10:00 - 11:00 WP2, Risk Exposure Data (RED) Description of the work so far

- The use of Risk Exposure information in setting road safety policy
- Obstacles and opportunities in EU-wide exposure data gathering
- SafetyNet working towards a coordinated EU approach to risk evaluation

11:00 - 11:20 - BREAK

11:20 - 12:20 WP3, Safety Performance Indicators (SPI) Best practices for Safety Performance Indicators in Europe

- SafetyNet approach to coordinated SPI estimation
- What are the benefits of working with SPI's
- Advising on the collection of data for SPI's
- Discuss how assistance can be given to help the collection of this data

12:20 - 12:45 Panel discussion (question and answer session)

12:45 - 14:00 - LUNCH

14:00 - 15:00 WP4, Independent Accident Investigation Recommendations

- Presentation of WP4 results concerning accident investigation bodies and traffic accident databases
- Discussion on the concepts of independence and transparency
- Presentation of the draft recommendations for safety orientated accident investigation, followed by open discussion

15:00 - 16:00 WP5 Independent Accident Databases

- Describing the project's data collection pilot and subsequent review
- Demonstration of the methods and data variables through case studies taken from the full data collection activity
- Open discussion on user needs for the forthcoming data analysis within WP5

16:00 - 16:30 Panel discussion (question and answer session) Parallel Workshops/ Training sessions - Side room WP6 - European Road Safety Observatory

11:00 - 12:45 and 16:00 - 17:00 WP6 - Conference attendees will be invited to test the prototype European Road Safety Observatory (ERSO). This website will be one of the final results of the SafetyNet Project and will be merged with the existing DG TREN website at the end of SafetyNet. This merged website will prove to be an invaluable tool to policy makers, day to day practitioners and researchers in the quest for factual up-to-date information on road and vehicle safety issues.

09:00 - 11:00 and 14:00 - 16:00 WP7 Data Analysis and Synthesis

The leaders of WP7 will offer training sessions on multilevel modelling (maximum number of 10 persons each session). The objectives of which will be

- to introduce the concept of multilevel modelling in traffic safety research
- to demonstrate the appropriate way of analysing multilevel data
- to get started with the MLwiN, the multi-level analysis software package

A lecture as a conceptual introduction will be given, followed by a computer exercise where participants will fit their own model using MLwiN. Computers, hardware, software and dataset will be provided.

Final 2 day programme may be subject to minor changes

Registration form

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Please type or write clearly and return to the address given at the bottom of the form. Places on this Conference are limited so please return your form by post as quickly as possible to avoid disappointment. A form must be completed and signed by all attendees.

I would like translation from English to the following language (please tick box)

Czech Russian German French None

* Title * First name

Surname (family name)

Company name * Job title

Address

City Postcode

* Country Telephone

Fax email

Special requirements: Please advise if you have any specific requirements e.g. dietary, wheelchair access, etc. _____

Items marked with * will be used for conference badge

Please indicate which of the following you wish to attend:

I wish to attend both days - Conference and workshop

I wish to attend Day 1 of the Conference only (10/05/06)

I wish to attend Day 2 SafetyNet Workshop only (11/05/06)

I wish to attend the reception on the evening of the 10/05/06

I will be bringing a guest to the reception at an extra cost of £40

Note: No reduction will be offered for part attendance of the Conference

Accommodation and transport are not included in the price. A list of hotels will be forwarded to delegates upon receipt of a completed registration form.

Payments will be accepted either by cheque or by credit card and returned with this form.

Cheques: Must be drawn on a UK bank in sterling and made payable to "Loughborough University" **Credit Cards:** Please complete the following:

Card type please tick:

Visa MasterCard (American Express is not accepted)

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Expiry date MM/YY

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Amount to be debited £

Card holder's signature

Date

Deadline for completed registration forms - 17th March 2006

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