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Celebrating 40 years of ETC

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A message from Emy Apostolopoulou, member of AET Board

“Dear colleagues,

Although the severe economic conditions in many European countries seem to threaten cohesion in Europe, the Association for European Transport is proud to celebrate this year the continuing success of the greatest annual European Transport Conference and the long history of international friendships developed among its members. The 40th anniversary of the European Transport Conference will be celebrated this October in Glasgow, Scotland. Along with the well known main Conference Programme, which also contains themes relevant to the London Olympics and the economic crisis, many special events are programmed for this year and we are all looking forward to this -not to be missed- Conference. Read more about it, as well as the latest news of AET Board and Council, in the next few pages.

Best wishes to all,

Emy

AET Views

A message by Peter Snelson, Chair of AET Board

Hello to all members and friends of AET.



As you can see from the message from Emy above we are getting ourselves prepared for ETC12, celebrating the 40th anniversary of the conference. The briefest of histories of the conference, it started in 1973 as the PTRC Summer Annual Meeting (SAM) and then in 1992 changed its name to the European Transport Forum (ETF) and finally in 1998 changed to ETC. We will be having a few celebrations during ETC in Glasgow so don't miss it.

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During the last months we have been working on a number of new initiatives for the Association, the first of which is the new AET and ETC website. The development of the site is progressing well and will be far more interactive than the current one and allow members to discuss key issues in transport across all disciplines and significantly enhance the networking potential of members. The web site should be up and running in October.

We are also continuing the process of developing the details of the move of ETC from Glasgow to Frankfurt in 2013. We have already secured the location, The Goethe University, and sponsorship with a number of Transport organisations in the Rhine-Main region.

However the most important progression that has been made since the last newsletter is the production of the new AET '2020 Vision and Action Plan'. This has been developed by a special working group of the Board and Council and has now been agreed by Council. The Vision is designed to take the Association forward with a plan of new and innovative actions developed to increase our capacity to deliver a wider set of aims – such as a wider set of conferences/seminars/events, a wider range of services, increase the membership, widen the range of support and extend our influence on the wider Transport Scene. The Vision document will be available on the web site and all members will receive a copy by email. I would ask you all to make use of this document in talking to your colleagues who are not members about what AET is aiming to achieve over the period to 2020.

We all know we are in difficult times but I hope to see as many of you as possible at ETC in Glasgow to help celebrate 40 Years of the conference

Cheers

Pete

European Transport Conference 2012

Celebrating its **40th anniversary** this year, the Conference attracts around 400 transport practitioners and researchers to an event where they can experience over 85 stimulating sessions on policy issues, best practice and research findings across a broad spectrum of transport modes and themes. The Conference will take place from **Monday 8-Wednesday 10 October 2012**, in **Glasgow, Scotland, UK**. The Association for European Transport has been responsible for the organisation of the Conference, which has been held annually since 1973. It is the Association's aim to promote and maintain a pan-European understanding of transport issues along with its members who form a network of transport professionals across Europe.

Conference themes

Conference themes cover a broad range of transport aspects. This year, the conference themes will also include "London Olympics and Transport", "Transport and Climate Change", "Transport and Economic Crisis", as well as "Growth through Rail Investment". For a complete list of the conference themes and to download a **Conference Booking Form**, please visit our website www.aetransport.org

Plenary Sessions

Daily plenary sessions will be delivered on key topics, with keynotes given by significant names in world transport:

Delivering Transport for the London Olympics:

Leon Daniels, Managing Director, Surface Transport, Transport for London, UK, Monday 8 October.

Now that the Olympics and Paralympics have drawn to a close delegates at the European Transport Conference will have the opportunity to hear direct from Transport for London about their role in delivering the transport plan for London

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2012. Just how was London transformed to cope with an additional 3 million journeys on the busiest day of the Games and an estimated 20 million throughout the Olympics? Don't miss this unique chance to learn how Transport for London's planning fared under such demand and discover the legacy left to London and future event planning.

