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Contributing to enhancing the vitality and recognition of road infrastructure since 1989. Today, FEHRL is recognised worldwide as a key centre of expertise for road research and encompasses a variety of transport infrastructure topics.

FEHRL ANNUAL REPORT 2012

FEHRL – the Forum of European National Highway Research Laboratories – was created in 1989 and is an international association (AISBL) under Belgian Law with a permanent Secretariat located at Boulevard de la Woluwe 42, 1200 Brussels, Belgium.

FEHRL comprises the national research/technical centres of more than 30 countries. Staff from the national institutes provide the technical input for all projects. FEHRL's mission is to promote and facilitate collaboration on road and infrastructure research and provide high-quality information and advice on relevant technologies and policies. Through the specification and delivery of research, FEHRL's main objectives are to:

- Provide scientific input to policy on road and infrastructure matters.
- Create and maintain an efficient and safe road and infrastructure network.
- Increase innovation in road and infrastructure construction and related industries.
- Improve the energy efficiency of road and infrastructure engineering and operations.
- Protect the environment and improve the quality of life.

►MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

FEHRLs current 33 members/associate members are typically the national laboratory, or institute, or equivalent qualified organisation. To apply to be a member of FEHRL, an applicant needs to be active and with a proven record of excellence in the field of research, and agrees to contribute to the work of FEHRL. This includes describing their national and international research activities, status or articles of association, and their relationship to the national road authority. For more details on FEHRL members, see page 6.

►LEGAL REGISTRATION

Belgian authorities: FEHRL legal registration number and VAT number is BE 0472-087-221.

European Commission (EC): FEHRL is a registrant of the EC Transparency register (#23852512256-13) and has a Participant Identity Code (PIC) of 999496828.

This Annual Report outlines the financial, organisational and strategic highlights for FEHRL. For more information, contact FEHRL's Finance Officer, Laurie Ferrier, at laurie.ferrier@fehrl.org.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

► ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

I EXPENDITURES

	Actual 2011	Actual 2012
1 Umbrella project transfers	157,574.02	302,990.58
2 Accommodation and services	54,475.29	55,066.33
3 IT and office supplies	19,495.96	23,532.84
4 Legal and financial	3,263.88	6,038.05
5 Other bought-in services	2,413.13	24,836.40
6 Travel & meetings	102,601.05	91,776.44
7 Printing & distribution	4,897.02	23,609.80
8 Employment costs	505,933.27	521,998.39
9 Other project costs (Breakdown below)	101,394.06	60,102.55
10 Miscellaneous	1,338.10	890.00
11 Bank Charges / Interest -	8,755.13	8,322.78
12 Capital reserve fund		14,728.00
13 Total expenditures	962,140.91	1,133,892.16
14 Total expenditures without umbrella transfers (13-1)	804,566.89	830,901.58

II INCOME

15 Membership contributions	404,521.51	417,136.04
16 Projects:	512,877.19	702,851.44
17 Umbrella transfers	157,574.02	302,990.58
18 Staff FEHRL	205,786.98	232,610.09
19 Other (travel, etc...)	120,512.03	130,367.65
20 Overheads	29,004.16	36,883.12
21 Training	0.00	12,600.00
22 Bank Charges / Interests +	7,392.37	3,401.11
23 Total income	924,791.07	1,135,988.59
24 Total income without umbrella transfers (23-17)	767,217.05	832,998.01

III Balance (income - expenditure) (1)	-37,349.84	2,096.43
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OTHER PROJECT COSTS BREAKDOWN (line 10)

