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It is an honour to celebrate the Alliance Internationale du Tourisme's 125th anniversary. Founded in 1898 as the Ligue Internationale des Associations Touristes (LIAT), its mission was to bring together organisations dedicated to the rapidly growing travel and touring industry, and over the following decades — which included its reconstitution as the Alliance Internationale du Tourisme (AIT) — it became a major force for the opening up of cross-border travel.

The AIT developed the first Carnet de Passages en Douane (CPD), pioneered thinking on trans-European motorways and lobbied strongly at regional and global level around the issues of customs, circulation, taxation and roads, among other things.

I am proud to say that work continues to this day, supporting Clubs to maximise what, for many of our common Members, is a key source of revenue. It has also been a major driver of the digitalisation of the CPD distribution system, which will help to keep CPDs at the forefront of tourism in the future.

The AIT also maintains a powerful voice on the international stage and its strong cooperation with the UNECE, UNWTO and WCO ensures that concerns of motorists and other travellers are heard at the highest level.

These steps have been enormously positive but it is now our firm intention to support the Alliance even more, allowing it to focus on its primary mission and competency with even greater vigour, increasing accessibility to tourism systems, streamlining their operations, and serving our Member Clubs around the world.

After 125 years, the AIT remains a vibrant, proactive and powerful force for positive impact and I hope it will continue to grow and prosper under the auspices of the FIA for decades to come.

Mohammed Ben Sulayem
FIA President



It is my great pleasure to celebrate 125 years of the AIT and to do so as the organisation's President.

The AIT continues to fulfil a vital role, promoting tourism, representing travelling motorists, cyclists and tourers and facilitating cross-border cultural and economic exchange as smoothly as possible.

In uncertain times, that work becomes even more important and it's for that reason that work conducted in recent years is so important.

The efforts around the digitisation of the CPD distribution system and the expansion of the VIAFIA platform to deliver the most up-to-date international travel and motoring-related information to FIA and AIT Member Clubs serve to make cross-border travel more seamless and boost transparency in assessing tourism market conditions in a dynamic, data-driven way.

In fact, so successful are the current CPD initiatives that orders have increased by 20% in 2023 compared with the previous year.

CPD conventions have experienced a revitalisation, sparking renewed enthusiasm among contracting parties. New working groups, established under the guidance of the UNECE, are enhancing and modernising the system – and the AIT is at the forefront of this growth.

It demonstrates that opportunities still exist in this service and we will do all we can to strengthen this important revenue stream for Clubs in the future.

This anniversary is a great landmark for the AIT, and I hope for even more success in the decades to come.

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to Tim Shearman. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Tim Shearman

AIT President and FIA Deputy President for Automobile Mobility and Tourism

1898

- 1898 -

Held at the Casino Bourgeois in Luxembourg City from 2-6 August 1898, the congress decides to form an international tourism union, to be called the Ligue Internationale des Associations Touristes (LIAT). Consisting of 17 organisations – eight of which, in name at least, were cycling clubs – one of the federation's aims is the encouragement of 'velocipede tourism'.

- 1897 -

As a result of increased cooperation among early tourism organisations, on 12 February 1897, the Royal Dutch Touring Club ANWB invites major European associations to a congress in Amsterdam from 23-25 July, and then in Brussels on 27 July, at the invitation of the Touring Club de Belgique. Twelve Clubs attend and agree to the organisation of a further congress in 1898 at which an international tourism union or federation is to be created.

Group photograph of the members at the Congress held in Luxembourg on 4th August 1898, opened by Hans H. iidibrakd



Honorary membership certificate

- 1901 -

By 1901, the membership of the LIAT stands at 16 organisations, representing more than 360,000 individual members.

- 1903 -

The 'Triptyche' or Triptyque cross-border customs document is created. Originally developed for crossing borders by bike, Touring and Automobile Clubs later introduce the document for cars. The name 'triptyque' refers to the document's three-part structure with the driver handing over the first upon entry and the second upon exit and border officials sign the third as a proof of departure. The driver returns the latter to the issuing club. Belgium and Switzerland are the first to introduce the triptyque, after which the document is adopted across Europe.

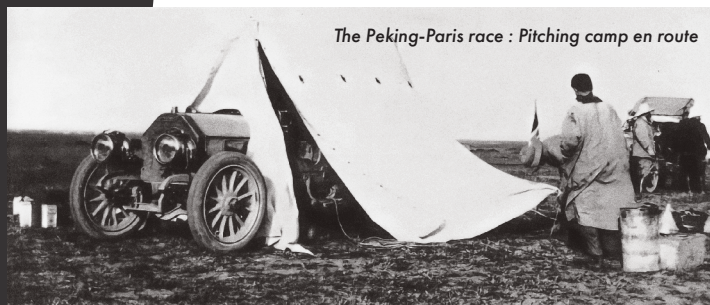


- 1908 -

The LIAT celebrates its first decade at a congress in Stockholm where a full agenda sought to address a growing list of concerns among cyclists and motorists, including the simplification and unification of customs regulations, the abolition of taxes levied on stays in other countries, acceptance of national driving licences in other European countries, the recognition of national registration plates for cars and motorcycles, the homogenisation of signposting and warning signals, and the promotion of the idea of a convention on 'International Traffic'.

