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A message from Emy Apostolopoulou, member of AET Board

“Dear colleagues,

Welcome to your Newsletter. Less than two weeks to go until the 41st European Transport Conference, which will take place from 30 September to 2 October 2013 at its new home, Goethe University, in Frankfurt, Germany. You can read in this issue the latest information and highlights of the upcoming Conference (pp.2-3), venue and location information (p.3), as well as the latest AET Board and Council news and elections (pp.4-5.).

Looking forward to seeing you all at ETC 2013,

Emy

AET Views

A message by Peter Snelson, Chair of AET Board



Hello to all members and friends of AET

Welcome to the ‘autumn’ 2013 edition of our newsletter.

This newsletter will be the last one that I will send a message to the members of the association as I will be standing down as Chair at ETC in Frankfurt.

I would like to thank the members of the Board and Council who have supported me through the last 3 years and helped me to put into place the initiatives that I hope will take AET forward for the next decade. I have spent a great deal of time reorganising the way we contract out our service providers and how we organise the European Transport Conference. Also implementing the new Web Site and encouraging Board and council to develop the AET Vision 2020.

I am now happy to hand over to my friend and colleague Hans Jeekel to carry on the work and to bring his ideas to the Association.

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I wish you all well and no doubt I will be seeing you again in the not too distant future. As so many have found, it is difficult to leave this club of ours and I have yet to decide how I will be involved after conference, if I am wanted of course ! but I will see.

Thanks again to all active members and also to those outside the membership, without who we could not function, as well as we do. In Particular Sally Scarlett and David Tucker, who have been both great supporters and good friends.

European Transport Conference 2013

The quality of presentations submitted for this year's European Transport Conference has been extremely high and the Association for European Transport would like to thank all those who provided abstracts.

Special highlights not be missed

A full day will be devoted to discussing experiences and choices on Bus Rapid Transit and Light Rail Transit. Other important themes at the conference are Greening Transport (incentives, electric vehicles, green logistics), Accessibility Planning and Social Exclusion, and Demand Management in Transport. There are also a number of sessions on Freight Modelling, Choice Model Applications and Modelling the Future Transport Fleet, plus special sessions from ECTRI, COST and the ACEM-Rail project.

In summary, the key themes running throughout this year's conference are:

- Bus Rapid Transit and Light Rail Transit
- Demand Management
- Freight and Logistics
- Leisure and Tourism Transport
- Local Public Transport
- Pan-European Transport Policy
- Planning for Sustainable Land Use and Transport
- Rail Policy and Planning
- Rail Policy and Practice
- The Contribution of Transport to Economic Recovery
- Traffic Management, Traffic Engineering and Road Safety
- Transport Economics and Appraisal
- Transport Models
- Travel Behaviour in Changing Times
- Young Researchers' & Practitioners' Forum

Sunday 29 September

- Special refreshing session on “Everything you need to know about modelling
- First Time Delegates Reception

Monday 30 September

- **Plenary session on “Optimizing the movement of people and goods at the same time”:** At this year's European Transport Conference, Miller Crockart, Vice President Global Sales & Marketing Traffic Software at PTV, will lead Monday's plenary session and encourage us to partake in some "joined-up thinking". Mr Miller states that today we have technologies and data that can drive us to intelligently, ecologically, and in real time, optimize the flow of people and goods on what in most countries is a finite transport network. So rather than building our way out of congestion should we not be “sweating our transport infrastructure assets” in this more enlightened fashion? Join us for what proposes to be an exhilarating session.
- The **Young Researchers' & Practitioners' Forum (YRPF)** is a new feature of ETC devoted to young researchers who will be able to present their work and discuss extensively on critical transport issues with the new and the older generation of transport professionals

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Tuesday 1 October

Don't miss the full day Conference within ETC devoted to Transport, Transport Research and the Economic Crisis: Visions and Perspectives.

- The **Plenary session on "Economic Crisis and the Consequences for Transport"**: by Professor Werner Rothgatter, University of Karlsruhe, will be followed by sessions on the experience of European Countries and the Wider Impacts of the Economic Crisis. The Conference will close with the debate among Prof. Dr. Werner Rothgatter, University of Karlsruhe, DE, Prof. Roger Vickerman, University of Kent, UK, Prof. Marco Ponti, Politecnico di Milano IT and Prof. Piet Rietveld, Vrije University of Amsterdam, NL. Chair Hans Jeekel, RWS, NL.