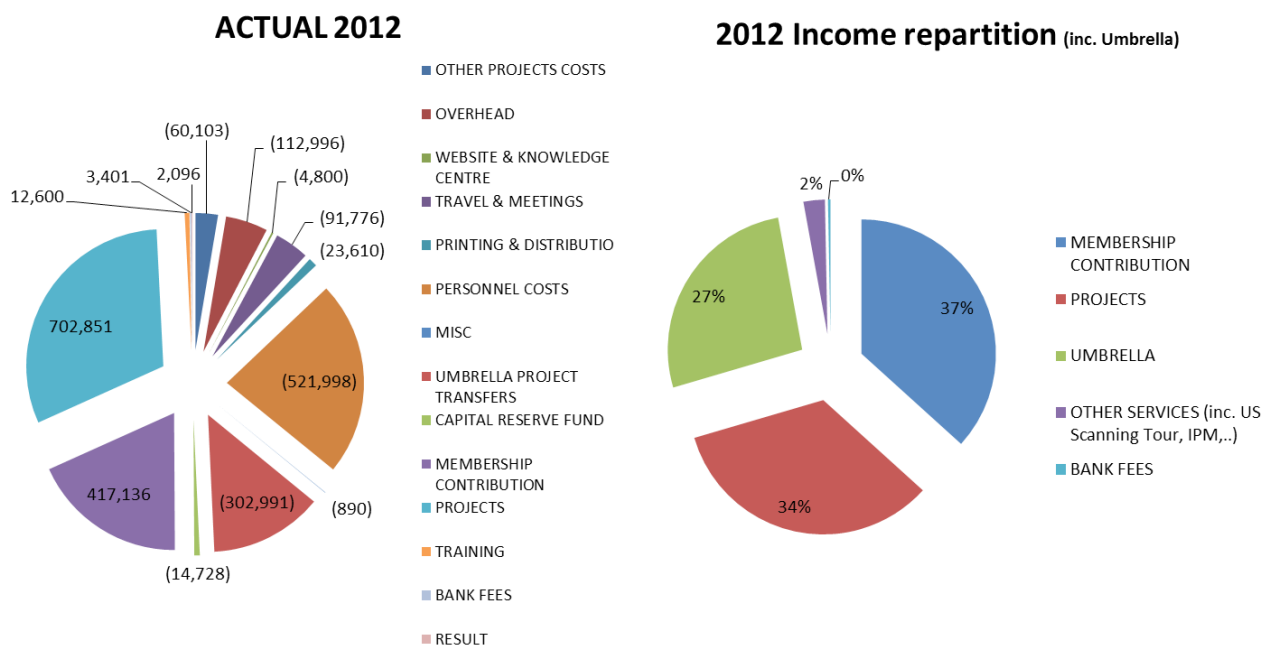
Accommodation and services	462.2	122.57
IT and office supplies	9,963.69	5,976.14
Legal and financial	168.66	1,000.00
Other bought in services	-1,799.46	750.00
Miscellaneous	167.32	0.00
Travel experts, costs on projects	92,431.65	16,216.02
Regu projects		29,037.82
EC audit accrual		7,000.00
Total	101,394.06	60,102.55

► AUDITOR'S REPORT

FEHRL's 2012 accounts have been audited on 19-20th March 2013 and approved by Mr Jean-François Nobels, Réviseur d'entreprises from RSM

Interaudit (licence B00091) established at Lozenberg 22 b2, 1932 Zaventem, Belgium.

► OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL SITUATION



ORGANISATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

► OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT

The operation of FEHRL follows the Articles of Association published in the Annex to the Moniteur Belge, 15th June 2000. These specify the rights and responsibilities of members and describe the organisational arrangements of the Association.

FEHRL is governed by the FEHRL General Assembly (FGA), from whom a President and Vice-President are elected to serve for a three-year period. The FGA meets twice a year to define the strategic development of FEHRL and ensure the objectives are being vigorously pursued.

The President, Vice-President and other elected FGA members constitute a FEHRL Supervisory Board (FSB), which has the function of overseeing the activities of the Association.

The day-to-day business of FEHRL is carried out by the FEHRL Executive Committee (FEC), under a Chairman elected by the FGA. The FEC is responsible for implementing the FGA's decisions, ensuring that all possibilities for pursuing FEHRL objectives are identified and exploited, and that contacts with other appropriate organisations are encouraged and maintained.

The FGA, FSB and FEC are served for administrative and business development activities by a Secretary General based in Brussels, who is supported by Secretariat staff.

