INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT

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• IDP website (work in progress)
• 1968 Convention: constantly changing.

• 1949 Convention: never amended.

• Result: two different IDP models with different vehicle categories and requirements.
  - 1968: supporting document, required only if DDP not conforming to Convention and/or nor in Latin characters.
  - 1949: self-standing document, may be required even if DDP conforms to Convention and is in Latin characters.
PAST ACTIONS TAKEN BY WP.1

- The WP.1 has acknowledged these and other problems regarding the difference between the two IDP models in several sessions since 2001.

- Document ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2005/5 even outlined the necessary amendments to articles 24 and 25 and annexes 8-10 of the 1949 Convention, plus a new article 25 bis.

- The Secretariat sent written requests to CPs of both Conventions to ask them to bring their IDPs in conformity with Convention guidelines, as well as to CPs to the 1949 Convention urging them to accept and recognize IDPs conforming to the 1968 Convention.
• In 70% of countries where the IDPs are used, FIA/AIT automobile associations are the ones duly authorized by their governments to issue this document.

• National automobile associations affiliated to the FIA/AIT are present on all five continents and aggregate a substantial experience and expertise in issuing IDPS and driving the Mobility agenda in their countries.

• FIA/AIT conducts ongoing research among its affiliated national automobile associations to have their views but also their stakeholders (police, drivers, government) views on how to improve the IDP.
These were the three main findings:

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• Find the current IDP format cumbersome (because of its size), flimsy and generally old-fashioned.

• Find it very susceptible to forgery, even creating security and identity theft risk.

• Not really aware of its importance when driving abroad and frequently face problems with law enforcement officers by failing to have the correct document or an illegal one.
Some other interesting findings were:

- Find it difficult to understand why they need two different IDPs depending on the country of destination.
- Consider illegal documents sold more appealing and more “official looking”.

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- All these features make them reluctant to apply for IDPs since they don’t consider it a serious, useful and official document. Security concerns are a major issue for all stakeholders.
- Complain more and more on why in a globalized world like ours the IDP hasn’t got a global look with modern security features.
FIA & AIT believes that:

• Domestic driving permits (DDP) and International driving permits (IDP) help keep our roads secure.

• The IDP is a key travel document that facilitates the mobility of the people worldwide.

FIA & AIT wants to:

• Reduce the proliferation of forged documents by increasing the security of IDPs and raising the awareness of its importance.

• Harmonize both formats in only one format to make it more inclusive and more user-friendly for drivers worldwide.
We have established an internal working group and are doing research based work. Based on our findings, we will present, in the next WP.1 session in September, our proposals on how to harmonize IDP formats (by amending the Annexes of the two Conventions currently regulating them) and how to make them safer.

We are taking a **two-pronged approach**:

- Format & security
- Awareness & education.

**Proposed joint project with UNECE: IDP website**
The AIT/FIA, through its affiliated clubs, duly authorized by their governments as IDP-issuing entities, is a largely and experienced organization in the promotion and distribution of IDPs as part of their commitment to support and defend drivers' rights and impulse road safety worldwide.
What is an IDP?

Definition:
An International Driving Permit (IDP) is an international travel document, regulated by the United Nations, which allows you to drive in a foreign country.

Do I need to have an IDP in order to drive abroad?
Yes, in most cases you'll need an IDP to drive in a foreign country, other than the country where you are resident. It depends on bilateral agreements and treaties between the country where you are resident and the country, or countries, where you plan to drive. There are numerous bilateral agreements and treaties that regulate the requirement of an IDP and these agreements and treaties change frequently. Holding an IDP is a very easy way to legally drive abroad, and that gives you the peace of mind to abide by enforced law and international regulations. Therefore, even in countries where you are not required to hold IDP, it is highly recommended in order to avoid any type of inconvenience. An IDP never substitutes your valid domestic driver license. An IDP is a travel document.

How does it work?
Driving in a foreign country has been regulated since 1926 by the United Nations through 4 international conventions, subscribed by most of the countries of the world. Today, 2 conventions cover 98% of world countries: the 1949 Geneva Convention and 1968 Vienna Convention, and nearly all IDPs are issued under these two conventions' regulations.

Functions of an IDP:
Translate. IDPs ensure that your Domestic Driving License is understandable by local authorities and officials in the foreign country you are driving.
Certify. The issuer of your IDP certifies that you have a valid driving license in your country of residence, this is, that you are authorized to drive motor vehicles.
Type of vehicle. The issuer of your IDP also indicates and certifies what type of motor vehicles you are authorized to drive.
Implant Road Safety. The requirement of an IDP to drive abroad helps ensure that every driver is an authorized driver, and helps improve road safety worldwide.
1) Select the country of your valid driving license was issued.

2) Click on the country to see all information below of map

3) Select the foreign country where you plan to drive:

Select Country:

France

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