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A message from Emy Apostolopoulou, member of AET Board

“Dear colleagues,

I hope you have all returned from summer vacations feeling energetic enough to contribute-more or less - to the solutions of urgent issues which the transport sector has to face in our days. In the meantime, our Association is organising the 39th European Transport Conference, which will take place from 10-12 October 2011, now for the second year in Glasgow, Scotland. As usual, the Conference will include presentations of about 200 papers with the latest developments in transport research, practice and policy, as well as several social networking opportunities. Read in this issue about the highlights of the European Transport Conference Programme, (pp.2-3), as well as the most important issues discussed in the latest AET Board meeting in June (pp.5-6). All AET members are invited to send news of interest to a wider European audience, particularly Programme Committee Chairs and Ambassadors. You can send your news to eapostolopoulou@ametro.gr to be published in the next issues of AET Newsletter”

See you all at ETC 2011, 10-12 October, in Glasgow!

AET Views

A message by Peter Snelson, Chair of AET Board

Hello and welcome to the second Newsletter for 2011.

I hope all members have had a good summer and are now looking forward to our major event of the year, ETC11 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Glasgow. When you come to Glasgow in October you will notice a few changes to the conference this year. We have introduced panel discussions during the sessions, and for the Monday Plenary,

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where the audience is being encouraged to take a more active part in the topic under discussion.

We have invited Universities from across Europe to submit displays of their transport research projects which will go on display at the conference and we will be encouraging delegates to review these and a new prize will be awarded to the most innovative research project submitted, presentation of all the prizes will take place during coffee break on Wednesday morning.

You will also notice a much higher profile being taken by the Association than before. This is part of the long term Vision for AET to raise our profile, and what better place to start than at our own conference. In the main reception area there will be an AET stand manned, or ‘womanned’, by AET to promote the organisation and membership,

At the General Assembly, to take place over lunch on the Tuesday, the Board will be presenting an outline of the 10 Year Vision for the Association, the 5 Year plan for ETC and the new Marketing Plan so it is important for members to attend the General Assembly to be able to comment on these initiatives that are key to the future of AET and ETC.

So I look forward to seeing you all at ETC in Glasgow between 10th and 12th October for, what will be, the 39th Annual Conference organised by the Association.

Cheers

Pete

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**European Transport Conference Agenda**

**ETC 2011 – Conference Programme**

There are less than four weeks remaining until AET’s 2011 European Transport Conference (ETC) which will see over 400 like-minded transport practitioners and researchers discussing the challenges and developments of the transport agenda in Europe and its neighbouring countries.

The conference, now in its 39th year, takes place on 10th – 12th October 2011 in Glasgow, Scotland.

With a platform for up to ten seminars running simultaneously on each day, attendees have access to a huge variety of information with extensive learning and training opportunities. Researchers, lecturers, analysts, advisers and managers will all be in attendance to share their expertise in areas such as:

- Applied methods in transport planning
- European transport policy & research
- Innovative transport infrastructure funding
- Leisure & tourism transport
- Local public transport
- Methodological innovations
- Planning for sustainable land use & transport
- Rail
- Traffic management, traffic engineering & road safety
- Transport economics & appraisal

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Each day of the Conference there will be plenary sessions for all delegates.

The conference is also an ideal opportunity to network with policy-makers, transport planners (from both central and local government) and environmentalists, with a social agenda specifically created for this purpose. This provides the perfect occasion to mix with delegates from over 30 countries who will be represented at the event.

For more information, and to book, please visit www.etcproceedings.org/etc2011. call +44 (0) 1536 740125 or email @allison.glandfield@aetransport.org

Details of individual sessions can be found at http://www.aetransport.org

Technical visits, social networking opportunities, and sightseeing

There will be plenty of social networking opportunities throughout the Conference, during coffee and lunch breaks, but also during special events organised each day of the Conference, starting from Sunday 9th October. Particularly for first time delegates, there is the First timers’ reception on Sunday evening, from 20:00 hours, a great opportunity to meet Board and Council members who will also attend the reception. Please visit www.aetransport.org for more information.

