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### AET Newsletter No 33

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A message from Emy Apostolopoulou, member of AET Board

*“Dear colleagues,*

*Happy new year to all!*

*The deadline for the Call for papers for next ETC is getting very close, so hurry up with your abstract submissions! For the next three years, ETC will have a new venue at Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany, as well as some new characteristics from now on, including a new way for abstract submission through the new AET web-site and a new procedure for the review of papers. In the meantime, the roadmap for the implementation of the new Vision 2020 for the Association is in progress. Read more about it, as well as the latest AET Board and Council news in this issue. Enjoy your reading!*

*Best wishes to all,*

*Emy*

### AET Views

A message by Peter Snelson, Chair of AET Board



Hello and a very happy New Year to all members and friends of AET.

2013 is going to be a year of change in the Association.

We welcome a new Chair of the Council, Conall Mac Aongusa from Ireland who is already implementing changes to the way council works and how he sees the Association moving forward over the next few years. I would like to personally thank Rachel Risley for her hard work as the departing Chair of the Council. She took Council through some hard times over the last few years and did a great job.

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ETC is moving back to mainland Europe and for the first time going to Germany. I am sure that delegates will find the Goethe University in Frankfurt a very interesting venue and I thank Martin Lanzendorf for his hard work in getting us there. Financially times are still difficult for all of us so we have decided to keep the price of attendance at ETC the same as last year. Also we are introducing a 'Peer Review' process into the conference for the first time which is something that has been discussed in the Association for many years. This year, being the first to have this Peer Review, will be a bit of an experimentally procedure and we will refine it for next year.

The new AET and ETC website is now up and running, well walking at least! As with all new web sites it has had its problems to start with, especially dealing with the Abstract submissions for ETC but that has now been resolved and I think all members will see a very different web site which is 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.

Cheers

Pete

## European Transport Conference

### European Transport Conference 2013

30 September - 2 October 2013

Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany

## Call for Papers

**Abstract Submission Deadline: 15 February 2013**

For those involved in transport planning, research and practice, 2013 will prove to be yet another challenge to their skills. Transport plays a key role in regeneration and there will be particular pressure to produce innovative and cost-effective solutions to congestion, safety and travel behaviour change at a time of major budget constraint. The European Transport Conference 2013 will focus on practical solutions, best practice and research findings based on experience throughout Europe.

## Submitting your Abstract

### By the Website

In order to submit one or more abstracts, you will need to register at: <http://abstracts.aetransport.org>  
If you are already a member of AET, you should register on the new AET main website: [www.aetransport.org](http://www.aetransport.org).  
Your log-in and password is then the same for both sites. If you have not yet registered your membership details, please go to: <https://aetransport.org/> and follow the instructions. You can then submit abstracts to the site: <http://abstracts.aetransport.org>

### By Email

Should you encounter problems submitting abstracts via the website, please email your abstracts to: [sally.scarlett@aetransport.org](mailto:sally.scarlett@aetransport.org)  
To ensure we receive all abstracts, please send your abstracts via one of the methods outlined here.

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## Abstract Submissions

You are now invited to submit an abstract based on the Conference Themes for 2013. The Association has identified the following themes and contributors are invited to offer abstracts within these subjects. Offers of papers on other topics will also be accommodated and authors should not feel constrained by the themes listed:

- Big data
- Low emission vehicles - providing infrastructure and achieving higher levels of usage
- Issues in the challenge of movement of goods and people across long distances
- Changes in travel behaviour and demand patterns during changing economic times
- Design, procurement and management of major transport projects
- Climate change and extreme weather conditions - lessons to be learned and how to plan for an uncertain future
- Future mobility services
- Proactive transport management
- How to minimize social exclusion in times of economic hardship
- The response of transport planning to the rise of social media
- Bus Rapid Transit and Personal Rapid Transit - the future of public transport?
- New approaches and applications in modelling
- City logistics - what difference does e-shopping make?
- Challenges faced in providing for leisure and tourism in an economic downturn

For full instructions regarding abstract submissions, please email [Sally Scarlett](mailto:Sally.Scarlett@AET.org) with any questions.

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## Peer Review of Papers Presented at ETC

The 2013 Conference will see the introduction of a peer-review process for papers within certain streams of the conference. AET is to introduce a peer review procedure that will enable the Programme Committees to select those papers it wishes to be reviewed, subject to the agreement of the author. Once reviewed the selected papers will then be published.

