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A message from Emy Apostolopoulou, member of AET Board

“Dear colleagues,

*The 39<sup>th</sup> European Transport Conference took place from 10 to 12 October 2011 in Glasgow, Scotland and, despite the adverse economic conditions, more than 400 delegates enjoyed the excellent Conference Programme. The Association for European Transport, who is responsible for the scientific content of the Conference, had a good presence with a special stand, including a presentation of the Association on screen and leaflets. Read in this issue all about ETC 2011, as well as the results of AET Council elections, which took place at the General Assembly of members, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2011. AET members who would like to send news to be published in the next issues of AET Newsletter, are welcome to send their input to [epostolopoulou@ametro.gr](mailto:epostolopoulou@ametro.gr). I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!*

### AET Views



#### A message by Peter Snelson, Chair of AET Board

Hello and welcome to the third AET newsletter of 2011. Also a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to you all.

We have had a challenging and busy year in 2011 with the development of new service contracts for the administration of AET, the delivery of ETC, liaison with members and the promotion and marketing of AET and ETC. I am glad to say that these have now all been resolved and new contracts put in place with CILT (UK) Services (Administration and ETC), Sally Scarlett Associates

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(Membership) and TfTP (Marketing). We have also finalised the ETC 5 year plan and Marketing Plan, thanks to the hard work of Hans Jeekel and Emy Apostolopoulou, and Council is currently finalising the new AET Vision document that will replace the old Business Plan.

However we have not finished yet. We are now about to go out to tender for the development of a new AET and ETC website, which we hope will be fully operational in the summer of 2012. This new website 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.

We also have to start 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.

Finally a personal thank you, for all their hard work, to David Tucker and Marc Ellenberg who both retired from the Board during ETC in Glasgow.

Again a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to you all

Cheers

Pete

## European Transport Conference Agenda

### ETC 2011 – Conference Programme Highlights

The 39th European Transport Conference took place from 10-12 October 2011, in Glasgow, Scotland. Despite the adverse economic conditions, more than 400 delegates attended the prestigious event, where more than 200 papers were presented by experts. Presentations by several exhibitors were available throughout the Conference, while there was a rich accompanying programme of technical visits and social events each day of the Conference. The following paragraphs on Plenary Sessions, come from a post-ETC press release, given by the Association for European Transport.

#### Plenary Sessions



Led by Patrick Boeuf, Head of Roads Division at the European Investment Bank, the conference opened by examining ways in which the finance needed, estimated at €1.5 trillion, could be raised through the private sector and public private partnerships in addition to various European funds. This debate becomes even more pertinent following EC President José Barroso's announcement to invest €32 billion towards transport projects in an attempt to reduce cross-border bottlenecks. This would leave a shortfall of €183 billion from the estimated €215 billion highlighted for this

purpose in the European Commission's white paper "Roadmap to a Single European Transport Area", published in March this year.

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At the ETC, Peter Snelson, Chairman of the Association for European Transport, also raised concerns over the emerging economic situation within Europe: “Our Central Eastern European members say that the distribution of funds by the EC has been a slow and sometimes painful experience. Given that the €32 billion pledged by the EC has yet to be approved by EU member states and the European Parliament, it would be premature to rely upon this to initiate the transport plan.”

With a strategy in place to reduce the number of 300km+ road freight journeys by 30% by 2030, the transport plan will have a huge affect on ports and rail networks. In particular, ports will also come under increasing pressure and are forecast to almost double their annual TEU (20ft equivalent unit) throughput to 1.1bn by 2020. Such inflation is set to bring enormous challenges to today’s ports, with larger container ships requiring deeper water channels and faster loading times.

Speaking on day two of the European Transport Conference, Peter Ward, Cargo Supply Chain Commercial Manager of DP World and London Gateway said, “The demand on ports to innovate and seeks smarter ways of working is increasing. Ports need to define who and where their end-customers are to improve their proximity to market and help decrease hinterland transportation.”

## Awards

The following awards were made during the Conference.

**The Neil Mansfield Award** made to a sole author, aged 35 or under, in the name of a brilliant researcher at the UK Dept of Transport who died at a young age. The 2011 award was made to James Fox of ITS, University of Leeds, UK for his paper entitled “Temporal transferability of mode-destination models: summary of literature, initial findings”.

**The Emerald Award** for the best written paper in the Leisure and Tourism Transport Seminar was made to Gaurav Kumar Dubey, Urban Mass Transit Company of India for his paper “Hop-on-hop-off services in India-exploring a sustainable financial model”.

