

## **2019 IIRSM Report So far!**

### **a. Risks and Hazards of Articulated Vehicles on Nigerian Roads - (March 28, 2019)**

The incessant incidences from articulated vehicles on the roads informed the Nigeria Branch of International Institute of Risk and Safety Management of the risk and hazards associated with the negative impacts they have on the road. The programme which held in collaboration with the Department of Social Sciences, University of Lagos and OVH Energy and Marketing Limited received the participation of the key Road Safety and Transport Regulatory agencies, the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and Lagos State Transport Management Authority (LASTMA) who were heavily represented at the event.

In his welcome address, the Nigeria Branch Chairman of IIRSM, Dr. Eugene Itua laid emphasis on the impacts of these trucks and trailers such as fatality, injuries, traffic congestion, pollution, parking issues and narrow roads inadequate for maneuver.

In his presentation on “An Analysis of Articulated Vehicle Crash Characteristics in Nigeria”, Prof. Samuel Iyiola Oni of the Department of Geography, UNILAG emphasized that articulated freight transport contributes significantly to the number of vehicles on the roads in Nigeria. He noted that the use of these vehicles has however become associated with the high rate of accidents on the roads. He said the activities of articulated vehicles are characterized by overloading, over speeding and non-observance of traffic rules and regulations and recommends proper accident reporting, planning, effective enforcement measures and the training of drivers and other motorists across Nigeria.

The representative of LASTMA Mr. Egbetola Sulaiman informed the participants that the main objectives of LASTMA is to manage traffic as well as enforcing National, State and Local traffic laws. The terrible traffic in Lagos, particularly at the Apapa axis, is due to the over utilisation of the seaport, given that this is the only seaport operating in the country. This has rendered traffic unbearable particularly the illegal parking of articulated vehicles on the road network leading to the port. It is also imperative to note that the value of land at Apapa GRA has depleted reasonably as a result of terrible and dilapidated road networks. He highlighted the human factors leading to the chaotic traffic situation such as poor maintenance culture, inadequate training, poor inspection and low frequency of driver’s recertification.

The FRSC representative Mr. Abdulrahman Bima identified the lack of knowledge as the bane of the traffic problems. He informed the participants of the newly introduced program called Road Transport Standard Safety Scheme (RTSSS). This is targeted at articulated owners of two or more vehicles in their fleet. RTSSS gives a checklist to owners to inform them of items required to ensure their vehicles are roadworthy. Signing on to the RTSSS also obliges an inspector to come

from time to time to check. He also highlighted past efforts by the government to curb accidents such as the installation of speed limiting devices on articulated vehicles.

The host OVH Energy and Marketing represented by Dr. Gogomary Oyet informed of the annual training program carried out by OVH by training their drivers annually with the Training schemes involving simulation exercises and otherwise with a recertification presented after completion. The trucks utilised by OVH Energy are sent to standard certified inspection exercise to carryout comprehensive assessment of their status. They also hold a community safety meetings and extra effort at efficient monitoring, marshalling and tracking of their fleet vehicles in order to avoid delays on roads and bridges.



A group photograph with participants



IIRSM Branch Chairman Dr. Itua and Prof. Oni, the Special Guest



IIRSM Branch Chairman Dr. Itua presenting magazines to FRSC Official



IIRSM Branch Chairman Dr. Itua presenting magazines to Dr. Oyet of OVH Energy



IIRSM Branch Chairman Dr. Itua presenting magazines to LATMA Official



Cross-section of LASTMA, FRSC Officials, Chairman & others



The Chairman addressing the participants at the programme



A cross section of Participants during the program

**b. IIRSM was at HSE Summit Powered by National Industry Safety Council of Nigeria & GPI - (April 11, 2019)**

The event brought together members of the public, HSE professionals and industry experts who deliberated on topics ranging from building a robust HSE culture to becoming an HSE professional. The aim was to demystify the subject of HSE and ensure that all realize it is our business wherever we find ourselves - to ensure that people are safe at work, at home, in transit and in the society. The target was to make safety consciousness attractive to everyone and unveil the class and prestige inherent in engendering safety culture in our everyday lives.

**c. IIRSM was at Securex West Africa Conference & International Exhibition  
(April 16-17, 2019)**

This year's central theme was 'NATIONAL SECURITY IN A BOUNDARYLESS WORLD: 21ST CENTURY SOLUTIONS TO NIGERIA'S INSECURITY'.

The organizers have recognized our impact in providing practical support to everyone involved in managing risks to benefit people, society, governments and businesses across the globe and IIRSM Nigeria Branch endorsed the event as we know it would be highly beneficial to our members and the body, in terms of networking and knowledge transfer of new trends and developments in the Risk, Safety and Security Sector in our region as well as Africa.



Attendees at the exhibition who came to IIRSM stand



IIRSM Branch Chairman, Lagos State Safety Commission DG Mr. Hakeem Dickson and others



IIRSM Nigeria Chairman with George Pearson, Regional Director – West Africa Afrocet Montgomery, Organizers of the Securex West Africa 2019 exhibition