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A message from Emy Apostolopoulou, member of AET Board

“Dear colleagues,

welcome to your Newsletter.

The 41st European Transport Conference will take place from 30 September to 2 October 2013, at Goethe University, in Frankfurt, Germany. Get ready for it and complete the Early Booking Form by 18 June, taking advantage of reduced attendance fees. You can read in this issue about the Young Researchers and Practitioners Forum, a very interesting new feature of this year’s Conference, specially designed for young professionals (p.2), a workshop organised in Rome by AET together with the Local Public Transport Committee (p.3), as well as the latest AET Board and Council news (p.5,6).

Best wishes to all,

Emy

AET Views

A message by Peter Snelson, Chair of AET Board



Hello to all members and friends of AET

Welcome to the ‘spring’ 2013 edition of our newsletter. A little like ‘spring’ in the UK and most of northern Europe it’s a little late, but full of interesting information as usual.

One of the most important issues for AET this year is moving ETC to Frankfurt. Not only is this a new venue, in a new country, it is also being organised and delivered with the economic climate still in ‘winter’, or maybe early spring? This means that not only are we having to attract delegates to a new venue but also look at ways to encourage new delegates who have not even heard of ETC. To help with this we have invited the (YPRF)

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Young Researchers' & Practitioners' Forum, to take part. We have also introduced a new pricing policy for young practitioners and researchers.

As well as ETC there are a number of the new initiatives set out on the 'Vision 2020' being taken forward and the first of these has been the Local Public Transport Programme Committee meeting and workshop held in Rome in April. This was a successful first move into the wider remit given to the programme committees to use the experience and expertise we have of ETC to look at delivering smaller more specialised seminars. We already have a number of others in the pipeline and we will keep you informed when and where these will be.

As a lot of you will know, since I became Chairman of the Association it has been my aim to bring into place a new contractual system with the people who deliver our administration, marketing and ETC delivery services. Well this April saw the last piece of the jigsaw put into place for this new system. Nothing that we have done in this process will effect any members apart from one minor issue, our postal address. 1 Vernon Mews has been the postal address of AET since it started. However this was for the very simple reason that this was the address of PTRC. Now PTRC have no part in any of the contracts to deliver the services we need, don't worry.....Sally is still with us J. So this means that in the very near future we will have a new postal address so look out in the next news letter.

I wish you all a good summer.

Cheers

Pete

European Transport Conference

Young Researchers' & Practitioners' Forum (YRPF)

The European Transport Conference 2013 will take place from 30 September to 2 October at Goethe University in Frankfurt, Germany and is hosted by the Association for European Transport (AET) and local partners. For the first time, the Conference will include the Young Researchers' and Practitioners' Forum (YRPF) - a special format specifically created for, and organised by, young professionals. The forum is intended to provide a format which enables constructive and comprehensive feedback as well as more time for discussion than usual.

YRPF Call for Papers

Early career researchers and practitioners (PhD candidates, postdocs less than 3 years after PhD, and practitioners less than 6 years of work experience) are invited to present their work to the participants of the European Transport Conference. Early-stage and experimental projects and research ideas are explicitly welcome on the following subjects:

New Patterns of Travel Behaviour and Transport Opportunities – European Perspectives from Young Professionals

Recent socio-economic trends such as the **growing internationalisation and pluralisation of governance and lifestyle patterns** are leading to remarkable consequences in the field of transportation. Travel patterns are becoming much more complex and individualized. Furthermore, **technological innovations** extend the possibilities of transport planning and travel mode choice. The dramatic rise of the availability of mobile digital devices has encouraged the emergence of new and more flexible forms of transport supply and demand.

These developments raise **exciting questions**, such as: What are the social and economic drivers of these new configurations? Which theories and models are adequate to explain them? How can these studies exemplify these general developments for specific contexts? Which methods and empirical designs provide insights into these new patterns of transport and mobility? How stable are these trends and will they lead to a transformation of whole transport

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systems? What are the possible social, political and spatial outcomes of these developments? How should transport policy and city planning react to these trends?

The call for papers has been divided into three sections, highly interwoven with each other, aiming at receiving contributions from multiple perspectives such as all disciplines involved in transport research, transport planning and consulting. The sessions will focus on emerging themes in transport research, such as:

- New Patterns of Travel Behaviour
- New Forms of Transport Innovation
- New Forms of Transport Policy

A full description of the Abstract Submission process for the Young Researchers' and Practitioners' Forum is available to download from AET's [website](#). Please submit your abstract by 14th June, 2013.

AET offers very attractive attendance options to participants accepted to YRPF.

News from ETC Programme Committees

Local Public Transport Programme Committee meeting and workshop held in Rome, 4 – 5 April 2013

The AET Vision, approved at the General Assembly in October 2012, has set a number of goals, one of which is to use the opportunity offered by meetings of Programme Committees to organise workshops involving AET members and a local audience. The first of these was held in Rome on 4 April to coincide with the meeting of the Local Public Transport Programme Committee. The meeting and workshop was held in the hall of CIFI, Collegio Ingegneri Ferroviari Italiani, located in the Termini station building, and we were invited by the Section President Marcello Serra. Pierluigi Coppola, a Board member of AET, introduced the session and explained the history and structure of AET and ETC. Two technical presentations followed by members of the Programme Committee. Broos Baanders spoke about a study comparing the organisation of regional rail in the French region of Rhône-Alpes with that of Metropolitan Barcelona, the Zurich Canton and the Rhine-Ruhr region. Jeremy Meal gave a presentation on smart-card technology: illustrating the UK approach to national interoperability using ITSO. The audience comprised engineers from the Ministry of Transport and the Regional LPT administration, students and lecturers from Tor Vergata University and Roma Tre University. There was lively discussion.



