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A message from *Emy Apostolopoulou, member of AET Board*

Dear fellow members of the Association,

Climate change, as well as the adverse economic conditions, continues to challenge the transport industry and we all have to respond to the challenge. European transport policies, funding solutions for projects and organisations, sustainable transport, technological innovations, best practice and research findings will be the focus of the 38th European Transport Conference, which will take place from the 11th to the 13th of October 2010, held for the first time in Glasgow, Scotland. More than 400 transport professionals both from the public and private sectors, and from research and practice will meet at ETC 2010 to present their latest work, to share their knowledge and experience in transport, to network and find solutions to current problems.

We will all have the chance to meet at the AET General Assembly, to discuss all issues of importance to the Association and to elect AET's Council. The General Assembly will be held as usual at ETC. This year it will be held on Tuesday the 12th October.

Two out of three members of AET are actively involved in the affairs of the Association. If you want to get more involved, you can talk to any AET Board or Council member, we will be glad to help.

See you in a couple of weeks in Glasgow!

AET News

General Assembly and Council Elections 2010

All members of the Association will have the chance to meet each other at the AET General Assembly on the 12th of October 2010 (ETC 2010, lunchtime), where the annual business of the Association will be conducted as well as the election of AET Council members. Read more about AET Council elections 2010 next, by the new AET manager Dorothea Carvalho.

· **AET Elections 2010 (by Dorothea Carvalho)**






The information about this year's AET elections has gone out in the post inviting all AET members to vote for candidates for Council. You can vote either by correspondence or by attending the General Assembly on the second day of the European Transport Conference 2010. **Postal votes would have had to be returned to Dorothea Carvalho at PTRC by 29 September at the latest.** Please note you must be a paid member of AET on that date for your vote to count.

The vacant seats and the candidates

There is a new element to the elections this year. At the General Assembly meeting held in 2009, the Individual and Organisational Member constituencies were abolished so, for the first time, in 2010 all candidates for Council are elected by the full membership of the Association.

There are 9 Council seats to be filled. The candidates for election are set out in the table below; 7 candidates will be elected for a term until October 2013, according to the rotation schedule; 2 candidates will be elected for a term until October 2012, according to the rotation schedule.

Name of Candidate	Type of Member for information purposes only/ Member Organisation wherever it applies	Nationality
 Mr Ambrosius Baanders	Individual	Dutch
 Mr Jake Cartmell	Organisational / Department for Transport	British
 Mr Rainer Hesse	Individual	German
 Dr Stephane Hess	Individual	Luxembourgish

 Mr Eric Kroes	Organisational / Significance	Dutch
 Mr Hermann Maier	Organisational / Sinclair Knight Merz	British
 Dr Adnan Rahman	Organisational / ECORYS Nederland BV	Dutch
 Mr Eric Tardivel	Organisational / RATP	French
 Mr David Tucker	Organisational / David Tucker Associates	British

In line with the statutes, the nationality of an organisational member is that of the organisation as it was registered at the time the organisation became a member of the Association, and not the personal nationality of the candidate.

Just enough candidates to fill the vacant seats

As you will have noticed, the number of candidates is equal to the number of vacant seats. At the General Assembly the Chair will ask the voters present if they are prepared to accept all candidates without the casting and counting of votes. If no one objects, the chair will declare all candidates duly elected. If at least one member objects, there will be votes cast, added to the votes sent by mail and votes counted.

For those people attending ETC 2010, it is important to participate in the elections of your Council.

AET Report on WCTR 2010

Sally Scarlett was present at the WCTR 2010 in Lisbon and has sent the following report to all AET members.

· 12th WCTRS Conference (by Sally Scarlett)

The Association was represented at the WCTRS conference held in Lisbon in July. It is, of course, always a pleasure to visit Lisbon but the lure of 1300 or more transport professionals gathered in the city was too much to resist!

Association members are used to the complexities of the European Transport Conference programme, but the WCTRS Conference programme was wonderfully comprehensive and it was extremely difficult to make a choice of sessions to attend.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) set themes and generate papers for the programme and other special sessions are identified. Special Interest Groups cover all modes in an urban and inter-urban context. There is a strong emphasis on the movement of goods in urban areas as well as on the operation of ports and shipment of goods by sea. The wider impact of transport on the environment has an important role.

