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A message from Emy Apostolopoulou, member of AET Board

“Dear colleagues,

Best wishes to all for a successful and happy new year 2011!

The call for papers for ETC 2011 has already come out, featuring for the first time, together with the broad spectrum of interesting transport topics covered by Programme Committees, several “hot topics” expected to generate even more interest than last year’s Conference (note that ETC 2010 –held for the first time in Glasgow, Scotland, attracted more than 500 delegates), so don’t forget to submit your abstracts by 4 February 2011. You can read more about the European Transport Conference agenda in this issue of your Newsletter, as well as the latest news from AET Board and Council. In particular, details of new contractual arrangements with both PTRC and Sally Scarlett are included under “News from AET Board” on page 7. This issue also includes more news and information of general interest to the AET community than previous ones, sent by AET members. The Board of the Association welcomes the further involvement of members in the Newsletter. Whether you are an individual or organisational member of the Association, a member of the Board or Council, a Programme Committee member or an AET Ambassador, you are invited to send your news to be published in your Newsletter to eapostolopoulou@ametro.gr”

AET Views

A message by Peter Snelson, Chair of AET Board



“Dear Colleagues and friends,

Firstly a very Happy New Year to you all and I wish you ‘all the best’ for 2011.

As some of you are already aware a number of changes were made to the Board of the Association during ETC in Glasgow last year and one

of them was my election to the Board and appointment as the Chairman to take over from Tom van Vuren. Since taking on this role I have encouraged the Board to develop a number of new initiatives to develop the future for both AET and ETC. The most important being new contracts for the; Secretariat, Membership and ETC services we have traditionally held with PTRC. I am happy to be able to tell you that new Administration and ETC contracts have now been signed with PTRC and that a Membership Secretariat contract has been signed with our dear friend Sally Scarlett. The other key moves we are now developing include a new Business Plan, a 5 year vision for ETC, a new Marketing Plan and a future vision for AET. These will, we hope, bring some new and innovative ideas into the Association and help us develop not only the Conference but the Association and the role and benefits for our members.

I look forward to guiding the Board and Council to take these initiatives forward and take both the Association and ETC into a new, and hopefully, prosperous, future.

Pete”

European Transport Conference Agenda

ETC 2011 – Call for papers

The Association for European Transport organises the 39th European Transport Conference (ETC), which will be held in Glasgow, Scotland, from 10 -12 October 2011. The Call for Papers for ETC 2011 has just been released and is live on AET website. For the first time this year, apart from the broad aspects covered by Programme Committees, several “hot topics” of particular interest are included in the Call for Papers. These “hot topics” are related to the new economic situation facing Europe and the rest of the world and in particular minimal cost solutions, potential medium and long-term impacts of cuts in public expenditure, as well as public/private partnerships, reduction of congestion, accessibility for all, high speed rail, and the reduction of fatalities in road transport. For more details, visit AET’s website (www.aetransport.org) or contact Christine Carr at christine.carr@aetransport.org

- Prepare to submit your Abstract for ETC 2011 until Friday 4 February 2011

Seminar “Traffic Management, Engineering and Safety” at ETC 2010, by Benoit Hiron, Chair of “Traffic Management, Engineering and Safety” Programme Committee



“A broad range of subjects were presented at this year’s conference. One subject was traffic management (travel time, variable speed limits, Ramp Metering and Hard Shoulder Running, Patrol Intervention System, next step when HOV’s lanes are congested, linking models (90 in this case) to regulate flows through traffic signals, multi objective optimization model for traffic signals and using floating cars to optimize turn dependant delay times).

Another subject was rural road safety with 3 papers. Public transport was also present with 2 papers, one on micro simulation for metrobus interchange in Santiago, and the tram accident’s analysis in France. The last subject dealt with vulnerable users (mainly pedestrians) broadly treated in relation to other users, but there were also elements for more pedestrian friendly street design, a manual for street application guidelines in UK, pedestrian comfort guidance in London, countdown signals for pedestrians in Hamburg, walkability assessment in Volos and behaviour analysis to increase the safety of pedestrian movements in Paris and finally speed reducers for maximum 20km/h design.”

