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Dear AET members and friends – welcome to your Newsletter

You'll find a number of areas covered in this edition with a core focus on the forthcoming ETC 2014 which will be held in Frankfurt from 29th September to 1st October 2014. We received positive feedback on ETC 2013 from delegates and sponsors alike and are looking forward to building on this success over the next two years in Frankfurt.

The Conference programme has been published and is full of interesting and thought provoking papers. You will notice that we will run the Young Researchers and Professionals' Forum again at ETC 2014 which is a key component in encouraging younger researchers and practitioners to become involved with and start to take ownership of our Association. Hopefully you'll all agree that this is key to the future health of the Association but also to the European transport community.

You can read more about ETC 2014 in the Newsletter together with the key highlights from ETC 2013. As usual you can also read the latest AET Board and Council news.

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AET Views

A message by Hans Jeekel, Chair of AET Board



It's been a busy time for both the Council and Board at AET. Lots of work is being undertaken to ensure we maintain and grow our membership base and keep the Association vibrant and relevant.

The European Transport Conference is well known as our flagship event and this year's conference is shaping up to deliver relevant and interesting papers and exciting debate. We're delighted to have three influential speakers for our plenary sessions which will kick start the discussions for each day:

- Johanna Zmud from the RAND Corporation will be kicking off this year's ETC by introducing the impending changes in the world of mobility. Covering the hot industry topic of automated driving, her keynote speech will look at the technical, social and traffic planning implications of this transport revolution. Johanna's speech will pave the way for three further sessions on "The Future of the Car."
- With cycling becoming increasingly influential across the world, this topic will take the focus of discussions for Tuesday. Questions will be raised around cycling's contribution to the functioning of the urban landscape and how bicycle traffic can be organised and integrated to optimise its efficiency. In her keynote speech Henriette Vamberg, Gel will offer solutions to these and other questions.
- On Wednesday we will be discussing the sustainability of the movement of freight. Jeroen Eijsink, CEO of DHL Germany, will introduce the topic of Green Logistics in his keynote speech which will continue to be discussed in further sessions.

The AET Newsletter is just one of the ways to keep up with news from the Association. We can also be followed on Twitter and through LinkedIn. We are continuing the development of our website to provide a dynamic site for Members and potential Members alike. If you have any feedback, please do contact any of our Board or Council members who will be happy to discuss any Association related matters with you.

Finally, on behalf of the Association I'd like to thank Emy Apostolopoulou for her hard work on all matters relating to marketing and her valuable contribution in assisting our Ambassadors.

Best Wishes, Hans

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European Transport Conference 2014



Moving Towards the Conference

There was a very good response to this year's calls for papers which have been reviewed by the Programme Committees. After review by the Programme Committees we now have a strong programme for this year's conference – details of which can be found on: [European Transport Conference website](#).

Conference themes for 2014

Europe's transport systems continue to change as a result of a number of factors. Such change demands innovative and practical solutions. Transport practitioners and researchers throughout Europe will present and discuss their responses to the challenges of economic decline and growth, social change, demographics and the need to become more sustainable, at the European Transport Conference. Conference themes have been selected by the Association for European Transport so that the papers presented at the Conference address themes of relevance to the transport policy agenda in Europe and worldwide. The Association has identified the following themes which the Conference should address in 2014 in addition to themes of interest to Programme Committees:

- Big data
- Investment in Transport Infrastructure
- Cycle Infrastructure and Cycle Safety – cycle superhighways, urban areas, longer distances
- Managing traffic in urban areas and town centres
- Resilience to the effects of changes in the climate
- Assessment of techniques for the appraisal of major projects

Programme Committees

The Programme Committees for the 2014 Conference are:

- Pan-European Transport Policy
- Planning for Sustainable Land-Use and Transport
- Transport Models
- Transport Economics and Appraisal
- Traffic Management, Traffic Engineering and Traffic Safety
- Local Public Transport
- Rail Planning and Policy
- Freight and Logistics

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- Leisure and Tourism Transport
- Sustainable Transport and Climate Change

Peer Review of Papers Presented at ETC

The 2013 Conference saw the introduction of a peer-review process for papers within certain streams of the Conference. This will continue for the 2014 Conference. Peer-review is not yet offered to all authors and is limited to some Programme Committees. The Papers from the 2013 conference are now ready to be published in a special issue of Transportation Research Procedia journal.

Awards 2014

- Neil Mansfield Award for the best paper by a sole author aged 35 or under
- Planning for Sustainable Land Use and Transport Programme Committee Award on sustainable land-use/transport solutions, sponsored by CH2M Halcrow

For more information on the organisers, ETC pricing policy, and Conference details, please visit the new AET main website www.aetransport.org.

YRPF 2014

After the successful implementation of the Young Researchers' and Practitioners' Forum (YRPF) at the last conference, ETC 2014 will again include a special format for young professionals. Early career researchers and practitioners have been invited to present their work, including early-stage and experimental projects and research ideas, to the participants of the European Transport Conference. The YRPF is organized by young professionals, too. The forum is intended to provide a format which enables constructive and comprehensive feedback as well as more time for discussion than usual.

