ETSC
European Transport Safety Council

Swedish Abstaining Motorists' Association

Safe & Sober Transport in Europe March 28-30

European Parliament, Brussels – "Espace Distribution" 3rd floor, Altiero Spinelli building.

Opening Reception

Opening reception at 18:00, March 28. Organised by ETSC, European Transport Safety Council together with the MHF, the Swedish Abstaining Motorists' Association

Exhibition

Open from 9:00 to 18:00, between March 28 and 30

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18:00 Opening: Anna Hedh (MEP), Dieter-Lebrecht Koch (MEP)

18:10 Alcolock role - standardisation and quality: Tom Bjerver (MHF), Antonio Avenoso (ETSC)

18:20 Last development in Alcolock technologies – Business case: Bill Burger (ACS), Lennart Pilskog (Volvo Trucks)

18:30 Cocktail reception

More and more European countries are adopting legislation for the use of alcohol interlock devices in rehabilitation programmes, substituting this punishment for driving license withdrawal. Many EU countries voluntarily introduced alcohol interlock technology for vehicles used to transport goods or passengers. ETSC hopes now that EU decision-makers, together with the European Commission, will coordinate new actions at EU level, thus substantially improving both the effectiveness and efficiency of these new technologies.

Building on the success of the October 6, 2010 seminar on the use of alcohol interlocks, the MHF and the ETSC wish to discuss and promote the role of alcohol interlocks in the new EU road safety strategy for 2011-2020. The opening reception and three-day exhibition will provide informative and interactive materials on alcohol interlocks and their use.

The event will be kindly supported and co-hosted by MEPs Anna Hedh and Dieter-Lebrecht Koch.

To register, please send an email to Ilyas.Daoud@etsc.eu.
If you need an EP badge, please include your full name, nationality, residency address, passport/ID number and date of birth. Badges can be collected before the opening reception, March 28 at the reception of the Altiero Spinelli building, Rue Wiertz 60, starting with 17:00.

The objective of the "Safe and Sober" Campaign is to raise awareness amongst policy makers, the private sector as well as some key opinion leaders for a systemic approach to reduce alcohol misuse in road transport, especially in the less well-performing EU member states. The alcohol interlocks are inseparable part of the approach. The campaign is run in cooperation with Volvo Trucks and is part of the ETSC's commitments in Alcohol and Health Forum run by the European Commission.

European Transport Safety Council

ETSC is a Brussels-based independent non-profit making organisation dedicated to reducing the numbers of deaths and injuries in transport in Europe. The ETSC seeks to identify and promote research-based measures with a high safety potential. It brings together 43 national and international organizations concerned with transport safety from across Europe. www.etsc.eu

Swedish Abstaining Motorists' Association

MHF is a road safety organisation focused primarily on the issue of sobriety on the roads. MHF is pushing for alcolocks to be installed in all vehicles, quite simply because it saves lives. The role of the association in the development of the alcolock is:

- to help generate positive opinion
- to be responsible for consumer information in Sweden
- to promote the issue of product quality assurance
- to act as a sounding board for product development
- to spread knowledge about the potential of the alcolock

For more information: www.mhf.se