## IRTE in France

As a member of the International Road Federation, IRTE was invited to participate in a Conference titled, European Transport Policy - Strangling or Liberating Europe's Potential? The ground-breaking half-day conference in the European Parliament discussed at length the current state of the Transport Policy in Europe and the challenges it is facing The participants also deliberated upon the business perspective on development of a balanced transport policy mix for Europe. The conference saw, among others, the participation of dignitaries like Members of the European Parliament, Mr. Ari Vatanen and Mr. Malcolm Harbour, Mr. Romy Prud'homme, Professor at the Paris XII University and expert in transport economics, Jacques Barrot, Vice President of the European Commission and Commissioner in charge for transport, Hendrik Jan Jurriaan Schuwer, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the EU, and senior officials from many large corporate including Nokia, Procter & Gamble, Master Foods etc. Mr. Rohit Baluja represented the IRTE at this event in the European Union Parliament.