

## **Geneva, Switzerland in IRTE**

The Institute of Road Traffic Education in collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways of India and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) organized the Europe-Asia Road Safety Forum and the 67th Session of the Working Party 1 on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) at the College of Traffic Management from 4 to 6 December 2013. The events were supported by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and the FIA Foundation.



While WP.1 meetings are usually held at the UNECE's premises in Geneva, for the first time, a special session was convened at IRTE's College of Traffic Management.

The Forum and WP1 was attended by over 100 delegates from 36 countries. This goal of the events was consistent with the recent General Assembly resolutions on "improving road safety", UNESCAP's Resolution 48/11 on facilitating transport across borders and objectives of the Decade of Action for Road Safety.

The events were inaugurated by the Union Transport Minister of India, Mr. Oscar Fernandes and the Keynote Address was delivered by Mr. David Strickland, Administrator National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in the presence of Ms. Eva Molnar, Director Transport Division, UNECE & Mr. Robert Nowak, Secretary WP1, UNECE; Mr. Dong-woo Ha, Director Transport UNESCAP; Ms. Luciana Iorio, Chairperson WP1; Mr. David Ward, Secretary General, Commission for Global Road Safety; Mr. Vijay Chhibber, IAS Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways; Mr. G K Pillai, IAS (Retd.) Former Union Home Secretary, GOI; Dr. Rohit Baluja, President-IRTE and Delegates from 35 Countries.