Wednesday 2 October

With so many sessions running in parallel on Transport and Social Media, on Greening Transport, on Local Public Transport, on Rail Demand and Policy Issues, Co-modality, Appraisal or Modelling to name a few you will not know what to choose! The technical visit to the Light Rail Garage at Frankfurt Main Station, organised by the Local Public Transport will also take place on Wednesday.

Technical visits / Social events

There will be technical visits every day of the Conference. A Bicycle Tour starting from Campus Westend to the City centre will be organised on Monday. A technical visit to the traffic control centre "Verkehrszentrale Hessen" will take place on Tuesday and the visit to the Light Rail Garage already mentioned above, will take place on Wednesday. In addition to technical visits, optional social events will be offered during the evenings and networking opportunities are available throughout the course of the Conference. For more information please consult the full daily programme for ETC 2013, available for download from our website, <http://www.aetransport.org>

Venue and Location Information

Frankfurt upon Main is located in the middle of Europe and can easily be accessed from around the world via Frankfurt International Airport. The Frankfurt Hahn airport also serves low cost airlines with a number of national and international flights. The historical Campus Westend of Goethe University is going to be the venue of the conference. It is one of the most impressive university locations in Germany with an extraordinary architecture. There are numerous famous attractions along with the outstanding architecture of the IG Farben or the Poelzig building with its Pater Noster elevator system and the beautiful gardens.

Campus Westend is close to Frankfurt city center and is well connected by public transport. The underground (u-bahn) station is a few minutes walk. For more information about ETC venue and the Goethe university campus westend, you can visit www.aetransport.org and www.uni-frankfurt.campuservice.de. To find more about sightseeing in Frankfurt, please visit www.frankfurt-tourismus.de and www.frankfurt.de

There will also be a base hotel for the organizers and off-site events, Le Meridien Parkhotel, www.lemeridien.com, where the Sunday special session on Modelling and subsequent First Timers' Reception, as well as the AET General Assembly and Council elections on Tuesday will take place.

The Conference Dinner Drinks reception, sponsored by PTV, as well as the Conference Dinner, will take place on Tuesday 1st October at the Depot 1899, <http://www.depot1899.de>

For further information on ETC 2013 and to find out more about the rich history of this prestigious Conference, please visit our website <http://www.aetransport.org>

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AET Ambassadors' News

International Award for the Best Scientific Paper of a PhD student in the domain of Choice Modelling, news sent by Emy Apostolopoulou

The international award for the best scientific paper of a PhD Student in the domain of Choice Modelling was given to PhD candidate of the Shipping, Trade and Transport Dept. and member of the Transport and Decision Sciences Laboratory of the University of the Aegean, Mrs Maria Kamargianni. This paper, chosen by the Scientific Committee of the Journal of Choice Modelling, uses advanced econometric choice models to investigate the influence of the use of social networks (e.g. facebook) on the trips made by adolescents for social purpose. The award ceremony took place during the International Choice Modelling Conference on the 4th of July 2013, in Sydney, Australia.

Title of paper: Kamargianni, M., and A. Polydoropoulou (2013). "Does Social Networking Substitute for or Stimulate Teenagers' Travel? Findings from a Latent Class Model." Presented at the 3rd International Choice Modeling Conference (ICMC), 3-5 July, 2013, Sydney, Australia. Available at:

<http://www.icmconference.org.uk/index.php/icmc/ICMC2013/paper/viewFile/761/353>

Further information at <http://www.journals.elsevier.com/journal-of-choice-modelling/news/winners-of-best-paper-awards/>

Transport Events 2013

- **13 November, 2013**, ATEC-ITS, UIC, Paris, France, "Nouveaux Visages de la mobilité" www.atec-itsfrance.net
- **17-20 November, 2013**, **3rd International Conference on Urban Public Transportation Systems**, National Conservatory of Arts and Crafts, Paris, France www.asce.org/UTSCONFERENCE
- **29 and 30 January 2014**, **ATEC ITS France** annual Congress on the following theme: « Défis de la Mobilité pour Tous », "Champerret espace", Paris 17th, France For further information, please visit www.atec-itsfrance.net