- 1905 -

The LIAT publishes the first Conversation Handbook for Tourists. Publication continues for decades, through the organisation's transformation into the AIT and features questions such as 'Is it worth taking a detour to..?' in English, French, Dutch, German, Italian, Spanish, Swedish and Portuguese.



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- 1910 -

Backed by LIAT, the International Road Certificate (Certificat International de Route) is introduced, easing travel between 14 countries – Great Britain, Germany, Belgium, France, Italy, Monaco, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, Spain, the Netherlands, Russia, The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Switzerland and Sweden.



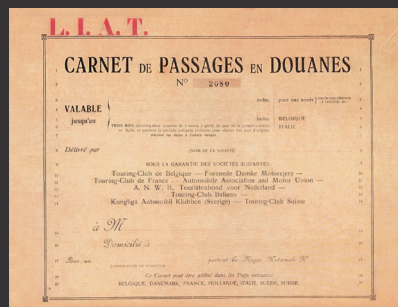
Traffic in Picadilly Circus, London 1910



"Driving certificate" awarded to "careful driver" member of the RAC

- 1911 -

LIAT's membership grows to 23 Clubs, with more than 500,000 members.



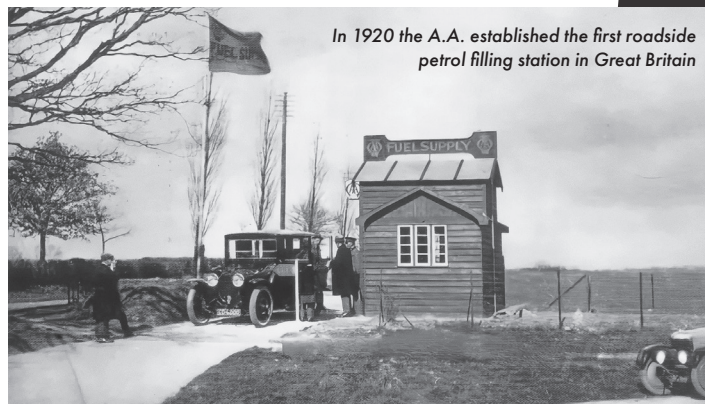
1911 customs document

- 1911 -

The Carnet de Passages en Douane (CPD) is created, though the first one is not issued until 5 July 1913.

- 1913 -

In 1913, over a dozen Clubs report on successful negotiations with their respective governments and the adoption of CPDs. The number of pages of each CPD depends on the number of borders to be crossed.



In 1920 the A.A. established the first roadside petrol filling station in Great Britain

- 1919 -

In the wake of the First World War, eight of LIAT's founders dissolve the organisation to create a new collaborative effort – the Alliance Internationale du Tourisme (AIT).

Norway
Automobile
Club badges

- 1920 -

The official foundational meeting of the AIT takes place in 1920 in Brussels, Belgium, with the general aim stated as the study and pursuit of international tourism issues and the centralisation of "world-wide travel documentation for the use and distribution by its Members." The organisation's headquarters are established in Brussels.



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- 1921 -

The AIT is present at the International Conference on Road Traffic organised by the Automobile Club de France in Paris (6-8 October 1921).

RAC members' handbooks



The Italian Automobile Club magazine in 1926

- 1925 -

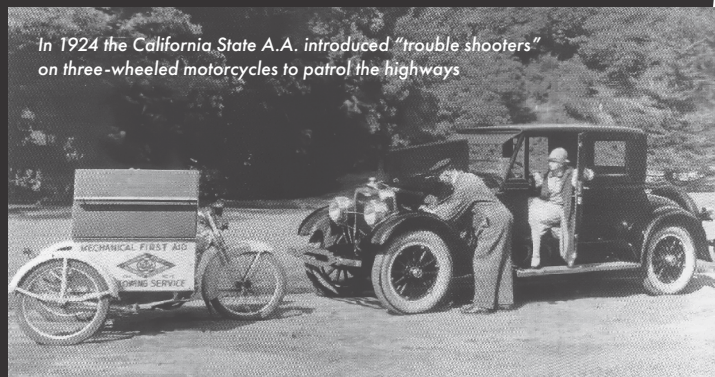
The AIT takes part in one of the first large scale tourism exhibitions, at the Exposition Internationale de la Houille Blanche et du Tourisme in Grenoble, France. The exhibition, primarily designed to celebrate the burgeoning 'houille blanche' (white coal) hydro-electric power industry in the Alpine region, also features a pavilion dedicated to the growing tourist industry. The AIT is present along with the Touring Club de France, multiple regions of France and delegations from a number of countries. The exposition attracts more than a million visitors.

The A.A. was Britain's only national signposting body from 1906 to mid-1930s



- 1925 -

Having forged strong links with the Internationale des Automobile-Clubs Reconnus (AIACR), the AIT agreed to consolidate the cooperation with the founding of the Conseil Central de Tourisme International in 1925. The organisations' collective agenda ranged from the passage of borders to the unification of the rules of the road, and from the need to collect reliable statistics in each country to the generalisation of international road certificates.