Development of Alternative Energy Sources for Vehicles:

Olivier Paturet, General Manager of Zero Emission Strategy, Nissan Europe, Tuesday 9 October

Innovation in Survey Design Strategies for the Transport Industry:

Rob Sheldon, Managing Director, Accent, UK, Wednesday 10 October

Technical Visits

In addition to being **the** forum for over 85 stimulating sessions and robust discussions on transport policy issues, best practice and research findings, the European Transport Conference also offers excellent Technical Visits to all ETC delegates.

Mini Scottish Tour: Sunday 7 October

This year, in celebration of the Conference's 40th anniversary, we are delighted to announce a special pre-conference **Mini Scottish Tour for just £50 + VAT (63 Euros + VAT)**. Organised exclusively for ETC delegates by the Association for European Transport and the Leisure & Tourism Transport Committee, the Mini Scottish Tour takes in the stunning sights of Inchcailloch and Conic Hill in the magnificent Loch Lomond Nature Reserve.

As well as a boat trip, breathtaking scenery and magnificent walks, the Mini Scottish Tour also includes the opportunity to discuss visitor management and transport challenges with a National Park Ranger - before heading off to sample the liquid delights at the Glengoyne Distillery!

Edinburgh Tram Guided Tour: Wednesday 10 October

With Edinburgh trams currently being re-installed after the old system's withdrawal in 1956, this is a superb opportunity to find out first-hand how Scotland's capital city is faring during this major transport project. Organised in conjunction with Edinburgh Trams, and only available to ETC delegates, this **FREE** guided tour takes in areas that are still under construction, as well as completed sections of the new tram route. Attendees will have the chance to ask questions of a knowledgeable tour guide while viewing the project's progress at Haymarket, Shandwick Place, Princes Street, St Andrew Square and the terminus at York Place.

Places for the Edinburgh Tram Guided Tour are limited to just 25 people, so don't forget to invite others in your organisation who may be interested and please book early to avoid disappointment. The tour leaves from the Crowne Plaza at 1330 on Wednesday 10 October with Iain MacBriar, Chair of the Local Public Transport Committee.

Other Technical Visits available are:

- **Scotrail Simulator Visit** – Used as a training aide for drivers, the Class 170 and 334 train simulators pose scenarios ranging from the middle of a Scottish winter to a train rounding a bend where a potential problem could lie ahead.
- **Traffic Control Centre** – See how the operations staff in the Control Room plan, monitor, respond and control the events on the Scottish Trunk Road Network

Places are limited so don't forget to invite others in your organisation who may be interested and please book early to avoid disappointment. To book your Technical Visit, please email [Sabrina Ayadassen](mailto:Sabrina.Ayadassen@etconline.org).

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40th anniversary of ETC

Announcement to all AET members For the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the ETC, we are looking for pictures from earlier conferences, to be shown at the conference in Glasgow, especially from pre-digital times. If you have such a picture which shows an aspect of the conference at that time, please send a scan to info@aetransport.org. It may be included in the slide show that is being prepared.

News from ETC Programme Committees

ETC 2011 -Presentation of the Planning for Sustainable Land Use and Transport Award

On 12 October 2011, the Planning for Sustainable Land-Use and Transport Committee (PSLUT) conferred for the fourth time the PSLUT Award on Sustainable Land-Use/Transport Solutions. The award was gratefully sponsored by the Halcrow Group Ltd., London including fine Palatinate Riesling Mustard from Zeter (www.zeter.de). The final decision was made by an international judging committee: Michael Bach (UK), Peter Endemann (DE), Dr. Robin Hickman (UK), Dr. Doina Olaru (Chair, AU) and Catherine Seaborn (UK). Selection criteria were: 1. Integration of transport and planning disciplines, 2. Relevance to the call for papers, 3. Originality of thought, 4. Linkage to policy and 5. Clear communication. The prize was conferred to: **Thilo Becker** from Technical University, Dresden, Germany, for his paper entitled: "Obstacles for non-motorised transport in developing countries - a case study of Nairobi, Kenya."