Francis Cirianni (LPT member and host) and Pier-Luigi Coppola (Board member), photo by AET Council member and LPT Committee member Ambrosius Baanders



After the meeting in which the papers for ETC13 were selected, two committee members gave a presentation of recent work for a group of invited Italian guests and the committee. Photo by Ambrosius Baanders

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Apart from the meeting, at which abstracts for ETC 2013 were reviewed and selected, the committee held the technical visit to the Traffic and Maintenance control centre of the Rome metro, and visited the Tram Museum and several gelaterias!



Technical visit: LPT committee members at the traffic regulation centre of the metro of Rome, photo by Ambrosius Baanders



Technical visit LPT committee members at the tramway museum, photo by Ambrosius Baanders (AET Council member and LPT Committee member) and Athanasios Matzoros (LPT Committee member).

AET is most grateful to Francis Cirianni, committee member from the University of Reggio Calabria, for making the arrangements for a very successful visit.

Sally Scarlett, 11 April 2013

AET-Net News

[TransportNET](#) is co-hosting a Course on Shipping & Transport Markets and Business Perspectives from 10 to 15 June 2013 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 transport researchers, PhD students and young professionals with a thorough foundation on how the shipping and transport markets work and where new business perspectives derive from. The course offers advanced knowledge to better comprehend the rapid changes in the transport and shipping market structure and identify their drivers. An international teaching staff of 19 Professors and Lecturers from 8 leading European and US Universities in the fields of shipping and transport will run 24 theoretical and applied lectures and tutorials combining innovative interdisciplinary scientific methods with state-of-the-art case studies, participative business games and workshops. The course will allow participants to gain advanced insight of recent evolutions in transport modelling, economics, planning, policy and management.

Full information, tariffs and registration possibilities are available through the STT CAMP 2013 course page. The course is open to participants on a first come-first served basis. The maximum number of attendants is limited; registration is due by 2013, May, 25th.

[ATEC ITS France](#) organises its annual Congress on 29 and 30 January 2014 at the "Champerret espace", Paris 17th, on the following theme: « Défis de la Mobilité pour Tous ». Deadline for submission of CVs, 28 June 2013. For further information, please visit www.atec-itsfrance.net

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Transport Events 2013

- **22-24 May 2013, International Transport Forum, Annual Summit, Leipzig, Germany.**
<http://www.internationaltransportforum.org>
- **4-7 June 2013, 9th ITS European Congress, Dublin, Ireland,** organised by ERTICO- ITS Europe, held at the Convention Centre Dublin (CCD). For further information, please visit the conference site at <http://itsineurope.com/its9/>
- **15-18 July 2013, 13th World Conference on Transport Research, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil** More information, www2.wctr2013rio.com

AET Internal Affairs

AET Board News

The 49th meeting of the Board of the Association for European Transport took place on the 7th of March, 2013, at the Adahan Hotel, in Istanbul, Turkey. 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 March 2013. The first teething problems of the new web site have been solved and more amendments are in progress. Eventually the new web site is expected to provide an excellent form of communication and source of information for members.



Photo by LPT Committee Chair, Iain MacBriar

Hans Jeekel, AET Board Secretary, held a Coordination meeting with ETC Programme Committee Chairs, in Cambridge, on the 21st of February. Round the table, left to right, are Hans Jeekel, David Simmonds, Peter Burge, Peter Davidson, Edward O'Loughlin, Sabrina Ayadassen, Michael Bach and Sally Scarlett.

Council and Programme Committee interaction has been achieved through the participation of Council members Alison Irvine and Colin Chick.

Peter Snelson, AET Board Chair, is expected to leave the Board in October 2013 and Hans Jeekel, current AET Board secretary, will take over as Chair. A new Director is sought to take on the role of Board Secretary. Many thanks and best wishes to Pete Snelson, who has served as AET Board Chair since October 2010. Pete has a long history within AET, having served both as Board member and as Council member for many years. Best wishes and good luck to Hans Jeekel who will take on the role of AET Board Chair from October 2013.

Csaba Kelen has recently joined the team of AET Ambassadors, as the new AET Ambassador for Hungary. A warm welcome from the Board of AET!

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AET Council News

AET Council has met on the 8th of March, 2013 at the Adahan Hotel, in Istanbul, Turkey. This was the first Council meeting chaired by new Council Chair Conall Mac Aongusa (IE). The Council approved the appointment of Hermann Maier as Deputy Chair and Alison Irvine and Adnan Rahman as Vice Chairs. The new working arrangements of Council will support the more effective discharge of Council business and will encourage and facilitate more effective cooperation and communication between the main parts of AET including Board, Council, Programme Committees and Members which is necessary in particular for moving forward the implementation of the AET Vision. Deputy Chair Hermann Maier and Vice Chairs Adnan Rahman and Alison Irvine, respectively prepared papers on the future Governance of the Association, on a Roadmap to Sustainable Funding and on the European Transport Conference, and these were all presented and discussed in the context of the implementation of the Vision. The budget for 2013-2014 was approved.

Many thanks to Council member Sibel Buley, who was the host and made all necessary arrangements for both the Board and Council meetings in Istanbul. A technical visit to the Metrobus had also been arranged.



AET Council meeting in Istanbul, Turkey,
Photo by Broos Baanders



AET Council members inside the Metrobüs at Söğütlüçeşme, Photo by
host from IETT

AET Important Dates: April-June 2013

April 2013

- 4th -5th April, LPT Committee meeting and AET special workshop, Rome, Italy

June 2013

- 13th June, AET Board meeting, Rome, Italy
- 14th June, AET Council meeting, Rome, Italy
- 14th June, Abstract submission Deadline, Call for Papers Young Professionals and Researchers Forum
- 18th June, Early Booking Form submission deadline

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