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## ETC 2012 Highlights

400 delegates attended the 40th European Transport Conference, in Glasgow, Scotland, from Monday 8 to Wednesday 10 October 2012, to keep up to date with developments in transport and network with other professionals. A survey performed among delegates by AET member, Accent, showed a continued improvement to satisfaction with the Conference, in comparison with the previous two years. Strong Conference aspects mentioned by survey participants include well organised sessions, papers on very interesting topics, as well as developing and maintaining relationships with other professionals in the same field.

**Monday Plenary Session: Delivering Transport for the London Olympics:** On the first day of the Conference, **Leon Daniels, Managing Director, Surface Transport, Transport for London, UK**, spoke about TfL's role in delivering the transport plan for London 2012. ETC delegates had the chance to listen to how London managed to cope with an additional 3 million journeys on the busiest day of the Games and an estimated 20 million throughout the Olympics and discover the legacy left to London and future event planning.

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## Technical Visit to Edinburgh Tram, by Emy Apostolopoulou

On Wednesday 10 October 2012, last day of the 40th European Transport Conference, a free technical visit to Edinburgh tram was organized by the Local Public Transport Programme Committee. The technical visit included a walking tour along the tram route which is under construction, from Haymarket stop to York Place, as well as the opportunity for questions and discussion among participants and representatives of the City of Edinburgh Council –CEC, that supervises project construction.

**General project information** Edinburgh is a city of 500,000 people approximately and public transport is currently served by buses. The tram project was initiated to cover the public transport needs of a future settlement, taking into account that the bus frequencies in the most central Edinburgh street (Princess Street, part of the tram route) have already reached 400 buses per hour (double deckers). The tram project, which includes 43 kms, 16 stops and a depot, first started in 2007, but for reasons relevant to the initial design and to the tendering procedure, it stopped. The project cost superceded by far the initial budget and the project attracted negative publicity. There was a new tendering procedure and the project is currently in progress with an estimated completion date within 2014. Tram vehicles have a capacity of 250 passengers, are 43 meters long and will be provided by Spanish manufacturer Caf.

**Relocation of public utility networks** It is important to note that one of the main reasons of the great increase of the initial project cost is the underestimation of the total length of Public Utility networks and the cost of relocating these networks. The public utility organizations don't have detailed and updated plans with the location of pipes. Thus, the initial estimation of the total length of public utility networks that had to be relocated were about twenty thousand kilometers, while the total length of networks that were actually relocated was almost triple (fifty eight thousand kilometres approximately).

**Traffic diversions - Public consultation** During construction, parts of Princess street, the most central street in Edinburgh, have to be closed to traffic. At the same time, major changes to signalisation as well as to access of local roads to Princess street are planned, to ensure the priority of tram vehicles. Although the main traffic had to be diverted through residential areas, following extensive public consultation the agreement of residents was ensured, when they understood that there was no alternative. Traffic diversions were implemented according to consultation with all actors involved, e.g. traffic police, fire brigade and hospitals, so that during the whole construction period the access of special vehicles to all project areas was ensured.

About 60 enterprises near the future tram stop at Shandwick Place, which encounter problems due to project construction, will benefit from reduced rates of taxation during the construction period.

**Environmental Impacts** Construction works take place at working hours. For adjacent land uses where noise is a particular problem, e.g. ceremonies at churches, the Contractor is asked to perform less noisier tasks during certain time periods.

For further information on the Edinburgh tram project, please visit [www.edinburghtrams.co.uk](http://www.edinburghtrams.co.uk) and [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/trams](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/trams).

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The **40th anniversary** of the European Transport Conference was celebrated on **Monday 8 at Glasgow City Hall**. This was attended by over 100 delegates and guests who enjoyed the hospitality of Glasgow City Council and enjoyed the 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cake.

Sibel and Alison were definitely enjoying themselves.

## News from ETC Programme Committees

The Local Public Transport Programme Committee has a long standing tradition in organising successful technical visits. The most recent one was to the Edinburgh tram project, on the last day of ETC 2012. Here is a photo of the group at the technical visit to the Busway in Luton (under construction), in March 2012.



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## AET-Net News

### News from Attiko Metro



Three unique archaeological sites were revealed during preparatory construction works of the Metro Extension to Egaleo, including sections of the ancient "Iera Odos" (at Egaleo station and at Proph. Daniel. shaft), as well as the most ancient bridge of Greece (at Eleonas station). The specially configured areas have been delivered to the public in December 2012 (see photo).