Thilo Becker asked the difficult questions about which road users we prioritise, why non-motorised users get so few resources and why funders and aid givers propose "Western" solutions for developing countries where the majority of people in cities walk. The author explored these questions through structured interviews with key stakeholders. His strong, challenging analysis provided an excellent insight for policy makers and funders. Furthermore, the paper holds up a mirror to the policy makers in the "Western" world: Why did not we do better in the past and which did we so often prioritise the infrastructure for the motorised individual vehicle?

Since the panel had short-listed another excellent paper, a special mention, including a wine present from the Palatinate Region, was made to: **Danielle Snellen, Hans Hilbers and Jan Ritsema van Eck** from the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency for their paper "The Future of Living, Working and Transport in Dutch Regions: Planning for Uncertainty". They first used scenarios with different growth assumptions and possible policy changes to explore the likely implications for 43 regions in the Netherlands. This was seen as an excellent example of attempting to resolve for policy makers the uncertainty about the direction and magnitude of change. The jury appreciated this as planning for decline has so far been a neglected issue on the political and planning agenda, - but not any more, as shown for the Netherlands and explicitly recognised in Eastern Germany.

The jury's decision was outlined in the laudatory speech given by member Michael Bach. Since Thilo Becker could not attend the award ceremony, he met panel member Peter Endemann in the premises of Regionalverband in Frankfurt/Main.

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Michael Bach (middle) giving the laudatory speech on 12 October 2011.



Peter Endemann (left) handing over the award to Thilo Becker on 22 December 2011.

For more information on other awards given at ETC 2011, please visit <http://www.aetransport.org>

AET-Net News

New Metro Extension connects the Port of Piraeus with Athens International Airport "El. Venizelos"

The project of the extension of Athens Metro Line 3 to Piraeus has started in March 2012. The new extension, with a length of 7.6 kms, includes 6 stations and it will serve the municipality of Piraeus, as well as adjacent municipalities that experience severe traffic problems and a low level of service by mass media transportation. The new "Piraeus" station in particular, will be a very important transport node, where metro lines 1 and 3 will be connected to the port, the suburban railway and the new tramway. The new extension will serve 132000 passengers daily, while the total travel time from the Port of Piraeus to Athens Airport will be 45 minutes. The reduction of traffic due to the operation of the new metro line, is estimated at 23,000 private cars per day, and the respective reduction of CO2 is 119 tons per day. For more information on this and other projects of Attiko Metro, please visit the English section of <http://www.ametro.gr> (Construction of the Athens Metro).

TransportNET is co-hosting a **Course on Transport Competitiveness, Assessment & Management Policies: Addressing the Crisis** from 24 August to 2 September 2012 at University of the Aegean – Department of Shipping, Transport and Trade, in Chios. This course is open to academic researchers (professors, senior researchers, PhD students) and professionals (from industry and public authorities) from all kinds of backgrounds, research fields and interests, holding at least a Master's degree or equivalent, on a first come first served basis.

The aim of the course is to provide participants with advanced training on transport, shipping, air transport, urban transport and trade, and have them obtain improved skills and knowledge to advance their careers. The course brings together renowned scholars from abroad (University of California S.B. (USA), University of Antwerp (BE), and IST Lisbon (PT)), making this a truly international programme offered to international students, leading to a unique exchange and transfer of experience and knowledge. Specific topics dealt with during the course week are:

- In depth analysis of the crisis impacts on the various modal sectors of transport.
- Analysis of new regulation constraints with regard to the various transport market segments.
- Presentation of methodologies, tools & techniques to be applied in transport policy and planning.
- Assessment and evaluation of transport policy and planning.

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- Transport financing.

