Introduction

The past working year is one where we have seen a remarkable influx of new members joining the IFP. Eight new member associations are a clear indication of the growing consciousness of people from all over the world (see map on page 5) of the value of walking and the rights of the pedestrians.

People are not just pedestrians or cyclists or transit passengers or car users. People are multimodal and select their mobility mode based what they want to do and where they want to go, and on the benefits and disadvantages of the available modes at that particular occasion. In the seventies, the more developed world started to believe in the “my car is my freedom” adagio, and it nearly took till this century before they started realizing that “my car limits your freedom” is an inherent consequence of that one-dimensional thinking. Unfortunately, we see the developing world now often making the same mistakes.

Our new members show a great diversity over culture and approaches to public space. When looking at our new members, we are sure that the challenges in Australia and Canadian are different from those faced by our new Indonesian member. And so are the challenge faced by our two new Brazilian members different from those in Estonia or Poland. But the basic needs and rights of pedestrians are very similar, as are the positive contribution they bring to a sustainable society and the fact that they do not endanger other users of public space by their mobility needs.

We hope that both our older and our new members will be able to exchange their experiences and learn from each other, and find inspiration and advice by interacting with each other.

Geert van Waeg, President IFP
About the International Federation of Pedestrians

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

Originally, our focus has been on promoting the rights of pedestrians as such. Gradually, our focus evolved to a broader area, recognizing and promoting the contribution of pedestrians to liveable public spaces and to sustainability.

History and milestones

1963 : The IFP was created in 1963 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 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 United Nations Road Safety Week on Pedestrians (May 6-12)

Publication of the Mission and Vision Statements

2014 : New website, including member interaction module

Start of Facebook activity

2015 : Start Twitter activity

2016 : 8 more voting members
Activities October 2016 - September 2017

Advocacy

United Nations Road Safety Collaboration (UNRSC)

IFP continues to actively participate to 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. Together with the European Cyclists Federation, we worked on pillar 2 of the Decade of Action on Road Safety (Safer roads), in order to strengthen the voice of active mobility.

EU Road Safety Malta

The European Commission, in collaboration with the Maltese Presidency, invited IFP to actively participate in a High-level Stakeholder and Ministerial Conference in Malta on 28 and 29 March 2017, bringing together road safety experts, stakeholders, and policy-makers.

OECD & ITF (International Transport Forum)

The annual ITF meetings in Leipzig gather key players in transport and mobility. We increased our active presence there, both by contributing to the ITF planning meetings in Paris and attending the Leipzig meeting.

Other advocacy events

Contributions to other projects

WALK21

As usual, IFP members contributed actively at the annual WALK21 congress, as presenters, moderators and panelists.

Networking

Website

While the recently renewed IFP website still is a basic reference to find all information on the IFP, we also clearly experience a shift towards other web-based communication means such as Facebook and Twitter. But IFPedestrians-NET became a valuable contributor.
Facebook

The IFP Facebook page (established 2013) continues to extend its reach and engagement with followers. The page now has over 2300 followers (likes). The page is becoming an important source of information and forum for conversations around pedestrian issues. Over the year, more than 250,000 people saw IFP page posts.

Twitter

In November 2015 we setup our twitter account ([https://twitter.com/IFPedestrians](https://twitter.com/IFPedestrians)). In less than a year, we did more than 3,000 tweets and gained nearly 1,300 followers. While most followers could be found in North America (40%) and Europe (36%), we are happy to see clear interest from Asia (9%) and South America (7%). Oceania followed at 6%, and only limited activity was seen in Africa (2%). Part of that is likely due to the limited language range we have had so far (mainly English and Spanish).

IFPedestrians-NET

For twenty years Pednet was a place for debate and exchange for pedestrian advocates around the world. In March 2016, the International Federation of Pedestrians accepted to run a new network (renamed IFPedestrians-net). Still at an experimental phase it was decided to not publicize it beyond IFP and former Pednet. As of September 2017 the IFPedestrians-NET list had 200 members.
As of September of 2017 the International Federation of Pedestrians have 41 Voting Members in 27 Countries and 5 Continents.
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.
Members

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            johanna.be |
| Belgium  | Pedestrians Foundation  
            Canada Walks  
            Piétons Québec |
| Brazil   | ABRASPE  
            Corrida Amiga  
            SampaPé |
| Bulgaria | Pedestrians Foundation  
            Canada Walks  
            Walk Toronto  
            Piétons Québec |
| Canada   | Fundación Colombiana de Peatones  
            Dansk Fodgænger Forbund  
            Asociación de peatones de Quito  
            Estonian Pedestrians’ Association  
            Les Droits du Pieton  
            Enosipezon  
            Koalisi Pejalan Kaki  
            Pedestrians Welfare Association  
            The Right to Walk Foundation  
            Associazione per i Diritti dei Pedoni di Roma e del Lazio  
            Federazione Camminacità  |
| Colombia | The Swedish Pedestrian Association  
            Pedestrian Mobility Switzerland  
            Fussgaengerverein Zuerich  
            Living Streets  
            America Walks  |
| Denmark  | Urban Action Network  
            MENSSTRAAT  |
| Ecuador  | Lebenshilfe  
            A Pie  
            Catalunya Camina  
            Peatones de Sevilla  |
| Estonia  | Status Aug 31, 2017  
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| Switzerland | Urban Action Network  
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| USA      | Urban Action Network  
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