**The Planning for Sustainable Land Use and Transport Award**, sponsored by Halcrow. This award is for the paper that best meets the criteria of integration of planning and transport, originality, policy relevance and clear communication. Two excellent papers were short-listed. Thilo Becker (Technical University, Dresden) was chosen as the winner for the award, for his paper entitled “Obstacles for non-motorized transport in developing countries – a case study of Nairobi, Kenya”.

**Award for the Most Innovative Display of Research by a University.** This award was made for the first time, in the name of Phil Cornwell, a prime-mover in the formation of the Association in 1998 and member of the Board. The award was made to the University of Aberdeen, whose presence in the

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exhibition was welcomed and appreciated by delegates and the major sponsor of the Conference, Transport Scotland.

More information on ETC Awards 2011 will soon be available at [www.aetransport.org](http://www.aetransport.org)



Drinks reception at the Civic Chambers, hosted by Glasgow City Council, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2011 (four photos by Broos Baanders)

Several technical visits were also organised in parallel to the Conference Programme. There was a visit at Glasgow Central Station, to see and use the Train Simulators used by ScotRail for driver training purposes, a visit to the Glasgow Traffic Control Centre, a Junctions/Signals visit, as well as a visit to Glasgow Subway.

There was also a rich social programme, comprising a drinks reception for first timers on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October and a drinks reception at the Civic Chambers. The Conference Dinner was held at Oran Mor, a beautifully converted church within the city. The pre dinner speech was given by Keith Brown, Minister for Housing and Transport, Scottish Parliament.

## AET-Net News

### Post Conference Survey

As in previous years a post event survey of delegates was undertaken by Accent by sending each attendee an online questionnaire in order to measure their satisfaction with the conference and to gain an insight into why people attend and how they feel it might be improved.

All registered delegates were sent the questionnaire and 144 completed surveys have been analysed. Accents very comprehensive survey output is summarised below:

*The 144 responses show that:*

- Delegates were predominantly male
- The average male age increased from the previous year whilst female delegates tended to be younger.
- 46% attended their first ETC, whilst for 38% this was at least their fourth time.
- Personal recommendation particularly for first timers figures strongly in promotion of the event with word of mouth being the most common way of getting to know of about ETC. For returning delegates email was mentioned more frequently.
- Delegate participation remains high e.g. 60% acting as speakers and 22% as session chairs.
- The average length of attendance was down on the previous year with 51% attending the whole conference (2010 = 58%)
- Cost of attendance remains the top reason for not attending all of the conference, although the proportion sighting 'business commitments' has significantly increased.
- Knowledge/skill improvement and mixing with fellow professionals continue to be the chief reasons for booking.
- Conference satisfaction significantly improved after the decline in 2010.

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- Satisfaction levels against the importance of key aspects are reasonably consistent and on a par with the previous year.
- Satisfaction levels improved for all aspects of the papers and sessions compared with 2010.
- 48% reported having used public transport concessionary pass whilst 31% used the Internet Café. First timers, females and the under 35's made least use of activities/facilities.
- Overall satisfaction with the facilities marginally improved over 2010
- Social events – all changes in levels of satisfaction were marginal, with a small increase for the first timer's drinks reception and small decreases for the Civic reception and Conference dinner.
- Satisfaction in the conference administration and delegate information improved dramatically after the previous years decline.
- Presenters were generally satisfied with the processes and support for them and their papers.
- Value for money rating – satisfaction is slightly improved on last year but trails 2008 and 2009.
- Future attendance – anticipated future attendance levels are up from last year, albeit just 50% show any commitment on this.
- Conference location – A venue with a choice of hotels rather than an out of town residential venue is the preferred option. Preferably in Western Europe.
- Compared to others – 50% have attended other international conferences. 70% rate the ETC equal to or better than other conferences they have attended.
- 89% of respondents have visited the website, most of whom made use of proceedings.

### Invitation to all AET members

#### Technical visits to the Busways at Cambridge and Luton

As most AET members know, the Local Public Transport Programme Committee has a longstanding tradition in organising interesting technical visits for its members. This year, there will be technical visits to the Busways at Cambridge (operating) and Luton (under construction) on Friday 30th of March 2012 and, for the first time, the technical visits will be open to non LPT Committee members as well.

The Association for European Transport invites all interested AET members, especially young professionals, to participate. You'd have to cover your own travel and accommodation costs, but there are numerous affordable flights to Luton and Stansted, as well as the possibility for student accommodation.

For further information, please contact Rainer Hesse at [rainer.hesse@poyry.com](mailto:rainer.hesse@poyry.com)

### Upcoming Transport Events

**22-26 January, 2012, USA (Washington, DC)** Transportation Research Board, 91st Annual Meeting.  
**Venue:** Marriott Wardman Park, Omni Shoreham, and Washington Hilton hotels

**31 January, 2012, Belgium (Brussels)** TEN-T Info Day. The Trans-European Transport Network Executive Agency (TEN-T EA) will organize its annual TEN-T Info Day on Tuesday 31 January 2012 at the Borschette Conference Centre in Brussels, Belgium.