► LEADERSHIP TEAM

As of 31st December 2012, the FEHRL Leadership Team was composed of:

SUPERVISORY

- **President:** Joris AI, RWS DVS
- **Vice President:** Helen Riddervold, NPRA
- **Additional FSB members:** Peter Maurer, AIT; Claude Van Rooten, BRRC

EXECUTIVE

- **FEC Chairman:** Bojan Leben, ZAG
- **FEC members:** Bob Collis, TRL; Kjersti Dunham, NPRA; Lutz Pinkofsky, BAST; Andrzej Urbanik, IBDiM
- **FEHRL Secretary General:** Steve Phillips

► RESEARCH ACTIVITY

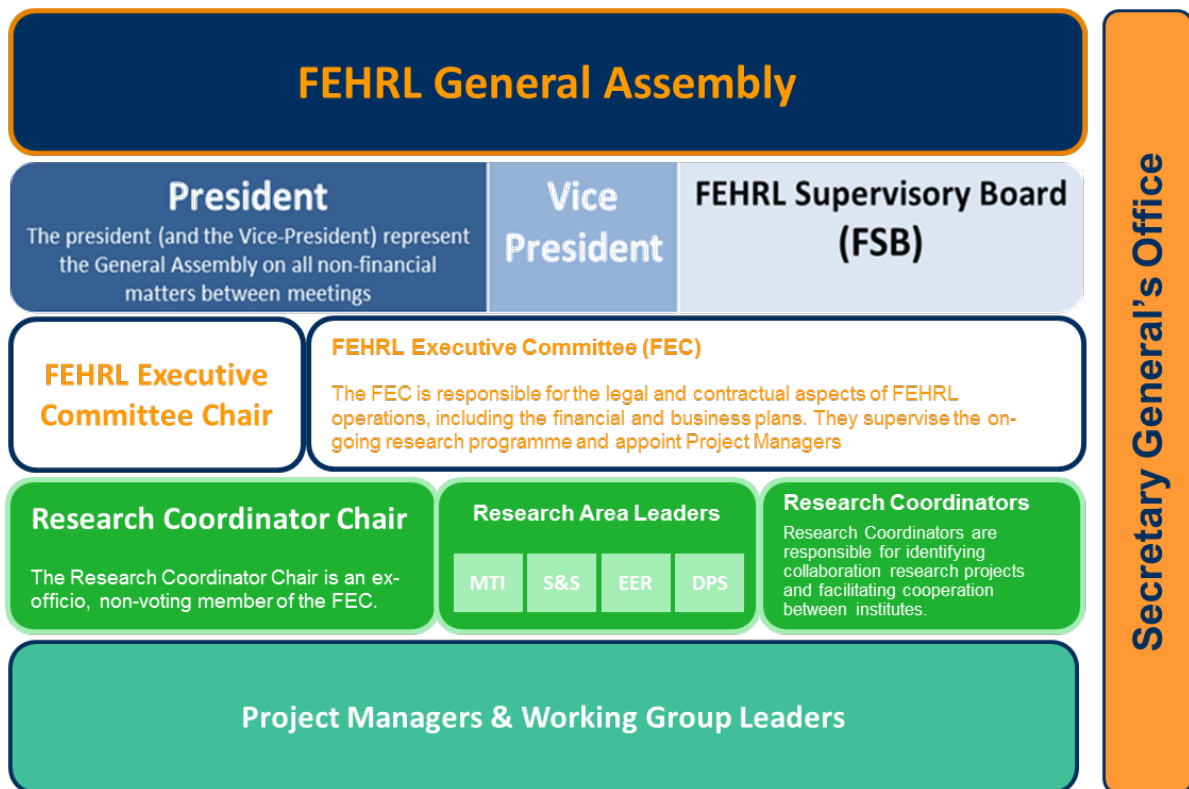
To support the Directors and staff, each FEHRL institute has a nominated Research Coordinator (RC), who assists the FEC in identifying projects for research cooperation, forming project consortia and creating liaisons with partners. They provide a flexible and effective link between FEHRL Institutes. Their terms of reference make them responsible for coordinating all research cooperation between FEHRL institutes.

The RCs are chaired by a Research Chair who, with the support of a Vice-Chair and Secretariat staff, organises regular RC meetings and manages the ongoing activities with the RC group.