AET Internal Affairs

AET Board News

AET Board meeting, June 2013, Rome

The 50th meeting of the Board of the Association for European Transport took place on the 13th of June, 2013, at the offices of NET engineering, in Rome, Italy. All major issues concerning the day to day governance of the Association were discussed and necessary actions were assigned. New Contracts for Administrative Services, Promotion, Marketing and Communications and Membership Secretariat Services were awarded since April 2013. The Conference Programme, the peer review procedure for selected Conference papers and the Conference location from 2016 on were also discussed.

Board membership news: Pete Snelson, AET Board Chair since October 2010, will step down in October this year and Hans Jeekel, current Board Secretary will take over as the new Chair. Peter Burge will join the Board from October 2013 as the new Board Secretary. All Board members have expressed their gratitude to Pete Snelson for all the time and effort he has put to the affairs of the Association, resulting in the new AET Vision and in substantial savings for AET.

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AET Council News

AET Council meeting, June 2013, Rome

AET Council met on the 14th of March, 2013 at the offices of NTV (Nuovo Trasporto Viaggiatori) in Rome, Italy. A very interesting presentation was given by Dr Giuseppe Bonollo (NTV) on the new High Speed Railway Network in Italy. On the context of the implementation of AET Vision 2020, Deputy Chair Hermann Maier presented his paper on AET Governance. The specific roles of Council members and the necessity of closer interaction among Council and Board members were discussed. Working groups on specific issues of interest to the Association, involving both Council and Board members were introduced. Vice Chair Alison Irvine presented a paper on post ETC 2016 locations.

Board member Pierluigi Coppola was the host and made necessary arrangements for both the Board and Council meetings in Rome, with the help of Programme Committee member Francis Cirianni. Many thanks to both!

AET Council Elections

AET Council members usually serve for a time period up to three years. AET Council elections take place annually to fill any vacant seats. Stage 1 of the AET Council elections (voting by correspondence) is to be completed by Tuesday 24 September 2013, when the sealed envelopes should arrive at AET's address. Stage 2 (voting in person) will take place on Tuesday 1st October, during the lunch break and at the General Assembly. This year there are seven candidates for nine seats, but it is still necessary to hold the elections to ensure that all candidates are considered suitable by the members of the Association. Please refer to the texts written by candidates to support their candidature for relevant information. The names of the seven candidates are listed below: Good luck to all candidates!

Name	Member type	Affiliation	Nationality
Ambrosius (Broos) BAANDERS	Individual	ECORYS Nederland BV	Dutch
Jake CARTMELL	Organisational	UK Department of Transport	British
Tobias KUHNIMHOFF	Individual	Institute for Mobility Research, Research Establishment of the BMW Group	German
Eric KROES	Individual	E.P. Kroes Beheer B.V., Significance, VU University Amsterdam	Dutch
Hermann MAIER	Organisational	Sinclair Knight Merz (Europe) Ltd, also trading as SKM Colin Buchanan	British
Christian PIEHLER	Organisational	Deutsches Zentrum für Luft-und Raumfahrt (DLR)	German
Simon TUCKER	Organisational	David Tucker Associates	British

Please note that according to the election rules, fewer than 50% of the Council members may be from the same nationality. This requirement would be met if all current candidates were elected. Paid up members of the Association

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have the right to vote in the Council elections. New AET members have the right to vote if their membership is approved by the Board not later than Tuesday 24 September 2013.

For further information on AET Council election rules visit our website www.aetransport.org or call Sally Scarlett on +44 7831 663653

AET Important Dates: September-December 2013

September-October 2013

- European Transport conference, 29 September-2 October 2013, Frankfurt, Germany
- AET General Assembly and Council Elections, 1 October 2013, Frankfurt, Germany
- AET Ambassadors' meeting, 1 October 2013, Frankfurt, Germany ...

November 2013

- 29 November, AET Council meeting, London

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