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The aim of the Info Day is to allow prospective applicants for TEN-T 2012 Call to gather all the available information which they will be able to use in the preparation of their proposal. Furthermore, participants will be able to interact directly with Agency and European Commission staff as well as with fellow TEN-T stakeholders.

As with previous TEN-T EA events, registrations will be only possible through a special page of the Agency’s website, and will open on **Tuesday 6 December**. The draft agenda and further information will be available shortly on the event’s page. For further information, please visit [http://tentea.ec.europa.eu/en/news\\_events/newsroom/2012\\_ten-t\\_info\\_day\\_96\\_31\\_january\\_2012\\_96\\_save\\_the\\_date.htm](http://tentea.ec.europa.eu/en/news_events/newsroom/2012_ten-t_info_day_96_31_january_2012_96_save_the_date.htm)

**23-26 April 2012, Greece (Athens).** 4th European Transport Research Arena, TRA 2012. Megaron Athens International Conference Centre. For more information, please visit <http://www.traconference.eu>

**12-15 June 2012, Germany (Frankfurt).** ECOMM 2012. The Conference Programme is expected to be finalised in January 2012. There will also be a special presentation throughout ECOMM 2012 in the German Hall where all interested German institutions dealing with mobility management will present their work and their institution. For more information on the Conference and on Frankfurt and the Rhine Main Region please visit <http://www.ecomm2012.eu>

**AET Internal Affairs**

**AET General Assembly and Council Elections at ETC 2011**

The General Assembly of AET members, where the annual business of the Association was conducted, took place at ETC 2011, on Tuesday the 12th of October. The AET Council elections also took place at the General Assembly. There were 11 candidates for 12 seats, so all candidates were elected. The following table shows the names and nationalities of the newly elected Council members. The 8 candidates with the highest number of votes were elected until October 2014, the ninth until October 2013 and the remaining two candidates until October 2012.

<b>AET Council Elections’ Results</b>		
<b>Elected until October 2014</b>	<b>Elected until October 2013</b>	<b>Elected until October 2012</b>
Michael Bach, British Alan Bailes, British Sibel Bulay, Turkish Paulo Humanes, Portuguese Alison Irvine, British James Odeck, Norwegian Elaine Seagriff, British Remko Smit, Dutch	Simon Tucker, British	Chris Pringle, British Jonathan Spear, British

Congratulations to all new Council members!

**AET Ambassadors 2011-2012**

The last AET Ambassadors’ meeting took place on Tuesday 11 October 2011, at ETC 2011. The Ambassadors’ team has been refreshed. Our best wishes to Zita Egyhazy (Hungary), who got a new job and Jose Holguin Veras (US) and Toon van der Hoorn (the Netherlands), who are to retire. Thanks for all your efforts as AET Ambassadors and good luck and success to all your activities! The team of AET

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Ambassadors currently includes (in alphabetical order) Conall Mac Aongusa (Ireland), Emy Apostolopoulou (Greece), Elisabete Arsenio (Portugal), Pierluigi Coppola (Italy), Serbjeet Kohli (UK), and Wim Korver (the Netherlands), who has joined the team since ETC 2011 and sends a short introductory message to all AET members. Welcome Wim!



“In the year 2030 two billion cars will ride on our planet. This is double the size of the number of cars today. For me personally it is a challenge to contribute to improve the quality of life and the accessibility despite this expected mobility growth. To achieve this we need new innovative mobility concepts and new technologies. As head of the Research and Development unit within Goudappel Coffeng I try to improve the quality of our transport models and impact models.

My own research topics focused the last years on air quality and transport: in the Netherlands 18,000 people die prematurely each year in the Netherlands due to continued exposure to air pollution. I contributed to the development of the National Air Quality Cooperation Plan. Momentarily I am working on a similar approach for Belgium.

Environmental issues do not stop at a boarder and are therefore international problems. International cooperation and knowledge transfer is essential to make new approaches successful. The European Transport Conference offers such a platform for knowledge transfer and by bringing people (physical) together creates a climate for international cooperation. My role as AET ambassador is to motivate and stimulate (young) researchers from specifically the Netherlands and Belgium to participate (more) in the conference.”

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### **AET Important Dates: October-December 2011**

#### **October 2011**

- ETC 2011, Glasgow, Scotland

#### **November 2011**

- AET Board meeting, 2/11/2011, Crowthorne, UK,

#### **December 2011**

AET Council meeting, 2/12/2011, The Hague, The Netherlands

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