Those who will arrive on Sunday, can also take the opportunity to visit the new and quite impressive Riverside Transport Museum (see picture below on the right). The Riverside Museum opened in June 2011, and is very close to the Conference Venue. This new Museum replaces Glasgow’s former Museum Of Transport, the second most visited transport museum in the UK with an average of 500,000 visitors a year. It is expected that 800,000 people will visit the new attraction in its first year. For more information, visit www.glasgowmuseums.com

Don’t miss AET members’ General Assembly and Council elections on Tuesday 11 October. The Conference dinner will also take place on Tuesday, at Oran Mor, in Glasgow’s famous west end.

For more information on Technical visits, on getting to and around Glasgow, and on the social programme of the Conference, visit www.aetransport.org and read the notes for participants with useful links to several sites.
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AET–Net News

European Transport Events

31 August/ 1 September 2011, Ireland (Cork)
Irish Transport Research Network 2011. ITRN2011 is an opportunity for industry professionals & academia to promote, share & discuss issues and developments in the field of transportation. Last year’s conference in University College Dublin was most successful and we had very positive feedback. For updates & information on ITRN2011 visit www.itrn.ie or email aoife.foley@ucc.ie

6 to 9 September 2011, Poland (Poznan)
14th Meeting of the EURO Working Group on Transportation, Website: http://www.ewgt2011.put.poznan.pl. Contact name: Hanna Sawicka. This event will be a scientific meeting of transportation / logistics and operations research specialists from all over Europe and other continents. It will be hosted by Poznan University of Technology and officially sponsored by EWGT.

6 to 7 October 2011, Italy (Venice)

5 to 7 October 2011, US (Washington, DC)
14th International IEEE Conference on Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITSC 2011)

10 to 12 October 2011, Scotland (Glasgow)
The 39th European Transport Conference is organized by the Association for European Transport. For more information and to book, visit www.aetransport.org

13 to 14 October 2011, Greece (Thessaloniki)
“Bringing intelligence and interoperability to freight transport and logistics, 13 – 14 October 2011”. Thessaloniki, Greece. The 4th European Conference ICT for Transport Logistics (ECITL ‘11), will take place on the 13th and 14th October in Thessaloniki, Greece. This year’s Conference will focus on interoperability among freight transport systems and will show the benefits related to time savings, time or/and energy efficiency.

AET Internal Affairs

News from AET Board

AET Board has met on the 17th of June 2011, in Tournon d’Agenais, France. David Tucker, AET Board Secretary, hosted the meeting. David has already announced that he will step down after the General Assembly in October 2011. AET Board member Hans Jeekel has agreed to succeed David as AET Board secretary.

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The key personnel involved in the administration of the European Transport Conference have changed. Christine Carr has left. The Board and Council have acknowledged the contribution made by Christine. Christine’s place had been taken for a short period by Sophie Webber. Finally, there will be a joint scheme to run the Conference. The Association, and particularly Pete Snelson, David Tucker and Sally Scarlett will be actively involved with Conference Administration, while the Conference Administrator on behalf of PTRC will be Allison Glandfield.

Links with International Organisations:

International Transport Forum (ITF): Neil Paulley has reported that the Association had been invited to have two posters at its recent conference. The Planning for Sustainable Land Use and Transport and the Traffic Management, Traffic Engineering and Road Safety Programme Committees had put forward candidates to receive travel and hotel costs plus the conference fee.

World Conference on Transport Research Society (WCTRS): Meetings at ETC will be offered in the first instance.

European Conference of Transport Research Institutes (ECTRI): The Memorandum of Understanding had been signed and further steps will be taken towards working together.

AET Important Dates:  July-October 2011

August 2011
- Call for Candidates for AET Council elections

September 2011
- 22nd September deadline to vote by correspondence for Council elections

October 2011
- European Transport Conference, 10-12 October, Glasgow, Scotland
- AET General Assembly and Council elections, 11 October, at ETC 2011

You can send your news or views to eapostolopoulou@ametro.gr, until 20/10/2011 to be included in AET Newsletter No 31.