Course participants will get a participation certificate, and also a credit certificate upon successful completion of the project assignments to be defended during the last day of the course. The course values 6 ECTS credits for doctoral programs for those who successfully complete the assignment. For further information, please visit <https://sttcamp2012.pns.aegean.gr/>

Transport Events 2012

International Colloquium on “Recent Developments in Freight Transport Modelling”, hosted by the Department of Transport and Regional Economics of the University of Antwerp, together with Prof. Moshe Ben-Akiva (Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)), 4-6 October 2012. For further information, please visit http://www.ua.ac.be/main.aspx?c=*TPR&n=109309

ECOMM 2012, Frankfurt, Germany, June 2012. From 12 to 15 June 2012, Frankfurt hosted the 16th edition of the European Conference on Mobility Management (ECOMM). More than 300 delegates attended the conference. You can visit <http://www.epomm.eu/ecomm2012/> to find out more about the programme, all presentations and many freely usable pictures. The website of the ECOMM2012 will be online until the end of the year.

AET Internal Affairs

AET Board News

AET Board met three times this year, on 30 January (virtual meeting), on 8 March in Budapest, Hungary and on 14 June in Karlsruhe, Germany to discuss and take action on the current affairs of the Association. In addition to the financial position, supervision of contracts and the development of a marketing plan, the role of ETC programme committees has been discussed and is under further development. A new member, Eric Tardivel (RATP, France) has joined AET Board since January 2012 and will coordinate the arrangements to establish an AET/ETC presence at other events. Welcome Eric! A new contract for AET website development is also in progress and under the supervision of AET Board. The Association for European Transport had a stand at the International Transport Forum, 2012 Summit, “Seamless Transport: Making Connections”, which took place from 2-4 May 2012, in Leipzig, Germany.

AET Council News



Council meeting in Budapest, 9 March 2012
Photo by Broos Baanders

AET Council has met on 2 December 2011 in the Hague, the Netherlands, as well as on 9 March in Budapest, Hungary and on 15 June in Karlsruhe, Germany following the respective AET Board meetings. AET Council special task forces have produced the new vision and relevant Action Plan for the Association and have also planned special events for the celebration of the 40th anniversary of ETC, at ETC 2012, in Glasgow.

During the meeting, Mr Dávid Vitezy from the Budapest public transport authority BKK was introduced by Csaba Orosz to the Council before he gave a short presentation of his organisation and the public transport plans in Budapest.

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AET 2020 Vision and Action Plan

During 2012 a working group comprising members of the Board and Council have been working on a new Vision for AET. Below are extracts from that document that has already been circulated to all members.

The Case for Change

AET was formed in 1998 and was born out of the European Transport Forum formally known as the PTRC Professional Association. AET is currently a small membership-led networking organisation that runs a highly-successful annual conference, European Transport Conference (ETC), through a mix of outsourced management services and the energy, commitment and donation of resources by its members. The Association has developed and grown over the last 14 years and has successfully delivered the aims of the two previous business plans.

It is, however, the degree of participation, energy and commitment of the membership and the dedicated hands-on management approach that is unique and that has kept the show on the road over the last 14 years. This is a huge strength for a not-for-profit organisation, and, whatever we decide to do in future, it needs to be maintained and built on. Significant growth could challenge the survival of this model and of the organisation as we currently know and appreciate it. The current model relies on willing volunteers – the Board, the Council Members, the Ambassadors and the Programme Committee Members. Taking on new initiatives, such as Theme Specific seminars and providing other products, could place a major strain on the capacity of the Association to deliver.

In order to realise our vision for 2020, there may be a need to change the structure of the Association and to increase our/its capacity to deliver a wider set of aims – such as a wider set of conferences/seminars/events, a wider range of services, increase the membership and widen the range of support and extend our influence – this would require an increase in the Associations capacity and, perhaps, a different way of working.

This vision for 2020 involves progressing in stages from the current organisation and capacity to one which, while still being driven and supported by its members, is able to deliver a larger range of services to those members. To deliver this the Association may need to increase its capacity to deliver, including the possibility of appointing permanent staff and securing additional resources to support governance changes.

