



*INTERNATIONAL
FEDERATION OF
PEDESTRIANS*

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Introduction

There still is a lot of work to be done to reach our vision (*"A world that is inviting, safe and comfortable for all to walk"*), but there definitely are positive evolutions happening. We see cities over the globe not only recognizing that pedestrians are a valuable factor in their functioning, but actively building a vision worked out in a local pedestrian action plan. We see implementations of those actions plans, often with impacts exceeding the original expectations.

Unfortunately, the rapid motorization make such plans much more challenging in low and medium income countries. Worldwide, the share of pedestrians as victims of the current road unsafety remains unacceptably high.



At the very end of the activity year 2014-2015 (which for IFP runs from Oct 1 to Sept 30), the United Nations General Assembly formally adopted a set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Even though pedestrians are not formally mentioned in them, goal #11 about sustainable cities explicitly mentions improving road safety, with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations. It also calls for expanding public transport, which basically is a crucial range extender for pedestrians. We all know that inviting pedestrians conditions are a prerequisite for a performant public transport system.

Let's build together on the momentum we're currently experiencing.

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.

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1972 – 1983

Over the years IFP organized many international meetings dealing with various aspects of improving the pedestrian's destiny, including conferences in The Hague (1972 and 1979), London (1975), Amsterdam (1975), Geilo (1976), Paris (1978), Göteborg (1981), and Perpignan (1983).



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

Activities October 2014 - September 2015

Advocacy

United Nations Road Safety Collaboration (UNRSC)

IFP actively participated to the UNRSC meetings and activities. Efforts did not only include assuring that the needs of the pedestrians are taken into account when decisions or recommendations are made regarding road safety, but also raising awareness that a pedestrian focus can be an important contribution to overall road safety. Main focus area has been pillar 2 of the Decade of Action on Road Safety (Safer roads), where we actively cooperated with the European Cyclists Federation in order to strengthen the voice of active mobility. Within the UNRSC, the 3rd Road Safety Week (Children) and the 2nd High Level Ministerial Conference on Road Safety (Brasilia) were prepared.

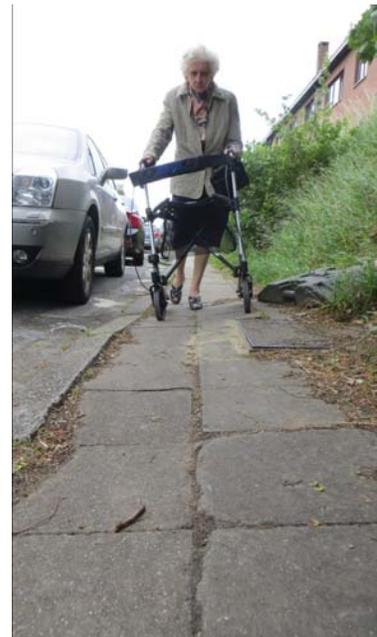
OECD & ITF (International Transport Forum)

The annual ITF meetings in Leipzig gather key players in transport and mobility. Since a few years, the IFP has been contributing to the ITF planning meetings in Paris and attending the Leipzig meeting.

The potential of walking as a contributor to transport and mobility remains however underestimated. Within the context of the 2016 theme "Green and Inclusive Transport", we established this year good contacts with the Danish Ministry of Transport, who will preside next year's ITF.

Membership

MENSenStraat, the newly formed Dutch pedestrian organization, joined IFP.



Networking

Website

The IFP website was not only outdated with respect to look and feel, but was basically shut down as the software was unsupported. The 2014 General Assembly requested that IFP should actively work on building a network, share amongst members about trends and themes being worked on, and propose possible campaigns together. To facilitate this, new website was developed and put online.

Facebook

The IFP Facebook page (established 2013) continues to extend its reach and engagement with followers. The page now has over 1,400 followers (likes), up 307 from last year.

NGO Alliance on road safety and victim support

We attended the Global Meeting of Nongovernmental Organizations Advocating for Road Safety and Road Victims. More than 170 delegates from over 52 countries representing 100 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) gathered in Marrakech, Morocco.

Projects and contributions

Living end roads

The living end roads project received additional traction, for example in Catalonia where a slightly modified sign has been included in the road code and got implemented in Barcelona. We attended the Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals from the UNECE Working Party 1 to present the signage. The group of experts was interested in this logical approach. A more standardized living end road sign could either be proposed by this group of experts, or proposed by a member state directly to the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety.



WALK21

IFP members have again been active at the yearly WALK21 congress. Given the location in 2014 (Sydney), participation has been somewhat lower, but active contribution both as presenters, moderators and panelists took place.

Other contributions

- ❑ The IFP was present as an invited presenter and panelist on The Safe Roads | Safe Kids Global Road Safety Summit in Washington DC in Dec 2015.
- ❑ Input from the IFP was solicited by the ETSC (European Transport Safety Council) on their PIN Flash report on pedestrian and cyclist safety. The critical comments from the IFP were well received, and subsequently we were invited as panelist on the Annual PIN Road Safety Conference in June (Brussels), where this report was presented.
- ❑ We were also present June 5-7 in Velo-city 2015 in Nantes (France). The Velo-city conference series are largely regarded as the world reference in terms of urban cycling.
- ❑ We presented at the third Congresso Ciudades que Caminan, in Torres Vedras, Portugal.
- ❑ We constructively participated together with nearly 30 other NGOs in the “Multi-Stakeholder Consultation on Road Safety” with the UN Special Envoy on Road Safety at the UNECE in Geneva.

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

Australia	Victoria Walks	Netherlands	MENSenSTRAAT
Austria	Austrian Federation of Pedestrians	New Zealand	Living Streets Aotearoa
Belgium	Voetgangersbeweging vzw johanna.be	Portugal	Associação de Cidadãos Auto- Mobilizados
Brazil	ABRASPE	Serbia	5km/h
Bulgaria	Pedestrians Foundation	Spain	A Pie Catalunya Camina Peatones de Sevilla
Canada	Canada Walks	Sweden	The Swedish Pedestrian Association
Colombia	Fundaciòn Colombiana de Peatones	Switzerland	Fussgaengerverein Zuerich Pedestrian Mobility Switzerland
Denmark	Dansk Fodgænger Forbund	Turkey	Yaya Yasam Dernegi
Ecuador	Asociación de peatones de Quito	UK	Living Streets Walk England
France	Les Droits du Pieton	USA	America Walks
Germany	Fuss eV	International	FEPA (Federation of European Pedestrian Associations) Walk21
Greece	Enosipezon		
India	Pedestrians Welfare Association The Right to Walk Foundation		
Italy	Associazione per i Diritti dei Pedoni di Roma e del Lazio Federazione Camminacittà		
Korea	Urban Action Network		

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