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## COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE L'INSPECTION TECHNIQUE AUTOMOBILE INTERNATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION COMMITTEE INTERNATIONALE VEREINIGUNG FÜR DIE TECHNISCHE PRÜFUNG VON KRAFTFAHRZEUGEN

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### CITA is

- dedicated to improving road safety and protecting the environment and to developing best practice on periodic and roadside inspection internationally
- an international forum for exchanging information, experience and expertise related to vehicle inspection
- recognised by the Commission of the European Union and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe for its expertise in relation to vehicle inspection

There are CITA members in **all continents** of the world, inspecting **over 200 million vehicles** a year.

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The Chicago conference has gathered 192 delegates representing 90 public and private organisations of about 40 countries, confirming CITA status as a world reference in the field of Periodic and Roadside Motor Vehicle Inspection.

The conference was divided into three consecutive days with the following themes:

- 1) Strategic direction of CITA
- 2) "Environment" and vehicle inspection
- 3) "Safety" and vehicle inspection

The conclusions of the roundtables, traditional and regional workshops were as follows:

### 1. STRATEGIC DIRECTION OF CITA

Vehicle Inspection is a fundamental activity for safety and environment, and it is essential that the best practice developed by CITA reflects the full range of technological, economical and social developments throughout the world. To enable CITA to keep abreast of these global changes, the members of CITA approved new Articles of Incorporations aimed at enhancing and optimizing the organisation of CITA.

The new strategy of CITA intends to be

**more representative, more creative and more influential.**

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To comply with the new worldwide dimension of CITA, it has been decided to establish 3 consultative advisory groups in Europe, North America and Asia/Australasia. The purpose of these groups is to develop an action plan for adapting and implementing CITA strategy in the different economical, industrial and technological contexts of these three cultural blocs. It is expected that a constant flow of input from these advisory groups' work will allow CITA to confirm its status as a world reference in the field of Vehicle Inspection, and so allow CITA to provide the guidance which any organisations interested in, or working in, the field of Compulsory Vehicle Inspection may need.

### 2. "Environment" and vehicle inspection

#### North American Regional Advisory Group

- The cooperation between CITA and the USA which was initiated during the conference will need to be developed and strengthened further between now and the next CITA conference
- New technologies will be introduced into the process of Periodic Vehicle inspection over the next five years but will not completely replace the traditional measurement methods

#### European Regional Advisory Group

- In its concept and evolution, Periodic Vehicle Inspection has to take into account the technological evolution of the vehicles to be inspected
- The control of "On Board Diagnostic" systems (OBD) has to be totally integrated into Periodic Vehicle inspection in order to give the customer an objective and impartial diagnosis on the electronic malfunctions which may affect the proper functioning of vehicles
- Integration of type approval and in-service testing standards will permit more effective vehicle inspection procedures to be developed.
- The control of OBD should not only be limited to emissions but also include the checking of other electronically controlled vehicle systems.

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### Asian/Australasian Regional Advisory Group

- In most Asian countries Periodic Vehicle Inspection is a new activity where the priority is to inspect old or badly maintained vehicles
- The organisations responsible for Periodic Vehicle Inspection in these regions should be federated with the support of CITA
- Development of the communication between the respective national authorities of the countries in the region
- Develop International best practice for inspection of hybrid vehicles and vehicles using alternative fuels.

### 3. "Safety" and vehicle inspection

### North Regional Advisory Group

- Develop partnerships with professional associations such as AAMVA in order to establish a common basis of data to be shared by the countries where vehicle inspection is growing
- Use more specified programs in order to highlight the importance of safety inspections

### European Regional Advisory Group

- Carry on studies confirming the significant role played by Periodic Vehicle Inspection in road safety programs

### Asian/Australasian Regional Advisory Group

- Safety vehicle inspection should cover all types of vehicles, including 2 wheeled and equivalent vehicles.
- Drivers should be informed about the failure statistics of vehicle inspection to make them aware of the value and importance of having their vehicle regularly inspected.

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The conclusions set out confirm the commitment of CITA to be the world reference in the field of Vehicle Inspection and to take all possible steps to evolve Vehicle Inspection so that it continues to play a key role in protecting the environment and improving road safety.

The conclusions and speeches of the conference are available on CITA's Website [www.cita-vehicleinspection.org](http://www.cita-vehicleinspection.org)

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