- Design & Production Systems (DPS)
- Energy, Environment & Resources (EER)
- Mobility, Transport & Infrastructure (MTI) and
- Safety & Security (S&S)

The research coordination and cooperation work and projects carried out by the RCs falls within the four Research Areas of:

Research Area Leaders (RALs) are responsible for supervising the work and projects carried out within these Research Areas. RALs are appointed among the RCs or their deputies.

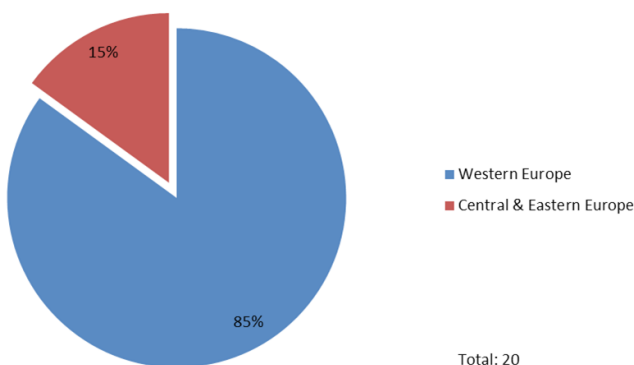


► **NEW MEMBERSHIP**

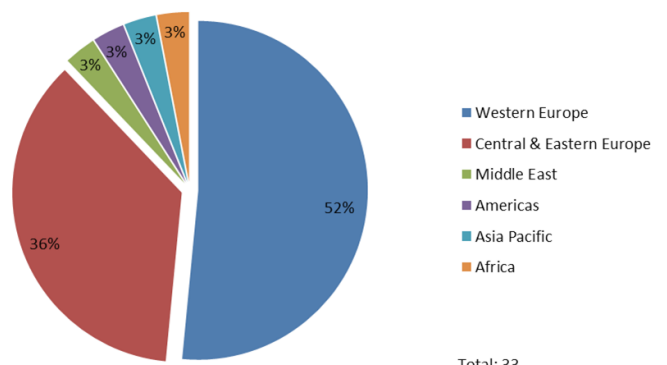
At the October 2012 FGA meeting, three new members joined FEHRL. Guy Scharfe, Prof Audrius Vaitkus and Gerald Waldron were appointed to the FGA

representing respectively, the Luxembourg Administration des Ponts et Chaussées (PCH), the Lithuanian Road Research Institute (RRI) and the Australian Road Research Board (ARRB).

FEHRL members' country of origin in 1992



FEHRL members' country of origin in 2012



STRATEGIC HIGHLIGHTS

► PROMOTING TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

During the past year, FEHRL promoted transport infrastructure needs towards the European institutions. FEHRL is an active member of the European Road Transport Advisory Council (ERTRAC), European Construction Technology Platform (ECTP) and the European Council for Construction Research, Development and Innovation (ECCREDI) and contributed extensively to their work throughout 2012.

FEHRL also organised many key events, including a Joint European Technology Platform (ETP) task force workshop in September and a 'Road infrastructure for Horizon 2020' workshop for ERTRAC members in November. FEHRL maintained close links to other key EU stakeholders by attending EAPA, EARPA, EUPAVE and EUCAR meetings and organising a Forever Open Road (FOR) stakeholder dinner in December for ASECAP, CER, CLEPA, ENCORD, EUCAR, EUPAVE, EAPA, FIA. This close cooperation gave birth to a number of joint position papers, including a press release on Horizon 2020 Transport budget in December 2012.