In 1924 the California State A.A. introduced "trouble shooters" on three-wheeled motorcycles to patrol the highways

- 1929 -



A humorous look at breakdown services in a 1926 English cartoon

The annual general meeting of the AIT was held from 10-14 June in Munich with delegates from 15 countries in attendance. On the agenda was a proposal for member clubs to publish periodical maps detailing "the state of the roads... to make it easier to supply travellers with information". The AGM also discussed a "proposal to be submitted to the Central Council of Tourists' Association concerning the standardisation of Customs documents (triftyques and Customs permits).

- 1927 -

Europa Touring, a travellers' guidebook, is proposed by the Touring Club Suisse at an AIT meeting in June and later published under the patronage of the AIT. Between its first appearance in May 1928 and August 1929, the trilingual (French-German-English) publication went through five editions.

1930

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- 1931 -

The membership of the AIT increases to 72 Clubs with more than 4 million individual members.



Danish Touring Club members' book,

- 1932 -

The AIT establishes a Cycle Touring Commission. Two years later, it also establishes the Commission for Tourism by Air to deal with the increased interest in air travel.



Delegates at the AIT Congress in Istanbul, 1930

- 1934 -

The AIT creates an identity card for members.

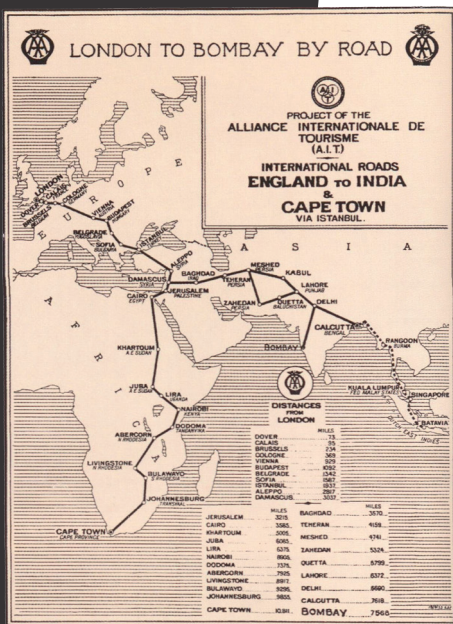
- 1935 -

At the European Economic congress organised by the Union Douanière Européenne in Brussels from 15-17 May 1935, the AIT backs a plan to create a pan-European motorway system. The plan consists of four motorway axes: the Eurafrique (Hamburg-Amsterdam-Paris-Bordeaux-Madrid-Morocco-Africa), the Transeuropéenne (Channel Tunnel-Brussels-Berlin-Warsaw-Moscow-Siberia), the Baltique-Adriatique (Hamburg-Brindisi), and the Eurasiatique from London to Istanbul, continuing into Asia. An international conference on the London-Istanbul Highway subsequently took place from 10-14 September 1935 in Budapest.



Italian Touring Club roadsign office, 1930's

- 1937 -



*The AIT's 1938 road map
with routes to Bombay and
Cape Town*

- 1939 -

Outbreak of World War Two. The AIT's activity is put on hold.

- 1938 -

Membership of the AIT grows to 104 Clubs representing 10 million members worldwide.

- 1938 -

The AIT organises the first International Congress on African Tourism in Costermansville. To celebrate the congress, a special sheet of stamps was issued by the Belgian Congo depicting natural attractions in the country including the Molindi river, Mount Karisimbi, the Rutshuru river, Mitumba mountain and the Suza river.

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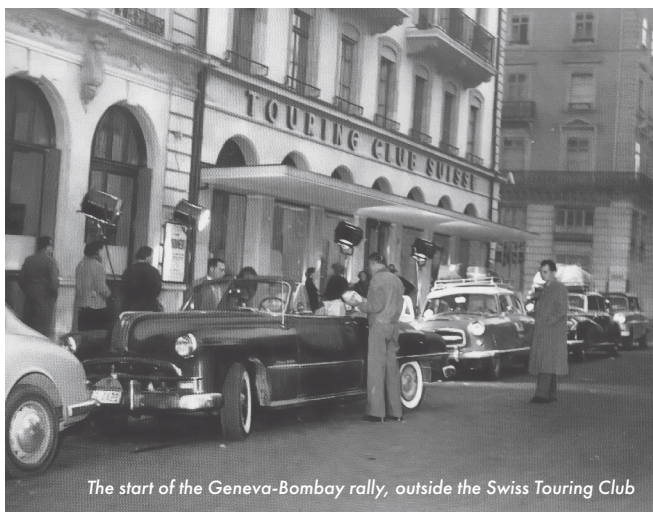
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- 1945 -

After six years of war, the AIT is reconstituted with a new General Secretariat being established in London.

- 1946 -

At the AIT's first post-war General Assembly, in Geneva, Switzerland, the Cycle Touring Commission is re-established and a new African Documentation Centre is created.



The start of the Geneva-Bombay rally, outside the Swiss Touring Club

- 1947 -


Following the 1945 creation of mechanisms through which NGOs could have a role in formal UN deliberations, the AIT and FIA are granted joint consultative status. As a result, the AIT lobbies around a number of post-war tourism issues, including: customs clearance of luggage, the use of identification documents instead of passports, the abolition of visa requirements, and growing acceptance of triptyques and carnets.