In addition to the sessions organised by the SIGs, there were 30 special sessions organised in conjunction with other partners. The Association was honoured to have been asked to offer such a session and chose "European Transport Policy" as its theme. Neil Paulley of the UK TRL chaired the session. There were presentations as follows:

Supra-national research in an age of austerity: how to fund research and achieve policy goals

Stephen Perkins, ITF/OECD

Involving local authorities in cooperative research to encourage its deployment

Sylvain Haon, POLIS

Trans-Atlantic transport research collaboration: challenges and opportunities

George Giannopoulos, ECTRI/HIT

In spite of competition from other sessions, some 30 people attended and a lively discussion ensued. As is the case with such events, there was considerable opportunity for networking in the catering breaks and exhibition area and at the welcome drinks reception and conference dinner held in the magnificent Pavilhão Atlântico. The Association had a stand and some literature available and many new contacts were made as well as friendships renewed with AET members and regular ETC delegates.



ETC2010 stand and publicity material at WCTR 2010, Photo by Sally Scarlett



AET special session at WCTR 2010, Photo by Sally Scarlett

ETC 2010

Dates for your Calendar: ETC 2010, 11th -13th of October, Glasgow, Scotland!

The European Transport Conference (ETC) is **the** international networking event for transport professionals to share innovation, best practice and networking.

Now in its 38th year, ETC is unique in Europe, attracting over 400 transport practitioners and researchers from more than 30 countries to one meeting place, where they can find in-depth presentations on policy issues, best practice and research findings across a broad spectrum of transport modes. The unique feature of ETC is its multi-seminar approach. The structure of the conference embraces a balance of practice and research.

This year, ETC will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Glasgow between 11th and 13th October. Delegates will receive a complimentary Glasgow travel pass, provided by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, for the duration of the conference.

Participants attend from not only Europe, but from most of the Continents. There are many opportunities to meet with new and old colleagues, and to create new contacts.

· **Plenary sessions and speakers**

Monday 10th Zoltan Kazatsay, Deputy Director-General of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Energy and Transport

Tuesday 11th Professor Alan McKinnon, Director of the Logistics Research Centre, Heriot-Watt University, UK

Wednesday 12th Sir Moir Lockhead, Deputy Chairman and chief Executive of First Group plc

· **Themes for this year's conference include:**

- Transport planning models and methods
- Rail passenger demand
- High speed rail
- Freight and logistics
- Sustainable land use and transport
- Cycling
- Carbon reduction and climate change

Special discounted rates are available for AET members, young professionals, those working in local and regional authorities and new member states of the EU. First time ETC delegates who are Transport Planning Society or Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport members will also be eligible for a special discount.

For more details on the Conference programme, accommodation, booking and special discounts, you can visit www.aetransport.org. For more information on Glasgow, you can visit www.seeglasgow.com.

AET Ambassadors' News

The network of AET Ambassadors is still expanding and the search for new Ambassadors for Poland, Denmark and France among other countries, is continuing. If you are interested in this role and / or you would like to receive further information, please send a note to eapostolopoulou@ametro.gr

- **New AET Ambassador for Hungary**

The new AET Ambassador for Hungary, Mrs Zita Egyhazy, has sent her message to all AET members. A warm welcome to Zita!

"It is an honour for me that following the proposal of the Hungarian representatives, I can be the AET 's Ambassador for Hungary.

As a senior advisor of the Transport Infrastructure Department in the Hungarian Ministry of National Development I take part in the preparation of the introduction of the electronic toll collection system, in the cost-benefit evaluation of express-road projects, and in the evaluation of road development projects including the environmental impact assessment.

In the field of road transport, the biggest task and challenge for Hungary is the introduction of electronic toll collection system as soon as possible (until the year 2013). The aim of the new road charging policy is based on the principle of „the user and the polluter pays” - the costs of the use of infrastructure should be paid by those using the toll-road according to the distance covered and the pollution committed. The national financial and economic effect study has been completed and on this basis the most important questions connected with the technical development and technology can be answered.