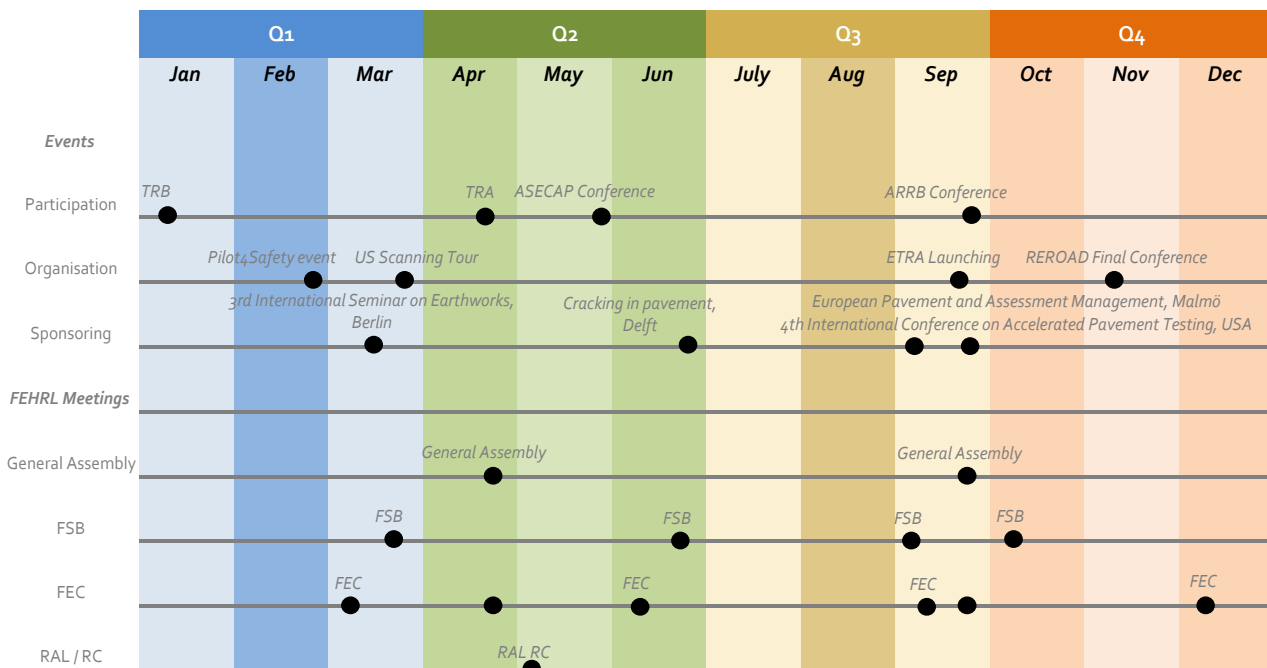
The most important events that FEHRL attended, organised or sponsored in 2012 are summarised below.

► ENHANCING FEHRL'S COMMUNICATION

2012 was a fruitful year for communication. In November, FEHRL launched the first issue of a brand new FEHRL Infrastructure Research Magazine (FIRM), in addition to bi-monthly FEHRL newsletters, and published the latest edition of the US Scanning Tour report and FEHRL Institute report. Two innovative FOR videos were also produced in 2012, the first introducing the programme for TRB in January and the second launching FORx4 at TRA2012 in April.

In addition, FEHRL produced several project-related publications, including the DETRA final report and Research Infrastructure roadmap and flyers for the INCRIS, MIRAVEC, POTHOLE and TRIMM projects, as well as monthly newsletters for the TRA2012 Communications Working Group.

In parallel, articles about FEHRL were published in targeted publications, notably World Highways and European Voice. Regarding online presence and social media, FEHRL set up a Linked In, Twitter and Facebook presence in 2012 and started to organise regular webinars.



► FEHRL PROJECTS

FEHRL participated in the following projects in 2012, predominantly as the dissemination partner: DETRA, EUTRAIN, INCRIS, INFRAVATION, INROADS, LORRY, MIRAVEC, MIRIAM, OPTIMISM, PILOT4SAFETY, POTHOLE, RAIDER, SAFIER, SMARTRAIL, TRA2012 and TRIMM.

► FEHRL MEMBERS, ASSOCIATES AND GROUPS IN 2012

FEHRL Groups have been formed to improve knowledge sharing and increase access to research, thus supporting the national institutes in their role. The Groups are open to research organisations, contractors and road and transport authorities, and

provide FEHRL with national views on relevant issues, as well as serving as a tool to communicate FEHRL's views to the road and infrastructure community.

In the following table, we show the key contacts for FEHRL members, Associates and Groups in every country.

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