FEVR was formally founded in Geneva in 6th of July 1991, with the objectives to promote assistance to road victims at international level in Europe, work for prevention of crashes and strengthen contacts and collaboration between road victim associations from the various countries.

1) **1992** Annual meetings in different countries, preparing common principles on road safety and road victims. → **Coordination among associations to prepare the WHO “World Day of the Injured.”**

2) **1993** Harmonisation of objectives and welcoming more members

3) **1994** Mutual Agreement on assistance and defining objectives and work areas

4) **1995** FEVR agreed to remember every 3. Sunday in November the road crash victims, start of the Day of Remembrance – Round Table Conference (LU 9.11.): “Situation of Road Traffic Victims: Facts, Problems, Solutions.” → **FEVR received NGO consultant Status (roster) at UN**

5) **1996** Inauguration of a Victim Monument in Budapest

   → **signed collaboration agreement with WHO and FEVR became member of ETSC**

6) **1997**, FEVR published the report of their EC supported international enquiry on the impact of road death and injury on victims and families. This pioneering work showed the desperate situation of almost all of them.

   “Black Box” (Event Data Recorder) presentation and support (Viersen The Hague Symposium on Assistance and support for traffic “accidents” victims

7) **1998**, FEVR held an international Colloquium at the UNESCO in Paris on the potential contribution of the Justice, Insurance and Media sectors to road safety, this event was also supported by the EC. In 1998 FEVR participated also at a session of the European Parliament on Road Safety a Shared Responsibility

8) **1999**, FEVR held a High Level International Roundtable in Luxemburg on proposals for the next 10-year road safety programme in Europe

   55th session of the UN Human Right Commission: request by FEVR to examine the situation of road traffic victims HRC number:E/CN.4/1999/NGO/123

   UN Resolution “assistance to victims of road accidents” TRANS/WP1/1999/3

9) **2000**, for United Nations Road Safety Week in May, Partnership on the road increases safety”. With EC support FEVR produced and distributed 1.5 million leaflets in seven languages, distributed during manifestations and actions in favour of vulnerable road users throughout Europe.

10) **2001**, on the initiative of FEVR, the United Nations have approved a Resolution on assistance to road crash victims. UNECE/WP.1 Workshop in Budapest on Assistance to road traffic victims

   The Global Road Traffic Injury Epidemic, proposal for a meeting in NY by UN, WHO, World Bank and BJD (Bone and Joint Decade 2000-2010)
A) Here the list of members and associated member associations


GAMBIT Foundation ● Red Light Accident Research and Prevention Society ● Yad Hankitafim ● Familiares y Víctimas de Accidentes de Tránsito (FEVAT) ● ANWB ● Center of Research and Prevention of Injuries among the Young ● Federation of European Pedestrian Associations (FEPA) ● Landsforeningen for Trafikkskadde ● The National Society of Polio and Accident Victims in Denmark (FTU) ● Association Trafic et Sécurité

Role of the FEVR

Internal (between the associations)
- Permits exchanges of best practices in the various fields of assistance and raising of public awareness.
- Permits the co-ordination of, or the co-operation for certain actions.
- Enhance the authority of the single associations, also because of the recognition of "consultant" given by the UN.
- Enhance the determination of the single association because of the moral solidarity given by the other associations.

External (respective to other organisations and institutions)
- Give a voice to the road traffic victims at national and international level.
- Give a genuine representation of the road traffic victims, above political, racial, commercial and religious interests in national and international organisations and institutions.
- Give the possibility to counterbalance the effects of the motoring lobbies who have road safety as a second priority, in legislative and governmental bodies.

Role of FEVR 1993

Mutual Agreement Brescia 1994

24 full and 11 associate members in 2001
Dear Mr. Haag,

We are pleased to inform you that the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 1995, decided to grant consultative status (Hosete) to your organization.

Your organization may now designate official representatives to the United Nations in UN Headquarters in New York and to the UN offices in Geneva and Vienna. A form is enclosed for your convenience. Designated representatives must pick up their passes in person at the site designated. Needless to say, the presence of your representatives on a regular basis will enable your organization to implement most effectively and fruitfully the provisions for this consultative relationship.

Sincerely yours,

Farida Ayoub, Chief
Non-Governmental Organizations Section
Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development

Monument for Road Traffic Victims which was erected with the support of private donors by the Country Police Department and the National Accident Prevention Committee

Budapest 1996

Photo Vassile Theodoreu

From left to right: Brigitte Chaudhry, Jan De Kras, Amy Aaron-Thomas, Marcel Haagl
Dear Sirs,

The General Assembly of F.E.V.R., the European Federation of Road Traffic Victims, meeting in Gothenburg from 28th till 30th May 1999, strongly disapproves of your advertisement in the Scientific American of May 1999, of which a copy is enclosed, because:

- You offend the feelings of road traffic victims by stressing the properties of your product that contribute to the danger on the road. These are also the properties that make motorway traffic the scapegoat of the environmentalists.

- In our opinion, you should lay emphasis on properties such as cruise speed control and recorders, that promote more responsible driving.

- You hurt the feelings of a group of immigrants who contributed greatly to the American culture. No doubt, you will find that the descendants of those who came to America on board the „Mayflower“ will protest against your advertisement.

May we remind you that the European Parliament supports the reduction of speed limits in their Resolution on the Commission’s communication “Promoting road safety in the EU” item 7d.

"...legislation to reduce excessive speed and to harmonize speed limits and the dissemination of best practice to enforce these speed limits."

The European Federation is not against the use of cars, but is against irresponsible driving and irresponsible advertising. It furthers its aims by dialogue. We therefore appreciate an answer.

Copy to:
Mr. George Bush, former President of the United States of America
Mr. Al Gore, Vice-President of the United States of America

Yours faithfully

Gothenburg, Sweden, 1999-05-29

The delegates of the European Federation of Road Traffic Victims

(F.E.V.R.)

1999 GM in Gothenburg

signed by 19 delegates


Great decade, thanks Marcel, Brigitte, Jacques, Loes .......

and all the others, sisters and brothers from FEVR family