

ASSOCIATION FOR SAFE INTERNATIONAL ROAD TRAVEL

Dear Friends,

As ASIRT marks its 20th anniversary year, we are proud to reflect on accomplishments and partnerships within the global road safety community. ASIRT is doing its part to advise travelers of road risks to ensure that they make safe, informed decisions on unfamiliar roads. We encourage you to visit our website for free road travel information and share it with your families, friends, employees and students.

Recently several students from Columbia University were killed in a tragic bus crash in the Honduras. A similar crash in Spain took the lives of several other students. These tragedies underline the need for urgent action at the country level to improve roads, driving behaviors, laws and enforcement. At the global level, ASIRT supports the ongoing efforts of the UN Road Safety Collaboration and its many members from the private and public sectors. We share a passion and commitment to reducing road crash injuries and fatalities.

Thank you for your continued encouragement and support. We look forward to working together to make road travel safe for all.

Cathy Silberman **Executive Director**

Download Road Safety Reviews

As promised, we will make a new Road Safety Review available for free each month. See the new report for **New Zealand**, one of 10 new Road Safety Reviews (RSRs). Next month: Brazil!

Distracted Driving Awareness Month

If you're talking, you're distracted. That includes hands-free phones. Take the pledge now and forward it to your friends and loved ones.

If you signed the "Save Kids Lives" pledge at last year's ASIRT gala, you have joined a dynamic, growing movement. Our goal is two million signatures. To date, well over one million people dedicated to protecting young people on the roads have lent their names to the pledge which will be used to influence policy makers world-wide.

"Parking Creativity in Iceland"

Read the latest in our travel blog series, Globe Tripper. Journalist Debra Bokur recounts her experiences navigating the road landscape in a popular new travel destination, Iceland.

Terra Dotta Recognizes ASIRT Education Abroad Membership Program

Education software developer Terra Dotta highlights ASIRT in a recent newsletter as an excellent source of road travel information.

Not sure that an ASIRT Education Abroad Membership is right for your organization? You can try it out: visit asirt.org/EducationAbroad to learn more about our 6-month Trial Membership.

Thank you to new and renewing members for demonstrating your commitment to keeping travelers safe: Cornell University, Dartmouth College, DIS - Study Abroad in Scandinavia, Hathaway Brown, Hamilton College, Noble and Greenough, UMASS Amherst, University of Georgia, University of Michigan and Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI).

Road Safety in the News

ASIRT welcomes the adoption of a new road safety resolution by the U.N. General Assembly on April 15, 2016. The resolution represents the strongest commitment ever on road safety made by U.N. Member States, paving the way for a new U.N. Road Safety Fund and the development of global performance indicators.



Save the Date

Celebrate ASIRT's 20th Anniversary Gala, 20/20: Looking Forward and Looking Back on December 5, 2016 at the beautiful Italian Embassy. Details at asirt.org/gala.







Time Magazine reveals that road crashes are the leading cause of death in "How Americans Die Abroad".

The risk of being killed or injured in a road traffic crash abroad is greater than we think. Read why <u>"An Informed Traveler Is a Safer Traveler"</u> in the *New York Times*.

ASIRT's mission is to save lives and minimize crash-related injuries by assisting travelers to manage road risks and by inspiring action throughout the world to improve road safety. ASIRT accomplishes this mission through education, advocacy and the creation of model sustainable road safety programs and partnerships worldwide.

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