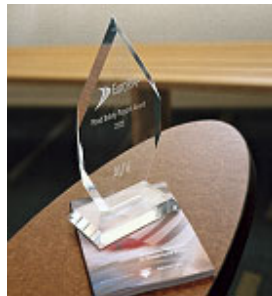


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DUTCH GOVERNMENT WIN PRESTIGIOUS EuroRAP AWARD

The 2003 prize for the best national publication of road accident information has been awarded to the Dutch Government by the EuroRAP Association. EuroRAP have developed a star-rating system for the safety of roads and is currently rolling out the programme across Europe. EuroRAP is a sister programme to EuroNCAP who have been awarding star ratings to new cars since 1995.



On the 29 of April 2003 the prize was presented by Guido van Woerkom, CEO of ANWB (below right) on behalf of EuroRAP, to Houko Luikens, Chief-Engineer Director of the Advisory Service for Traffic and Transport (AVV) of Rijkswaterstaat (Directorate-General of Public Works and Water Management) (below left).



“Good road accident and traffic data are fundamental to improving the safety of road users” said van Woerkom; “EuroRAP is raising the profile of collection and presentation of this information by awarding a prize for the best national publication.”

The outstanding Dutch publication was judged best out of some ten European entries: Catalonia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and The Netherlands.

The selection committee was chaired by Jesus Monclus of the Spanish Tourist Club RACE. “An independent rating has been developed which looks at the best way to

present road accident information” said Monclus; “ In particular we were looking for reports which were interesting, readable and easily accessible to foreign researchers on the subject.”

EuroRAP®2003 is an association of motoring and tourist clubs, road authorities and expert institutions. It is sponsored by the European Union, The FIA Foundation for the Automobile and Society, Toyota Motor Europe and the AA Foundation Road Safety Research.

Notes:

A Dutch version of the Report is available from the EuroRAP Library in PDF format.