Presentation of the PSLUT Award at ETC 2010, by Peter Endemann, Chair of “Planning for Sustainable Land Use and Transport” Programme Committee

On 13 October 2010, the Planning for Sustainable Land-Use and Transport Committee (PSLUT) conferred for the third time the **PSLUT Award on Sustainable Land-Use/Transport Solutions**. The award was gratefully sponsored by the Halcrow Group Ltd., London including Pinot Blanc from the beautiful Bergstrasse Region (<http://www.diebergstrasse.de/>). The international judging committee comprised: Michael Bach (UK), Peter Endemann (DE), Dr. Robin Hickman (Chair, UK), Prof. Martin Lanzendorf (DE), Dr. Doina Olaru (AU) and Dr. Daniëlle Snellen (NL). 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

This year, the jury awarded the prize to **Veronique Van Acker** from Ghent University for the paper “**Assessing objective and subjective spatial influences of modal choice**” which was written together with her colleagues Ben Derudder and Frank Witlox.



PSLUT-Award ceremony with Peter Endemann, Michael Bach (middle) and laureate Veronique van Acker (photos taken by Daniëlle Snellen)

Michael Bach outlined the jury’s decision in his laudatory speech stating that though “...a lot of work has been done looking at objective spatial characteristics of the land-use patterns, little work has been done on the underlying behavioural mechanisms. [...] The results begin to explain why increasing densities in suburban areas do not achieve the intended effect of achieving a change in their preferred means of travel. Thus, the research suggests, whilst spatial planning policies aimed at increasing densities and providing more facilities at the neighbourhood level can contribute to more sustainable mobility, the effects are greatest in urban neighbourhoods. In suburban areas, people maintain their traditional choice of the car due to their personal perceptions rather than the change in density. This research is not yet complete, but we would encourage the researchers to focus on the developing their conclusions in a way that will be useful for policy makers.” For further information and paper download please look at:

<http://www.aetransport.org/winners/winners.html>

AET–Net News

News from AET Members

Podcasts by Elsevier: The well known Publisher and AET member Elsevier has sent us information on three podcasts on the following subjects:

- The independence of volume–capacity ratio of private toll roads in general networks <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVpcZcSseKE> (Original article)
- Unintended environmental impacts of nighttime freight logistics activities <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MZjGfv-nqR4> (Original article)
- New York City’s congestion pricing experience and implications for road pricing acceptance in the United States <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y2CaHwRiaR4> (Original article)

News from Attiko Metro

Opening of “Ag. Paraskevi” metro station: “Ag. Paraskevi” metro station was opened for revenue service at the end of December 2010, by the Chairman of Attiko Metro S.A. Mr Christos Tsitouras.



The station is expected to serve 20,000 passengers on a daily basis. Passengers at “Ag. Paraskevi” station will be able to reach the central “Syntagma” station in about 13 minutes. “Ag. Paraskevi” metro station is the 34th metro station in Athens, on metro line 3 which connects Athens International airport “El. Venizelos” to the municipality of Aegaleo in the west of Athens. Following the completion of the southwest extension of line 3 from Aegaleo to Piraeus, which is currently under

tender, Athens International Airport will be connected by metro line 3 to the country’s biggest port in Piraeus. The southwest extension of metro line 3 is 7.6 km long and includes 6 metro stations.

Redevelopment of “Demokratias” square in the municipality of Peristeri: The reformed central square in the municipality of Peristeri in Athens was completed by Attiko Metro in December 2010, in the framework of the continuous effort of the organization to implement redevelopment projects in areas previously occupied by Metro worksites.



A glass vault allows natural light to reach “Peristeri” station

The new central square has a surface of 9000 square meters including green areas. The new “Demokratias” square has been developed by the unification of two smaller squares formerly separated by the main road arterial in the municipality (P.Tsaldari str.), following the realignment of a section of Panagi Tsaldari str. to divert traffic outside the new square.



Synthesis of sculptures, by Greek artist Mr Ev. Moustakas

The entrance to “Peristeri” metro station on metro line 2 is on this square, together with the town hall and cathedral of Peristeri, a war monument as well as a synthesis of sculptures by Greek sculptor Mr Ev. Moustakas. For more information on Attiko Metro’s projects, visit www.ametro.gr

European Transport Events

Symposium on “Road Safety - European Reality and Perspectives: A new Interdisciplinary Approach”, 24-25 September 2010, Chios, Greece

The Dept. Of Shipping, Trade and Transport of the University of the Aegean, has organized a unique interdisciplinary Symposium on Road Safety in cooperation with the Road Safety Institute «Panos Mylonas», the Hellenic Institute of Transport Engineers and several other local organisations. There were many interesting presentations from Greece, Belgium, Switzerland, Israel, the Netherlands and the USA. The interrelationship of education, training of drivers and legal issues with road safety, as well as the psychological aspects of driving, were discussed. Presentations will be published (in greek) in a special volume in memory of Professor Petrogonas, who lost his life in a road accident and selected papers will be published following a review process, in the “International Journal of Shipping and Transport” issued by the University of the Aegean (in english). For more information, contact Amalia Polydoropoulou at polydor@aegean.gr