1940 customs documents

- 1947 -

Following ratification at the FIA General Assembly in October 1946, the AIT/FIA General Committee is created in 1947 with the AIT responsible for touring matters.



Riding tandem in the 1940s

- 1947 -

The 2nd International Congress on African Touring takes place in Algiers, Algeria. Elsewhere, the Secretariat established a Camping Committee.



A 1947 customs post

- 1948 -

The AIT moves its headquarters to Geneva, Switzerland and host its 50th anniversary celebrations in Luxembourg. It now has a membership of 86 Clubs, representing 6 million members.

1950

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- 1950 -

The AIT creates a Camping Passport, accepted as identification by campsites in 13 European countries as well as in Egypt, India, Mexico, and New Zealand. Seven thousand are sold in the first year of availability.



*Patrolles
in the 1950's*



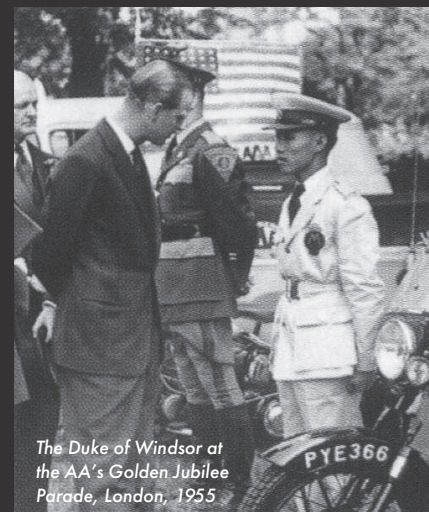
The ANWB promotes international camping documents in the 1950s

- 1950 -

The Organisation Mondiale du Tourisme et de l'Automobile (OTA) is constituted and will become the data and information centre for the AIT/FIA.

- 1951 -

A South Pacific Zone of the AIT is established with a secretariat in Sydney, Australia.



*The Duke of Windsor at
the AA's Golden Jubilee
Parade, London, 1955*

- 1952 -

Following the creation of a liaison committee between the AIT and the Fédération Internationale de Camping, Caravanning et Autocaravaning (FICC), the first meeting is held in Paris in 1952.

- 1953 -

The AIT's presence in Asia expands further with the creation of an Asiatic Zone with its secretariat headquartered in Bombay, India.

- 1954 -

The AIT continues to grow exponentially and just four years after reaching 86 Clubs and 6 million members worldwide, it now boasts 105 clubs and 12.5 million members.



Poster marking the 50th anniversary of the Real Automóvil Club de España

- 1956 -

The United Nations recognised the AIT and the FIA as the two international organisations with the rights to issue CPDs for commercial vehicles – it had done so for private cars in 1954.



AIT items, 1960s



The ANWB Emergency Centre

- 1955 -

The AIT Camping Commission is reconstituted as the Camping and Caravanning Commission.

- 1958 -

Establishment of the AIT Hotel Documentation Centre.

1960

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- 1960 -

The first AIT Hotel Guide is published based on data taken from the hotel inspection cards gathered by the Documentation Centre.



Swiss, German and Austrian patrols during the 1964 Winter Olympics

- 1963 -

Similar the hotel guides and again based on inspection card data, the first AIT Camping Guide is launched. At one stage, the AIT documentation centre holds 20,700 individual inspection cards.

- 1963 -

The AIT becomes a member of the International Bureau for Social Tourism (BITS) a new international not-profit organisation whose mission is to promote access to leisure, holidays and tourism for all.

- 1964 -

An AIT study reveals that membership subscriptions are the most important driver of clubs' income, though many are creating additional sources of revenue through diversification of services.



ADAC breakdown service at the 1964 Winter Olympics in Innsbruck



AIT Rally, Poland, 1964



- 1967 -

A tripartite AIT/FIA/FICC convention is signed to facilitate the creation of a standardised international camping carnet.

- 1967 -

AIT membership grows again and is divided up into: Automobile Clubs and Touring Clubs (27.8 million); Pedestrian Clubs (340,000); Camping Clubs (257,000); Cycling Clubs (186,000) and Nautical Clubs (135,000). The AIT automobile membership is: North America 13.1 million cars; Europe 11.8 million; South Pacific 2.4 million; South America 640,000; Africa 480,000; and Asia 320,000.

- 1966 -

298,000 copies of the AIT Camping Guide are published.

