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Introduction

Over the previous years, the International Federation of Pedestrians (IFP) focused on building the structures to prepare to transition from an organization run nearly purely on voluntary work (with all the limitations that such incurs) to a more solid organization with appropriate funding. This year we have made some small important steps in that direction.

We started our activities within the consortium of **MORE - Multi-modal Optimisation of Road-space in Europe**, a project with 18 partners funded by the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme. This allows us to extend our network, make the voice of pedestrians heard in test tools for roadspace design in five urban nodes of the Trans European Transport Network (TEN-T): Budapest, Constanța, Lisbon, London, and Malmö. And it provides a limited funding source for 3 years. We also were asked to do some consultancy work for other European Projects.

We reinforced and expanded our presence in **Social Networks** (growing this year with a stronger presence on Instagram) and in International meetings. We felt that gradually the importance of walking is finally being taken in account in international instances but is too often still forgotten.

Similar to previous years, we co-organised a **workshop in Pedestrian Advocacy networks** with the presence of members from several continents. This is the opportunity for our members to exchange their experiences and learn from each other’s successes and failures.

Our **Strategic Plan 2020-22** translating our mission statement into action points was approved at our General Assembly in Rotterdam. The plan builds on the assumption that we will be able to secure funding for a secretariat staff resource from 2021 onward, and will include new steps such as having a more active presence in the **Global Forum on Road Safety** (former WP1) of the UNECE.

Mário Alves,

Secretary General
About the International Federation of Pedestrians

The International Federation of Pedestrians (IFP) is a network of nonprofit associations and individuals from around the world, working for pedestrians and liveable public space. IFP was founded as an UN-accredited NGO in 1963. IFP is an association according to the Swiss Civil Code (Article 60 – 79).

Originally, our focus was solely on promoting the rights of pedestrians however, our focus has evolved to recognize and promote the contribution of pedestrians to liveable public spaces and sustainability.

History and milestones

1963: IFP was created as an umbrella organization for national pedestrian advocacy groups.


2000: With the start of the yearly WALK21-conferences, IFP synchronized the General Assembly with this annual event.

2005: Relaunch of IFP with a new logo. Ole Thorson becomes president (till 2012)

2009: First Global Meeting of NGOs Advocating for Road Safety and Road Victims. IFP becomes a member of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration.

2012: Living end roads project launched

2013: Publication by WHO of the Pedestrian Safety Manual, for which the IFP has been an important contributor.

2014: New website, including member interaction module. Start of Facebook activity

2015: Start Twitter activity

2016: Eight more voting members

2017 - 2018: Became a partner in MORE (Multi-modal Optimisation of Road-space in Europe), a 3 year project that was awarded a EU Grant. Three new voting members

Activities January - December 2019

Projects

MORE: Multi-modal Optimisation of Road-space in Europe
IFP is part of the consortium MORE, a European Project to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the main roads that feed traffic to/from the interurban road links of the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T). New concepts, tools and processes are developed and tested in five cities. IFP's tasks include that the pedestrian's voice is heard and needs are catered for in this important urban context.

Radar - Risk Assessment on Danube Area Roads (INTERREG Project)
IFP was invited to join the RADAR project Road Safety Expert Group (RSEG). The role of the RSEG is to provide a platform for cooperation to professionals and experts in the field of road infrastructure safety and to prepare the drafting and adoption of the Danube Infrastructure Road Safety Improvement Strategy (DIRSIS) and Danube Infrastructure Road Safety Improvement Action Plans (DIRSIAP).

Advocacy

United Nations Road Safety Collaboration (UNRSC)
IFP continues to actively participate in the UNRSC meetings and activities. Focus is on assuring that the needs of the pedestrians are taken into account when decisions or recommendations are made regarding road safety, and on raising awareness that a pedestrian focus is essential to overall road safety.

Sustainable Mobility for All Network
SuM4All “brings together a diverse and influential group of transport stakeholders, with a commitment ../.. to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG’s) and transform the transport sector.” We focus on walking as an important part of the global transport activity that doesn't always get the attention it deserves.
Mobility Congress - Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)

Mário Alves contributed to the Mobility Congress organised by Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) in Berlin on 8 and 9 May 2019. He participated in the Workshop with a discussion roundtable - “Fußgänger zuerst: Best-Practice-Beispiele aus aller Welt”, and gave a presentation in the session “Battlefield City – Who Owns Public Space?”