Vision Statement

By 2020:

AET will be a key influencer, contributor to and shaper of the debate connecting transport policy, practice and research at the European level

AET will achieve this goal by;

- Bringing together researchers, policy makers and practitioners around ideas and visions of transport at European, national, regional and local level;
- Managing and influencing the debates on developments in and related to transport policy, practice and research;
- Building coalitions with like-minded organisations around shared objectives; and
- Articulating the shared perspectives and priorities of key stakeholders in politics, administration, business and academia.

AET will create outcomes by;

- Delivering a range of state of the art conferences, seminars and networking products;
- Presenting the facts on transport based on the leading-edge research of its members;
- Harnessing the full potential of electronic, web and social media;
- Promoting and disseminating the highest standards in published technical and analytical work; and
- Generating and commissioning high quality research from its members.

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AET will involve and engage its members by:


- Being relevant to its membership, stakeholders and like-minded organisations;
- Recruiting a more diverse, inclusive and representative Europe-wide membership;
- Harnessing the motivation, energy and commitment of its members; and
- Achieving the highest standards of corporate governance for not-for-profit organisations.


AET Council Elections

AET Council elections will take place on the 9th of October 2012 at the General Assembly of AET members. Six Council members will have to step down in October 2012 according to rotation schedule, while two Council members had to leave ahead of schedule, so this year there are nine candidates for eight seats. Many thanks to all Council members whose term ends in October, Conall Mac Aongusa, Colin Chick, Stephane Hess, Eleni Gioti, Csaba Orosz, Chris Pringle, Rachel Risely and Jonathan Spear for their efforts and participation to AET Council. Council members Conall Mac Aongusa, Colin Chick, Csaba Orosz and Rachel Risely (present Chair of AET Council) will stand up for re-election this year.

A list of names and photos of all Candidates for AET Council follows. Good luck to all!

Candidates for AET Council

Name Affiliation Position	Colin Chick Luton Borough Council Corporate Director, Environment & Regeneration	
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Name Affiliation Position	Peter Davidson Peter Davidson Consultancy Managing Director	
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Name Position	Ylber Limani University Lecturer	
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Name Affiliation Position	Conall MacAongusa Transport and Innovation Ltd Director	
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Name Affiliation Position	Rosario Macario Instituto Superior Técnico Professor	
Name Affiliation Position	Csaba Orosz "BME" Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Department of Highway and Railway Engineering Associate Professor, [MSc in Civil Eng.]	
Name Affiliation Position	Adnan Rahman Cambridge Systematics Director, International Division	
Name Affiliation Position	Rachel Risely Organisational Member Representation for Accent Director	
Name Affiliation Position	Helene Vergereau Atkins Managing Consultant	

AET Ambassadors

AET Ambassadors promote AET and ETC, acting as links between the Association for European Transport and their country. The Association values the efforts made by Ambassadors throughout the years. This year an award will be given to the most active Ambassador. The selection of the most active Ambassador has been based on the reports that Ambassadors have sent on their activities throughout the year. On the basis of these reports, the award – a free day at ETC 2012- will be given to Elisabete Arsenio. Many thanks to Elisabete for her continuing active support as an AET Ambassador for Portugal over the previous three years! Many thanks to all AET Ambassadors (Conall Mac Aongusa,

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Emy Apostolopoulou, Pierluigi Copolla, Serbjeet Kohli, Wim Korver and Broos Baanders) for all your efforts to promote the Association for European Transport!

Social News



Sally Scarlett's son Tom, and Ammara, have been recently married and they used this wonderful London bus to transport their guests (see photo on the left, sent by Sally Scarlett) Our best wishes to Tom and Ammara for a wonderful life together!

AET Important Dates: October-December 2012

October 2012

- Pre-Conference Mini Scottish Tour, Sunday 7 October 2012
- 40th European Transport Conference, 8-10 October 2012, Glasgow, Scotland
- AET General Assembly and Council elections, Tuesday 9 October 2012

November 2012

- AET Board and Committee Chairs Meeting, 15 November, Cambridge, UK
- AET Board meeting, 16 November, Cambridge, UK

December 2012

- AET Council meeting, 7 December, Dublin, IE

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