



Dear Friends,



ASIRT convened an inaugural Road Safety and Travel Summit on May 13th on Capitol Hill as a culmination of the Fifth UN Global Road Safety Week. Experts and advocates of road safety from the government, health, advocacy, insurance and journalism sectors who are outstanding leaders in their fields shared their successes and challenges. Panelists described future policies and initiatives they hope to institute to further protect American travelers on the roads of the world. Deputy Administrator of USAID, Bonnie Glick and Maryland Senator, Chris Van Hollen were keynote speakers for the event.

Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.) the FIA Foundation and Point Comfort Underwriters, sponsored this groundbreaking Summit. Please read ASIRT's set of recommendations to travel and tourism stakeholders: "[Needed Actions to Improve International Road Safety for Travelers Abroad.](#)"

[View](#) photos and details.

Each of us can become a leader in the urgent campaign to improve road safety. Think about what you can do to advance this cause. Please also engage with ASIRT on our on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

Rochelle Sobel
Founder and President

FY20 State and Foreign Ops Appropriations

Thanks to the leadership of Congressman Alcee Hastings (D-FL), chair of the US Congressional Caucus on Global Road Safety, ASIRT's language request was included in the FY20 State and Foreign Operations [Report](#).

[Here](#) is the bill text, as approved by the subcommittee, expected to be approved by the full committee.

Updated Country Reports Available

Since our Winter eNewsletter was distributed, the following country reports have been updated: Australia, Bangladesh, Bermuda, Colombia, Eastern Canada, Western Canada, Chile, Honduras, India, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Saint Lucia, Thailand, and UAE.

To access Road Travel Reports and Road Safety Reviews, become an ASIRT member. **Free samples** are available when you register and log into the [website](#).

Successful Gallery Exhibit Benefits ASIRT

ASIRT gratefully acknowledges the generosity of digital artist [Allen Hirsh](#) and [Trigraphics](#) owner Brett Silbert who selected ASIRT as the recipient of a portion of the proceeds of the new Trigraphics gallery's first show. Pictured are Gayle Nadler of ASIRT, Brett Silbert and Allen Hirsh.



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From Global Commitment to Local Action

The Sixth Meeting of the Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety was held April 9-13 in Chania, Greece. 270 participants including NGOs and road safety stakeholders from 76 countries around the world attended. The United Nations Road Safety Collaboration (UNRSC) held its meeting simultaneously during that week. View more [photos](#) from the Global Meeting and [presentations](#) from a selection of workshops.



Rochelle Sobel moderated a panel, "Successes and Challenges for NGOs of the Decade of Action for Global Road Safety 2011-2020 during the meeting (top photo). Below, Ms. Sobel, newly elected Chair of the Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety, is pictured with the newly elected board.



ASIRT Introduces Road Safety to State Department's OSAC Faith-Based Working Group

Faith-based, development and humanitarian groups have much to contend with when considering risk management and the safety of their staff, missionaries and volunteers who travel and live in remote and dangerous regions throughout the world. In May, Gayle Nadler, ASIRT Director of Membership and Special Projects, presented ideas to enable organizations to establish or enhance their road safety efforts. [Download](#) the PowerPoint, "Road Safety Overview for Faith Based, Mission and Nonprofit Communities." Organizations are encouraged to become members of ASIRT to access Road Safety Reviews for countries of interest. Additional information is available asirt.org/nonprofit.

Engaging U.S. Government in 2020

ASIRT attended a round table luncheon meeting at the residence of the Swedish Ambassador Karin Olofsdotter to the U.S. Invited guests addressed the challenge of increasing the engagement of the U.S. government in the upcoming Ministerial Conference in Sweden in February 2020.

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Upcoming Events

3rd Global High-Level Conference on Road Safety

The upcoming Ministerial conference on road safety will be hosted by the government of Sweden in Stockholm in February 2020 and will include leaders from around the world from the transport, health, interior and other government branches, NGOs and corporations. Delegates will review the progress of the 2011-2020 UN Decade of Action for Global Road Safety and define urgent steps needed to accelerate and institute effective road safety actions.

November 4, 2019

ASIRT Annual Gala, Carnegie Institution of Science, P Street, Washington, DC. "Leaders in Road Safety: Does the Rubber Meet the Road?"

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