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Caravanning in the Alps

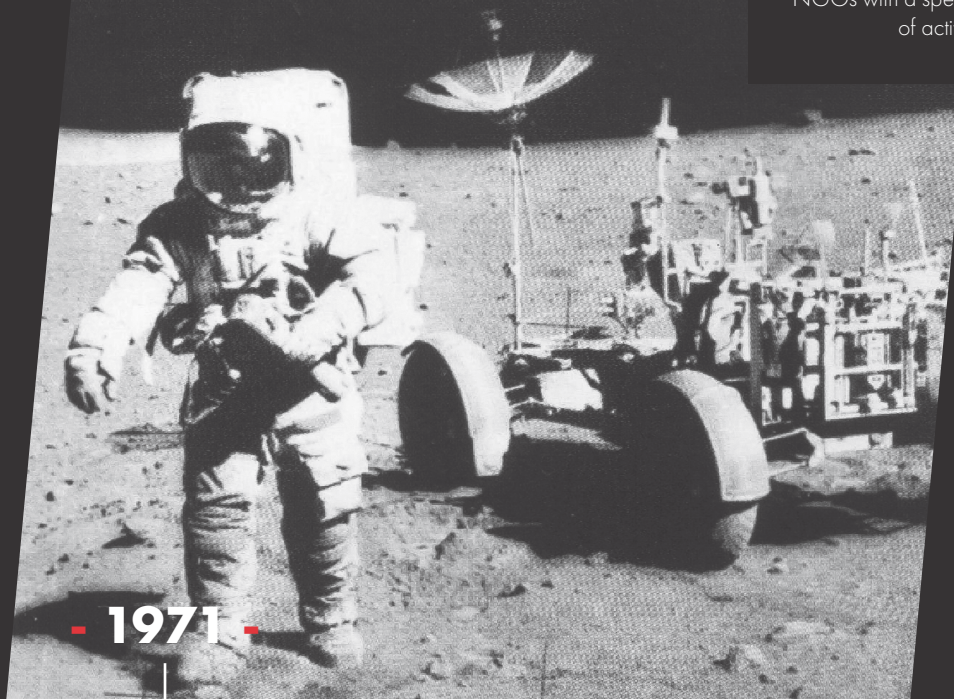


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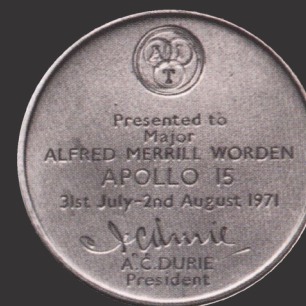
The AIT is granted UN ECOSOC Consultative Status B, moving from being a general consultative NGO to the level of special consultant. Special consultative status is granted to NGOs with a special competence in only a few of the fields of activity covered by the ECOSOC.



- 1971 -

Following the first use of the Lunar Rover by the crew of the Apollo 15 mission to the Moon on 31 July 1971, the AIT presents the vehicle's drivers, astronauts David R Scott, Alfred N Worden and James R Irwin with certificates commemorating them as the first lunar motorists. The rovers were designed with a top speed of about 13 km/h (8 mph), although Eugene Cernan later recorded a maximum speed of 18.0 km/h (11.2 mph), giving him the (unofficial) lunar land-speed record.

Aldrin walking away from the Rover, 1971



The AIT's "first-car-on-the-moon" medal, 1971

- 1973 -

The original OTA body is replaced by the AIT/FIA Joint Committee (OTA)

- 1975 -

The AIT is divided into specific regions for the first time, comprising: Region I (Europe, the Middle East and Africa), Region II (Asia & Pacific), Region III (North America), Region IV (Latin America).

TCI Road Atlas



- 1976 -

Two new commissions are created: The AIT Public Policy Commission and the AIT World Traffic Commission.

- 1978 -

The AIT celebrates its 80th anniversary, once again holding commemorative events in Luxembourg.



Dutch cycle rally

- 1979 -

A Multilateral Guarantee Contract for the Operation of the AIT Letter of Credit is agreed.



AIT cycle Touring Rally, PTK badges

1980

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- 1983 -

Membership reaches 138 Clubs worldwide,
serving some 60 million members.



ANWB breakdown
service motorcycle,
1986

- 1985 -

More than 5.3 million AIT Letters of Credit
are issued.

- 1985 -

As drivers start to make the voluntary switch to
catalytic converters and to unleaded fuel, the
AIT, with the cooperation of ADAC, begins to
produce updated maps of Europe showing
the location of fuel stations at which unleaded
petrol is available.



South African AA's
Jubilee Rally, 1980

Road Traffic picture from the 1980s

- 1987 -

As information systems become more advanced, the AIT launches the ATIS (AIT Touring Information System). A number of end user oriented electronic products are developed including an electronic camping and hotel guide, and a compact disk interactive (CDI) application with winter sport information.



ADAC roadpatrol helicopter, 1983

- 1987 -

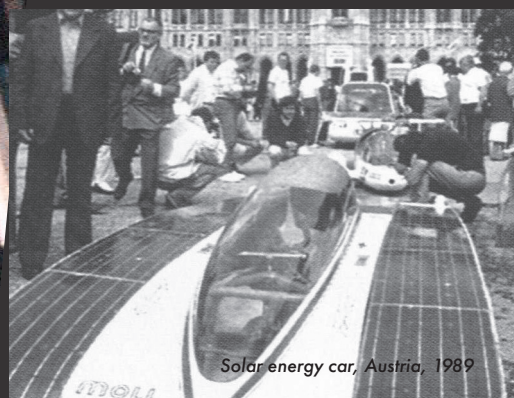
With greater access to the European Economic Community (EEC) and the lobbying opportunities this presents, the AIT establishes a permanent bureau in Brussels, Belgium.



Club publications around the world, 1980s

- 1988 -

Creation of the AIT Intertravel Carnet.