- **Upcoming Events January-June 2011:**

2-3 February, France (Versailles)

ATEC-ITS France is proud to organize its 38th annual Congress and the ATEXPO exhibition on the 2nd and 3rd of February 2011 in the Palais des Congrès of Versailles. The event theme is « Transport, Environment, Traffic: which partnerships which services? ». This event provides excellent opportunity for the road, urban, interurban, people and freight transport actors to meet. Here is the link to the program in English :

<http://www.atec-itsfrance.net/upload/atexpo/pdf/CONGRESS%20Leaflet-ATEXPO%202011GB.pdf>

7-8 April, Germany (Munich)

Mobil.TUM 2011 conference, “Making Sustainable Mobilities -Interdisciplinary Perspectives”, in cooperation with Oskar von Miller Forum and Cosmobilities Network, Munich, Germany, April 7th 2011-April 8th 2011. Further information: <http://www.mobil-tum2011.de>. The final conference programme can be downloaded from this site by December 2010/January 2011.

18-20 May, Belgium (Antwerp)

EURO-NECTAR Conference 18-20 May 2011. Visit <http://www.ua.ac.be/nectar2011> to find the abstract submission page for the EURO-NECTAR Conference, which will be held in Antwerp (18-20 May 2011). The Registration form, as well as further information about the program and practical details, will be available later on. Enquiries should be directed to the local organizers, email:nectar2011@ua.ac.be

25-26 May, Poland (Warsaw)

Polish ITS Congress. It is scheduled for 25-26/05/2011 in Warsaw. Further information can be found here: http://www.pkits.pl/index_eng.php

6-9 June, France (Lyon)

8th ITS European Congress, "Intelligent Mobility: ITS for sustainable transport of persons and goods in urban regions" and Exhibition on Intelligent Transport Systems and Services will take place in Lyon, France, 6-9 June 2011. The organisation of this major 2011 event is coordinated by ERTICO - ITS EUROPE, together with the active participation of the European Commission, the Grand Lyon, the Rhône-Alpes Region, the Lyon Urban Truck and Bus Cluster, the French Ministry of Transport (MEEDDM), ITS France and the French organisations active within ERTICO - ITS EUROPE. The Congress theme is geared towards 'Intelligent Mobility – ITS for sustainable transport of persons and goods in urban regions'. For further details on the 8th European Congress & Exhibition on ITS, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Valérie Mindlin v.mindlin@mail.ertico.com or visit the Congress website at www.itsineurope.com.

14-17 June, Greece (Athens)

The 1st International Conference on Access Management will be held in Athens, Greece, from Tuesday, June 14th to Friday June 17th 2011. The Conference is organized by the Hellenic Association of Rural and Surveying Engineers (HARSE) in Cooperation with the Access Management Committee of the Transportation Research Board, The Technical Chamber of Greece (TCG), the Hellenic Ministry of Transport and Communication and will draw together engineers, architects, planners, consultants, developers and academics from around the world and across the fields of highway planning, engineering and design; urban and regional planning; site development; and data acquisition and management. A full-day Workshop on Access Management techniques is foreseen for Tuesday, June 14, 2011. For more information you can visit www.accessmanagement.gr

20-21 June, Portugal (Porto)

"MyLAND, your Land" International Symposium on Mobility, Land Use and Environmental Impacts changing times holding unchanging behaviors, June, 20 -21, 2011, Porto (Portugal). The conference is organized by a joint committee from several universities and tries to promote the exchange of results and ideas between participants on the topics of mobility, land use and environmental impacts. More information available at <http://portomobility2011.com>

AET Internal Affairs**News from AET Board**

At the General Assembly, held at ETC 2010, Tom van Vuren and Gerard de Jong retired from the Board and Pete Snelson and David Tucker were appointed. Pete Snelson has taken over as Chair, and, David as Secretary. Thomas Friderich continues as Treasurer and Neil Pauley, Hans Jeekel, Marc Ellenberg and Emy Apostolopoulou continue to serve as members. David Tucker, Secretary to the Board, reports that since ETC 2010, AET's Board has met twice, the second of these meetings being by teleconference and effectively the first time the Board had meet virtually. The Board is currently pursuing a new Business Plan and Marketing Plan for AET, as well as an ETC 5 year Strategy.