I hope that my work will contribute to the activities of Hungarian transport specialists in the organization of AET and in these fields I shall be able to acquire useful experiences from my foreign colleagues."

Zita Egyházy

- **Transport Conferences in Greece (News sent by Emy Apostolopoulou)**

Two interesting transport events take place in Greece in the end of September 2010.

1. **2-day Symposium on “Road Safety. European Reality and Perspectives”**, 24 and 25 September, Chios. The Symposium is organised by the University of the Aegean in cooperation with several other organisations (www.stt.aegean.gr). The symposium topics include European Road Safety Policies, Road Safety in Greece and other countries, Infrastructure, Drivers' Behaviour, Attitudes and Perceptions, Analysis and Forecast of Road Accidents, Legal Issues, Road Safety Education and Reciprocal Relationship of Mental Health to Road Accidents. There are several foreign speakers as well and there are two official languages, greek and english. Selected full papers will be published after a review process at the International Journal of Shipping and Transport issued by the University of the Aegean.

2. **5th International Congress on Transport Research**, 27 and 28 September, Volos. This Congress, is organised by the Hellenic Institute of Transport Engineers and the Hellenic Institute of Transport, this year in cooperation with University of Thessaly, Dept. of Civil Engineering. The central theme is «Energy, environment and transport». There will be more than 65 interesting presentations, on the two-way relationship between energy and the environment and transport evolution, on the following themes: Transport Policy, Design of Systems, Management and Organization of Systems, Transport Safety, Operation – Monitoring – Control. To view the site of the conference in english, type <http://www.ictr.gr/Home/tabid/38/language/en-US/Default.aspx>.

European Transport News

- **Parking fees inside European airports (by Alex Deloukas)**

The cost of parking inside airports in Europe can be more expensive than the flight ticket, while parking is relatively cheap in the Athens International Airport "El. Venizelos". Read more about it next, in a document sent by Alex Deloukas, member of the Leisure and Tourism Transport Programme Committee.

The cost of parking a car for a week inside an airport can be greater than the flight ticket. A comparative survey of parking fees by the internet-based german travel agency Travel24, shows that parking in several European airports is a rather expensive «sport». It is interesting that within Germany itself the variations of fees are quite high. In Munich, the weekly parking fees reach 250€. In Stuttgart one should pay 203€, while the airports Tegel and Schoenefeld in Berlin charge about 100€. In average, in the 17 greater german airports, parking costs 97€ per week.

A comparison with other international airports shows high differences in fees. The most expensive weekly offer costs 151€ in Zurich, 128€ in Tokyo and 156€ in London Heathrow. The most expensive of all is Vienna airport, where the weekly fees can reach 588€. The American airports are relatively cheap. In N. York's JFK airport, the most expensive weekly fees come up to 96€.

In Zurich, as in many international airports, there is a differentiated structure of parking fees. A parking place in the most remote area of the parking lot costs 88€. For the operator of Zurich airport, parking is an important source of non-aviation income. In 2009 the income from parking fees came up to 45 million €.

In the international airport of Athens «El. Venizelos», parking fees are relatively low and up to 80€ maximum (distinctive parking), while it is typically 50€ per week. (References: NZZ 12/8/2010, www.aia.gr 3/9/2010)

Alex Deloukas

AET Important Dates: October-December 2010

October 2010

- **ETC 2010** **11-13/10/2010, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Glasgow**
 AET Council Elections 12/10/2010 (Lunchtime)
 AET General Assembly 12/10/ 2010 (Lunchtime)
 AET Council Meeting (informal) 13/10/2010 (Evening)
 AET Ambassadors' meeting Date to be confirmed

November 2010

- Start of Programme Committee cycle for 2011 1/11/2010

December 2010

- AET Council meeting 4/12/ 2010, Copenhagen
- AET Board meeting Athens (date to be confirmed)
 - ☞ Keep an eye on AET's website; minutes of the previous AET Council meeting (March 2010, Glasgow) will be posted on the website this month, following the agreement of AET Council members
 - ☞ Prepare to submit your Abstract for ETC 2011. You have from December until Friday 4 February to submit the abstract.

You can send your news or views to be included in AET Newsletter No 28, to eapostolopoulou@ametro.gr, until 10/12