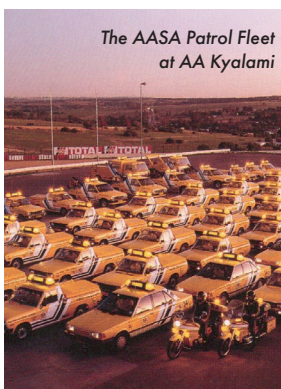
Solar energy car, Austria, 1989

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- 1990 -

The AIT creates the World Road and Traffic Safety Foundation (WRTSF)



- 1992 -

The CPD format is redesigned and modernised by the AIT and the FIA and the revised version is included in the 1992 amendments to the 1954 and 1956 UN Conventions.



The B. Easy electric bicycle, 1990s

- 1992 -

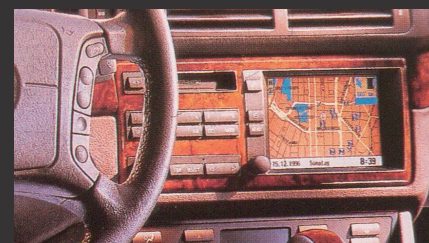
Three new commissions are created: the AIT & FIA Customs Commission, the AIT & FIA Public Policy Commission and the AIT & FIA Bureau in Brussels for Public Policy Activities.



Belgium TC c
elebrates it's 100th
Birthday, 1985

- 1993 -

The first AIT & FIA Commissions Week is held in Geneva, Switzerland.



The car navigation system on a car dashboard

- 1994 -

The AIT & FIA Foundation 'Mobility & Society' comes into being to "identify and conduct research on mobility and transportation issues, including costs and benefits of road allocations, driver behaviour, air quality and taxation." The World Road and Traffic Safety Foundation (WRTSF) is dissolved.

- 1995 -

The 52nd AIT/FIA Rally is held in Mafra, Portugal. Incorporated into the European Year of Nature Conservation under the Council of Europe motto, 'Think about the Future – respect nature,' cyclists from 13 European countries take part.



Algarve, Portugal

- 1995 -

The AIT and the FIA launch a joint AIT/FIA Carnet and introduce a Tourist Carnet to help tourists gain visas.



Monthly magazines of some of the world's Clubs

- 1996 -

The AIT and the FIA declare their support for the goals of the 1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

- 1996 -

Administered by the FIA, a common AIT & FIA Customs Documents Network is created.

- 1997 -

In November, in Brussels, a joint AIT/FIA Euroconference, Air Quality & the Car results in a series of recommendations which subsequently passed into European law.



New millennium car design

2000

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- 2000 -

With compliance of the rules surrounding the display of 'distinguishing signs' of nationality at the rear of cars falling, the AIT proposes amendments to the 1968 conventions on road traffic calling for signs to be incorporated into licence plates. The proposal is approved the following year and becomes common practice.



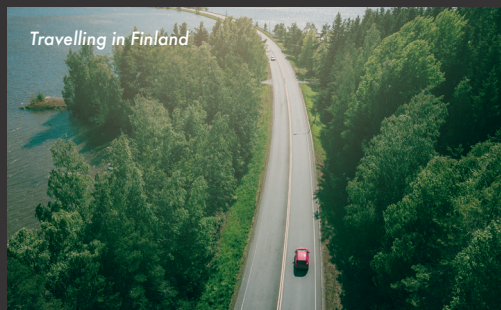
Numberplates with 'distinguishing signs' of nationality



Picture of CANScanner for on-board diagnostics

- 2001 -

The AIT and FIA campaign to gain unrestricted access to on-board diagnostic systems (OBDs) in cars as the electronic devices become compulsory on new cars in the EU.



Travelling in Finland

- 2003 -

The FIA adopts the AIT's four-region structure for Non-Sporting clubs.

- 2004 -

The AIT takes part in the 4th Euromeeting – European Regions, Tourism and Sustainable Development in Florence promoting Member Clubs' sustainability credentials and 'trusted' partners status in advancing sustainable travel.

Picture of Florence, Italy



Picture of Almaty, Kazakhstan

- 2004 -

The AIT takes part in the SPECA Project Working Group on Transport & Border Crossing Facilitation in Almaty, Kazakhstan, presenting the work of its Member Clubs in the 78 countries then requiring CPDs, with AIT/FIA guaranteeing and issuing associations located in 85 countries.

- 2005 -

After a prolonged series of discussions the FIA and AIT merge.

2010

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- 2012 -

The AIT/FIA Customs Council is created as a governing body to strengthen and improve the CPD Network.



- 2013 -

An informal group of experts is formed within the UNECE consisting of representatives from France, Luxembourg, the Russian Federation, the FIA, and ISO to look at discrepancies between Domestic Driving Permits and International Driving Permit standards within the 1968 Vienna Convention on Road Traffic.

- 2016 -

UNECE WP.1 approves the testing of a new IDP format in the United Arab Emirates and at the end of the following year, positive feedback is received from the Automobile and Touring Club for United Arab Emirates (ATCUAE).



- 2016 -

A harmonised CPD insurance scheme is unveiled with the idea that participating clubs should be obliged to follow the same insurance terms and conditions, and have the same level of cover against the risk of the claims.

- 2018 -

Modernisation of CPDs continues with the finalisation of a CPD layout in English/Arabic, with input from FIA Region I ACTAC Sub Region Clubs.