David says that one of the Key issues which the new Board has had to address is concerns amongst Members over the loss of knowledge and experience from the Association following Sally Scarlett's departure from PTRC in the Spring. To address this issue the Board have reformatted the Contracts separating out all Membership related activities, including the Membership and Programme Committee elements of ETC, into a new Membership Secretariat contract which has been awarded to Sally.

The remaining Administrative functions and the practical organization of the actual ETC conference are now covered by 2 new contracts which have been awarded to PTRC. New contact details will be circulated to all members very shortly. The next Board meeting will be held in Athens, on the 3rd of March 2011.

News from AET Council

The latest AET Council meeting was held in Copenhagen, on the 3rd of December 2010. Although the weather conditions made it difficult for several Council members to attend, there was a full and active discussion on a number of topics. In particular, Council approved the Board's proposals for revisions to the Contracts with PTRC and discussed the new Business Plan for the Association and 5 year Strategy. Council also agreed on a more aggressive marketing policy for next year. The new versions of the Business Plan, 5 year Strategy and Marketing Plan are now being prepared by AET's Board taking into account Council members' comments. These documents will be discussed at the next Council meeting, which will be held in Athens on the 4th March 2011.

News from the Planning for Sustainable Land-Use and Transport Committee

- **Handover at PSLUT's rudder**

Peter Endemann, Chair of the PSLUT Programme Committee, has sent the following information on the handover at PSLUT's rudder. Peter has been a very active Programme Committee Chair and it is certain that Elisabete will keep up on this very good work as the new Chair! Thank you Peter, congratulations Elisabete and best wishes to both!



From 2011 on, PSLUT will be chaired by Elisabete Arsenio, who has extensive training in Europe (Portugal and England) and is an experienced specialist from the LNEC, Laboratório Nacional de Engenharia Civil, in Lisbon. At the Association, she is already an active committee member and the Portuguese Ambassador. She will follow Peter Endemann from Planningsverband at Frankfurt/Germany who has steered the committee during the last five years. The fabulous committee with on the average 24 enthusiastic members has done a great job defining interesting conference programmes, establishing the PSLUT award on sustainable transport and land-use solutions and promoting good papers including publishing them in a prestigious journal such as the Transport Policy Journal.

AET Ambassadors 2010-2011

AET Ambassadors met at the ETC 2011 and discussed among other things potential hot topics for ETC 2011. The confirmed network of AET Ambassadors for the next year consists of the following Ambassadors:

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 <p>Broos Baanders, The Netherlands Emeritus Ambassador ECORYS broos.baanders@ecorys.com</p>	 <p>Pierluigi Coppola, Italy University of Rome "Tor Vergata" coppola@ing.uniroma2.it</p>	 <p>Zita Egyhazy, Hungary Ministry of National Development egyhazy.zita@khem.gov.hu</p>
<p>Photo: Svein Erik Dahl/Samfoto</p>  <p>Nils Fearnley, Norway Institute of Transport Economics naf@toi.no</p>	 <p>Adam Giszczak, Poland TRL agiszczak@trl.co.uk</p>	 <p>Jose Holguin-Veras, U.S. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute jhv@rpi.edu</p>
 <p>Toon van der Hoorn, The Netherlands Ministry of Transport / University of Amsterdam toon.vander.hoorn@rws.nl</p>	 <p>Serbjeet Kohli, U.K. Steer Davies Gleave Serbjeet.Kohli@sdgworld.net</p>	<p><i>If your are an AET member who's country is not currently represented by an AET Ambassador and you are interested in joining this team, you can send an e-mail to epostolopoulou@ametro.gr or contact any AET Board or Council member at ETC 2011, 10-12 October 2011, Glasgow, Scotland</i></p>

The network of AET Ambassadors is still expanding and the search for new Ambassadors for Germany, Czech Republic, Denmark and France among other countries, is continuing. If you are interested in this role and / or you would like to receive further information, please send a note to epostolopoulou@ametro.gr

AET Important Dates: January-March 2011
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January 2011

- AET Board meeting (virtual) 11/1/2011

February 2011

- Abstract submission deadline for ETC 2011 4/2/2011

March 2011

- AET Board meeting 3/12/ 2011, Athens
- AET Council meeting 4/12/ 2011, Athens

- Keep an eye on AET's website; minutes of the previous AET Council meeting (December 2010, Copenhagen) will be posted on the website this month, following the agreement of AET Council members

You can send your news or views to be included in AET Newsletter No 29, to eapostolopoulou@ametro.gr, until 20/3/2011