Presentations will address a principal theme: **Stability and Change in Travel Behaviour and Transport Opportunities: Perspectives from European 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 case 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 systems? What are the possible social, political and spatial outcomes of these developments? How should transport policy and city planning react to these trends?

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Contributions from multiple perspectives such as all disciplines involved in transport research (e.g. planning, economics, social science and engineering), transport planning and consulting will be presented at the Conference. Although there will be an effort to order the accepted presentations thematically into sessions, we are open to discuss all kinds of topics concerning transport and mobility. Contributions ranging from early stage researchers with project proposals and "work in progress" up to final reports will be discussed. In any case we want to provide a constructive atmosphere, allowing valuable input for young researchers and practitioners in the audience as well as for those "on stage".

As in 2013, AET offers very attractive attendance options to participants accepted to YRPF, such as reduced rover tickets and the steward option. In case of any inquiries, please do not hesitate to send an email to yprf2014@uni-frankfurt.de

Annika Busch-Geertsema, Thomas Klinger, Mathes Wilde (Goethe University Frankfurt), Maik Hömke (ETH Zurich)

ETC 2013 Highlights

ETC 2013 was held for the first time in Frankfurt, Germany, in the impressive premises of Goethe University. About 400 delegates attended the successful three-day Conference. A full day was devoted to the implications of the economic crisis in transport and the ways out of it, starting with a plenary session chaired by Prof. Werner Rothengatter, University of Karlsruhe, and followed by nine sessions on all aspects of transport, focussing on the interactions of transport policy, research and practice run in parallel each day of the Conference. These were followed by interesting technical visits.

A photographic diary of the Conference by Ambrosius Baanders is shown in a web gallery which can be found here:

<http://ambrosiusbaanders.zenfolio.com/etc2013frankfurt>



Sunday 28 09 2013 First timers' reception



Casino Building main entrance – Registration

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Session 4 Public Transport Demand



The Debate

For the first time in the history of the Conference, a Special Forum, organised by and for Young Professionals and Researchers (YRPF) took place at ETC 2013, giving the opportunity to European younger colleagues to discuss their work and at the same time take advantage of networking opportunities and other events taking place within ETC.

Again for the first time about a third of all submitted papers were peer reviewed. The peer review process takes place in two stages. Peer reviewed papers are expected to be ready for publication shortly and it is intended that several papers will go through the same peer review process for this year's Conference.

ETC 2013 Awards

The 2013 Planning for Sustainable Land Use and Transport Programme Committee Award, sponsored by CH2M Halcrow, was given to Derek Halden for his Paper titled "Shaping the Future: case Studies in UK Accessibility Planning". Derek's paper represented a review of the state of the art - an assessment of the last ten years of practice of accessibility planning in the UK. The paper:

- covered all the main initiatives;
- regretted that the approach had not been more widely adopted, particularly in the choosing the location of new facilities and for appraisal;
- saw accessibility planning as a critical test not just for sustainability but also for embedding equity considerations; and
- emphasised the importance of accessibility planning in shaping the future.

Selected unanimously by the Award Panel, the paper was judged to be a worthy winner of the 2013 PSLUT Award. The Award was presented by Catherine Seaborn on behalf of CH2M (formerly Halcrow).

Conference Dinner Speech

The conference dinner was held at The Depot 1899 on the evening of Tuesday 1st October. AET Council member Ambrosius Baanders delivered an original and interesting speech on the question why some countries drive on the right and others on the left side of the road. To read this presentation and its slides, please visit: <http://ambrosiusbaanders.zenfolio.com/p59384103>

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ETC 2013 Conference Dinner Speech by AET Council member Ambrosius Baanders
Pictures by AET Council member Sibel Bulay

Transport Events 2014

The first Calls for Proposals under “Horizon 2020”, the main European Research Programme which will fund research in Europe from 2014 to 2020, were announced in December 2013. National Launch events for the Programme have already taken place in December 2013 and January/February 2014. For further information please visit <http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/>.

AET Internal Affairs

AET General Assembly at ETC 2013

AET General Assembly took place on Tuesday 1 October 2013 at Le Meridien Parkhotel in Frankfurt. Progress reports on the development of the Association by the Chair of Council and the Chair of Board and on the development of the European Transport Conference were discussed. The Annual Report and Accounts for year 2012-2013 was presented and approved and the Board was discharged for its activities by the General Assembly. The Chairmanship of the Association was handed over from Pete Snelson to Hans Jeekel. Pete Snelson was thanked by AET members for all his hard work and presents were offered by Council members.

AET Board and Council News

AET Board met on October 2, 2013 at ETC in Frankfurt. Hans Jeekel, new AET Board Chair, called the meeting to discuss the new joint Work Programme for Board and Council. Peter Burge, new AET Board Secretary, was welcomed to his first AET Board meeting. Emy Apostolopoulou, Board member working in the areas of Marketing, Newsletter and Ambassadors, announced that she would have to step down in March 2014. The main points of the Ambassadors’ meeting held the previous day at ETC were also discussed. The Board meeting was also attended by AET Council Chair Conall MacAongusa.