Border police control at land border and customs between Bulgaria and Romania



- 2018 -

A full assessment of the OTA database is conducted in consultation with FIA Clubs and work on a new platform begins.

- 2019 -

Development of the CPD e-Distribution System is completed and in November 2019 training of CPD Network Clubs on the use of the system begins, online and with field visits.

New CPD Layout in English/Arabic

2020

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In December VIAFIA replaces the OTA Database increasing transparency on tourism market access conditions, through a modern digital platform that relies on data mining technology.



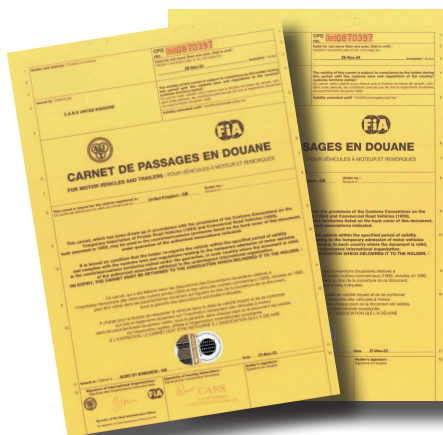
ACP, ACA (now Mobilité Club France) AMZS and TCS issue CPDs through the CPD e-Distribution System in 2021.

- 2021 -

The roll-out of the CPD e-Distribution System begins in January and the first carnet is issued by CARS UK, the CPD issuer in the United Kingdom in May 2021.

- 2021 -

The FIA/AIT and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) sign an agreement to formalise their cooperation on the digitalisation of the Carnet de Passages en Douane (CPD) Distribution System.



First carnet issued by CARS UK using the CPD e-Distribution System

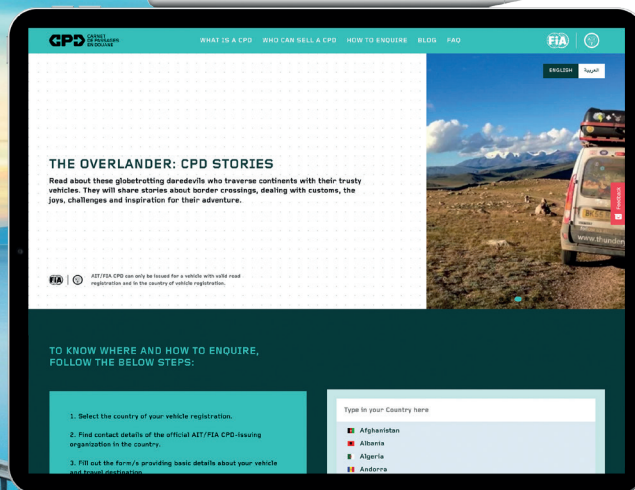
- 2022 -

The FIA/AIT and the UNECE host a high level workshop to discuss the benefits of customs conventions as well as efforts to advance the digitalisation of the CPD within the framework of the AIT/FIA-UNECE Memorandum of Understanding concluded in 2021.

Travelling by car in Turkey

- 2023 -

A record-breaking year for CPDs, with sales up 20% on the previous year, which in itself saw growth of 63% over 2019.



Carnets de Passages
en Douane new website

2023

AIT'S ARCHIVES DIGITALISATION

Launched in December 2022 by FIA President Mohammed Ben Sulayem, the FIA has embarked on an ambitious project to digitalise its vast document archive, making the rich heritage of its activities available to all in 2024. And as part of that enormous project the AIT's own archives will also be preserved in the new e-Library.

The e-Library will combine more than a century of Motor Sport and Mobility documents, making these facts and figures searchable and comparable. It will be an important tool for the FIA University's work and by making it public, it will be a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of motor sport and mobility.

With the Alliance holding a vast store of key documents relating to the birth of tourism, by bicycle and later by motorised means, the digitalisation project will not only open a window on the earliest days of mobility, it will chart the shifting course of touring's development across 125 years of the AIT.

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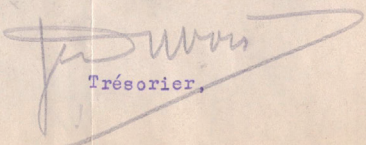
Monsieur G. Peron, Secrétaire Général
de l'Association Internationale des
Automobile-Clubs reconnus
6, place de la Concorde
Paris.

Monsieur le Secrétaire Général,

J'ai l'honneur de vous accuser réception de votre lettre du 21 mai
courant et vous remercie vivement des renseignements que vous avez bien
voulu me donner .

Je me permets encore d'avoir recours à votre obligeance en vous
pariant de bien vouloir me transmettre une copie du contrat de garantie si
gné à Paris, le 1er. juillet 1914, pour le fonctionnement des carnets de
passages en douane. J'ai l'intention d'opérer de la même manière en ce qui
concerne le groupement de l'Alliance Internationale de Tourisme qui, comme
vous le savez, a remplacé l'ancienne Ligue Internationale des Associations
touristes, dont le Secrétariat général était, avant la guerre, à Amsterdam
C'est dans cette dernière ville qu'a été mis sur pied, le fonctionnement
des carnets de passages de l'Alliance Internationale de Tourisme et je ne
possède aucun dossier concernant les formalités qui ont été remplies à
cette époque .