OECD & ITF (International Transport Forum)

The annual ITF meetings in Leipzig gather key players in transport and mobility. Also here, active mobility deserves a little more attention. We continued our active presence there, both by contributing to the ITF planning meetings in Paris and attending the Leipzig meeting. We participated in both the preparative meeting and the Summit.

EU Global Safety Regulations (GSR)

Together with other NGOs, IFP campaigned in favour of a proposed package of new vehicle safety measures at the EU level (EU Global Safety Regulations - GSR). The GSR was approved by the Commission, Parliament and Council in March 2019. As of 2022 new safety technologies, including intelligent speed assistance, will become mandatory in European vehicles to protect passengers, pedestrians and cyclists.

Road Safety Roundtable and European Mobility Week opening event

Geert van Waeg and Mário Alves participated in the opening event of the European Mobility Week in September in Brussels.

POLIS-ITF workshop, 6th meeting of the Safer City Streets network

Mário Alves had an active participation in the POLIS and International Transport Forum 6th meeting of the Safer City Streets network in September 2019 in Lisbon. This included a Pre-event organised by NACTO: Designing City Streets for Safe Speeds, and a Post-event organised by ITF Corporate Partnership Board: Safe Micromobility.

Workshop: Tomorrow, Our Lives With Driverless Mobility

Mário Alves presented “Driven by distraction: sustainable road safety and the impact of autonomous driving on vulnerable users” in the workshop International Citizens’ Dialogues on Driverless mobility in November 2019 in Lisbon.

Levitate

Geert van Waeg represented pedestrians in a stakeholder meeting of Levitate, a 3 year EU project “preparing for a future with increasing levels of automated vehicles in passenger cars, urban transport services and urban logistics.”

Preparation of Ministerial Conference on Road Safety

Together with ECF, we wrote the session description for “Ensuring the safety of active road users”. Our focus on the contribution to road safety of pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users resonates in many sessions. Geert van Waeg actively participated in the preparative meeting in Stockholm May 2019.
WALK21 2019 - Rotterdam

IFP contributed actively at the annual WALK21 congress. In Rotterdam, we continued to be active in both the main program and to work with partners on a workshop entitled "Pro-walk networks: lessons learned and next steps towards a collective Action Plan", jointly organized by America Walks, Cidade Ativa and Corrida Amiga. It was well attended by a very active audience.

Korea

An invitation to present on pedestrian issues at the 5th International Pedestrian Safety Seminar hosted by Ministry of Internal Affairs in Korea was extended with a 2-day study visit in Seoul (where we also worked with a representative of our Korean member Urban Action Network) and a visit to the Korean Transport Institute in Sejong. This resulted in some proposals that will likely extend further into 2020.

Networking

Website

The IFP website provides the basic information on IFP.

Facebook

The IFP Facebook page continues to extend its reach and engagement with followers all over the world. Since last year the page increased more than 20% - it has at the end of 2019 more than 12,000 followers (likes). The page is becoming an important source of information and forum for conversations around pedestrian issues.

Twitter

In 4 years, we did more than 16,000 tweets and gained nearly 5,500 followers.

Instagram

At the end of our first year (2019) we had 130 posts and 1,100 followers. Many of our followers are from Latin America where Instagram is popular among Walking Advocates.

IFPedestrians-NET

For twenty years Pednet was a place for debate and exchange for pedestrian advocates around the world. In 2016, the International Federation of Pedestrians accepted to run a new network (renamed IFPedestrians-net). As of December 2019 the IFPedestrians-NET list had more than 300 members (an increase of 25% since last year).
Vision
A world that is inviting, safe and comfortable for all to walk.

Mission
Walking is not only a natural right. Walking is a legitimate use of public space and people should be supported and encouraged to choose to walk. Being an essential part of sustainable mobility, walking improves health and liveability of communities.
IFP will increase the awareness about walking through:
- facilitating exchange of experience and expertise between members worldwide,
- formulating policy statements based on input from members,
- inspiring/engaging grassroots capacity building,
- stimulating local, national and international initiatives,
- working with international organizations supporting the cause of the pedestrians.

New Members
Tous à pied (Belgium) and Fundapeaton (Colombia) joined the IFP as voting members. As of December 2018, the International Federation of Pedestrians counts on 47 Voting Members in 32 Countries and 5 Continents.
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