For more information about Attiko Metro projects, please visit [www.ametro.gr](http://www.ametro.gr)

## Transport Events 2013

- 30-31 January 2013, **40th CONGRESs ATEXPO 2013**, organised by ATEC-ITS France. Yves Croset, Professor at the University of Lyon, (Institut des Transports Politics, Laboratoire d' Economie des Transports (LET) and member of the Association of European Transport,, is the guest of honour at the plenary session on 30<sup>th</sup> January. For more information, please visit [www.congres-atexpo.fr](http://www.congres-atexpo.fr)
- 4-7 June 2013, **9th ITS European Congress**, organised by ERTICO- ITS Europe, held in Dublin, at the Convention Centre Dublin (CCD).. For further information, please visit the conference site at <http://itsineurope.com/its9/>

## Opportunities for Young Professionals

The chair of network economics (Department of Economics) of TransportNET partner Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) invites applications for one or two positions as a Research Associate, with the following duties: 1) development of a Decision Support System for evaluating EU transport policy options; 2) contribution to the EU-project TRIP, an Internet platform for European transport research; 3) research in the project group CEDIM, to analyse and assess the impact of natural disasters (e.g. floods and earthquakes) on transport and their economic consequences; 4) duties in teaching in the field of network economics. Detailed information and application information can be found [online](#).

Research partner VIVES is looking for highly motivated and talented people to fill a vacancy for a Junior Researcher (m/f) in any of the following fields: Regional economics, Regional Labor Markets, Fiscal Federalism, to start from January 2013 or soon thereafter. Research at VIVES will allow the successful candidate to simultaneously pursue a PhD in Economics. Detailed information on how to apply can be found [online](#).

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## AET Internal Affairs

### AET Board News

AET Board met on November 16, 2012 in Cambridge, UK and on January 29 (virtual meeting). Pierluigi Coppola has recently joined the Board. His main focus will be on finding the best way to introduce peer review for papers submitted to ETC, starting from ETC 2013. Welcome on board Pierluigi!

The contract for the event management of ETC 2013, 2014 and 2015 has been let to KMB, an events organising company based in Bad Homburg, Germany, following a bidding process with 7 companies invited to tender. KMB was the lowest bidder and at the same had good relevant experience and had organised events at the Goethe university, Frankfurt (next venue for the European Transport Conference). The contract has been signed and put in place with effect from 1 January 2013.

### AET Council News

AET Council has met on 7 December 2012 in Dublin, Ireland. Rachel Risely, AET Council Chair has stepped down and Conall Mac Aongusa has taken over as the new Council Chair. Many thanks Rachel, good luck Conall! Conall will serve as Council Chair for three years and his main aim will be the implementation of the new vision for the Association for European Transport. Council members Hermann Maier, Alison Irvine and Adnan Rahman will serve as Deputy Chair and Vice Chairs for ETC and for AET-related matters, respectively.

### AET Ambassadors

From 2013 to 2015, ETC will take place at Goethe University, in Frankfurt, Germany. AET members Peter Vortisch and Andreas Koeglmaier have both joined the team of AET Ambassadors as AET Ambassadors for Germany, a warm welcome for both! All German AET members are welcome to help Peter and Andreas with promoting AET and ETC to their colleagues.

A message from Andreas follows:



Hello from Munich,

As a new member of AET I like to introduce myself. My name is Andreas and I joined AET at last year's ETC in Glasgow. I returned to Germany last year after having spent the last 8 years working in the UK and Australia for an international consultancy. Currently, I am working for a vendor of transport modelling and analysis software. My areas of expertise are strategic transport models and traffic and revenue forecasting for toll roads. I have also a strong interest in the history and future developments of public transport systems.

At last year's ETC in Glasgow I was very pleased when I was invited to become the ambassador for Germany. My current role exposes me to many professionals in our industry and therefore it provides me with the opportunity to promote our organisation and the ETC in Frankfurt.

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Having worked and lived many years abroad I recognise the importance of knowledge exchange between countries and like to contribute through my involvement in the AET towards this goal. My key focus in supporting AET will be on increasing membership and participation in Germany.

Thanks

Andreas Köglmaier

## AET Important Dates: January-March 2013

### January 2013

- 29 January, AET Board meeting (virtual)

### February 2013

- 15 February, Abstract Submission deadline for ETC 2013
- 21 February, Programme Committee Chairs Meeting, Cambridge, UK

### March 2013

- AET Board meeting, 7 March, Istanbul, Turkey
- AET Council meeting, 8 March, Istanbul, Turkey

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