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Secrétaire Général, l'expression de
mes sentiments distingués.


Trésorier,

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reçu le 9 janvier

Monsieur le Président,

Le Touring Club Suisse nous a transmis, en août 1925, la lettre ci-jointe en copie, par laquelle les douanes fédérales expriment le désir qu'une ligne spéciale soit réservée dans les carnets de passages en douane pour l'inscription des numéros et lettres de police .

Devant faire procéder incessamment à la réimpression des Carnets de passages en douane, du groupement Alliance Internationale de Tourisme, j'ai l'honneur de vous prier de bien vouloir me faire savoir si le bureau permanent de l'A.I.C.R. a déjà donné suite au désir exprimé par la douane suisse. Dans l'affirmative, en vue d'apporter de l'uniformité dans la confection des dits documents, je vous saurais gré de me transmettre un exemplaire annulé du nouveau modèle de carnet .

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Président, l'expression de mes sentiments distingués.

Le Trésorier de l'A.I.T.

T. Chaix

à Monsieur Chaix
Président de l'A.I.A.R.
6, place de la Concorde
Paris .

Alliance Internationale de Tourisme

A. I. T.

Secrétariat général :

RUE DE LA LOI, 44, BRUXELLES

(HOTEL DU TOURING CLUB DE BELGIQUE)

Bruxelles, le 1^{er} mars 1928

Monsieur le Président et cher Collègue,

I. Triptyques.

J'ai l'honneur de porter à votre connaissance que les négociations relatives à la remise des triptyques par les Automobile-Clubs à nos Touring-Clubs ont abouti à d'heureux résultats.

Les organes dirigeants de l'A. I. A. C. R. et de l'A. I. T. ont élaboré de commun accord un projet de contrat destiné à régler d'une façon uniforme les relations entre les associations des deux groupes. Son texte sera soumis à la ratification du Comité de l'A. I. A. C. R. le 17 mars prochain.

Nous avons la certitude de le voir adopter par lui comme le bureau permanent de l'A. I. T. l'a accepté, c'est-à-dire à l'unanimité. Son texte vous parviendra in-extenso sous peu.

Il contient les clauses générales de l'entente qui se noue entre les deux grands groupements de tourisme pour la délivrance des triptyques. Je vous demanderai donc de signer si possible ce document sans modification de texte et de l'envoyer ensuite directement à chacun des Automobile-Clubs dont vous désirez recevoir directement les documents. Ceux-ci vous en accuseront réception en vous adressant l'exemplaire signé par eux.

L'ouverture de la saison de tourisme me permet d'insister pour que rien n'entrave la très prompte exécution de l'échange matériel des documents soumis à votre signature.

Je ne puis terminer ce paragraphe de ma lettre sans souligner l'importance des résultats obtenus par l'A. I. T. et sans rendre hommage à l'appui éclairé et courtois que l'A. I. T. a trouvé chez le Colonel Perron, secrétaire-général de l'A. I. A. C. R.

Impr. H. & M. Schumanns.

II. Assemblée générale.

L'Assemblée générale de l'A. I. T. aura lieu à Amsterdam du 2 au 5 juillet.

III. J'ai l'avantage de porter à votre connaissance que le Touring-Club Tchécoslovaque, dénommé LIGA Csl. MOTORISTU, (adresse : Platnèrska Ul, 11, Prague) est entré dans notre alliance. Il en est de même du Touring-Club Turc, Adalet-Han 17/18 Galata, Constantinople.

IV. Il résulte d'une communication du Président du Touring-Club Yougoslave que l'Administration supérieure serbe est disposée à autoriser la remise de triptyque aux Tourings-Club de l'A. I. T. si la demande est faite par voie diplomatique. Je me permets, en conséquence, de vous demander de faire faire les démarches nécessaires par le Département des Affaires Etrangères et le représentant de votre pays à Belgrade.

Vous voudrez bien m'aviser sans retard de la suite donnée à la présente.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Président et cher Collègue, l'assurance de mes sentiments les plus distingués.

Le Secrétaire Général de l'A. I. T. :

Paul DUCHAINE,

Président du Touring-Club de Belgique.



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27th May, 1947.

Col. H. Péron,
Fédération Internationale d'Automobiles,
8 Place de la Concorde,
Paris.

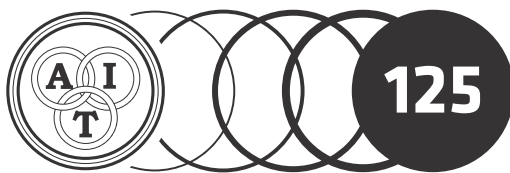
Dear Colonel Péron,

"With reference to the discussions that took place at the E.C.I.T.O. meetings recently dealing especially with the question of through roads, I send you herewith a set of itineraries with distances which represent a combination of the recommendations of the R.A.C., A.A. and the Scandinavian countries.

I have reason to believe, furthermore, that the plan will satisfy Holland, Belgium and Switzerland while as regards France, the outlets appear appropriate.

May I request you kindly to look into the matter and favour me with your approval at the earliest possible moment so that we may forward copies to E.C.I.T.O. and the authorities of the zones concerned.

Yours sincerely,



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