The AET Board held a further meeting in Barcelona In May 2014. Key discussions were held to ensure the success of the first year of the conference at Frankfurt was maintained and built upon. Rachel Risely, who has taken over responsibility for marketing from Emy, was welcomed to the Board. A review of the marketing strategy was agreed taking in both ETC and AET with the aim to report back at the next Board meeting in July and actioning as soon as possible afterwards.

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AET Council met on 29 November 2013 in London, UK, on the premises of the UK Dept. of Transport, thanks to Council member Jake Cartmell, who made the arrangements. Mr Philip Rutman, Permanent Secretary of the Department of Transport, made a presentation to the Council on the broad topic of Transport Policy and Research Priorities in the U.K. Progress of the Joint Work Programme for AET Board and Council was extensively discussed.

The new Joint Work Programme for AET Board and Council is the product of the common work of AET Board and Council Chairs and is based on the common decision that a closer cooperation among Board and Council members is necessary to increase AET Board capacity and implement successfully the requirements of the Vision 2020 for the Association. Nine Working Groups comprising both Council and Board members have been defined in the areas of:

- i) WG1 Unique selling points of the Association,
- ii) WG2 Sustainable funding
- iii) WG3 AET Governance
- iv) WG4 External events
- v) WG5 AET website
- vi) WG6 The role of Programme Committees
- vii) WG7 ETC peer review
- viii) WG8 ETC 2016 and beyond
- ix) WG9 AET Metrics

The Council met in Lisbon on 7 March. Traditionally, the March meeting discusses the budget for the next financial year and sets membership fees. The meeting also received progress reports from the Working Groups. A discussion was held on the scope of the existing Programme Committees and whether to expand their number and change their focus. This discussion will continue but some change is likely for the 2015 Conference. The views of members are always welcome! There was also consideration of the first non-ETC event which the Association might organise in conjunction with another organisation. There is an event in mind to be held in early 2015 and details will be made available as soon as possible.

The Council met again on 6th June in Oslo, Norway. Members of the working groups reported back on progress. Whilst significant progress has been made across the groups there was a discussion around the desire to continue to ensure that Board and Council members work closely together. In addition, a working group was suggested to support the marketing function of both ETC and the Association.

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AET Ambassadors

The annual meeting of AET Ambassadors took place on Tuesday 30 September 2013 at ETC. Barbara Lenz, German Aerospace Centre (Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt; DLR), Germany and Thierry Vanelander, University of Antwerp, Belgium have both recently joined the team of AET Ambassadors and are warmly welcomed by AET Board. AET Board wishes them all success in their new role and is keen to offer all possible assistance to disseminate information on the Vision and activities of the Association among their colleagues and contacts.

Thierry Vanelander has kindly sent the following message to AET members and friends in reference of his professional activities.



“I am Thierry Vanelander, currently 38 years old, and Research Professor at the University of Antwerp - Department of Transport and Regional Economics. I graduated as a doctor in Applied Economics at the University of Antwerp in 2005, having started there as a research and teaching assistant in 1998. My Ph.D dealt with co-operation and competition in sea-port container handling. Rather soon after graduating, I became scientific director of the Flemish Policy Research Centre on Freight and Passenger Flows hosted by our academic Department since then. Through that directorship, my research scope also widened: from purely port-related topics, to research in the field of air transport, all land transport modes (road, rail, barging, pipelines), urban logistics, and more transversal topics like innovation, infrastructure finance, sustainability and regional economics. Topics which today are high on nearly each policy agenda and among entrepreneurs.

After my PhD graduation, I also started to be more heavily involved in attracting new project research, among which many European research projects, but also projects funded by private companies, port authorities, and national, regional and local governments. Those projects were not only a very good opportunity for international network building, but also offered the chance to the Department of gaining critical mass. Today, we have a very multidisciplinary research group, with many complementarities between the topics, which allows for a lot of mutual learning.

In 2010, I became holder of the BNP Paribas Fortis chair on transport, logistics and ports hosted since then by our Department. That meant a bit more return to my first and old love, seaports. Nevertheless, as the chain thinking about ports gains further ground, the link but also competition with hinterland transport modes is obvious. Just in 2013 then, I got nominated Research Professor at the Department. In my teaching activities, I am currently course co-ordinator for the course on Advanced Transport Economics and the seminar on Maritime Technology.

I also had and have, since its foundation in 2003, the chance to be involved in co-managing and setting up joint activities (research, courses and events) in our TransportNET network. TransportNET groups together research and training groups of eight European top Universities in the wider field of transportation. Great experiences have been and continue to be experienced. A top one for sure was the Marie Curie training programme that our Department was co-ordinating between 2007 and 2010, bringing together on a regular basis 16 young PhD researchers based in the eight TransportNET locations. A really fascinating experience! I hope of course that many more may follow!”

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AET Dates

July 2014

- 9 July: AET Board Meeting Paris, France

August 2014

- 12 August deadline for the receipt of Candidate forms for the Council elections
- 19 August – voting papers for Council elections to be sent out

September/October 2014

- 23 September – deadline for receipt of postal votes for the Council elections
- 29th September to 1st October: ETC 2014, Frankfurt, Germany
- 30 September – General Assembly of the Association

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