



Dear EPA members and colleagues,

“after the match is before the match”, as famous German football coach Sepp Herberger once said. Transferred into the world of parking associations this probably translates as “after the EPA congress is before the EPA congress” especially if you can look back onto a tradition of 30 years of association work and 16 successfully completed congresses. So before we dig into the preparation for the 17th edition in Berlin in the year 2015 we send you this newsletter with lots of EPA related information from and around the 16th EPA congress in Dublin last week.

Best wishes

Elisabeth Herles and Gerry Trost-Heutmekers, EPA Secretariat

EPA Board



EPA Board 2013 from left to right

Wilfried Thierry, Vinci Park Europe, France, **Laurence A. Bannerman**, Director of Urban Systems, Saba Italia, Italy, **Egil Ostvik**, Chairman NORPARK, Oslo, Norway, **Nick Lester**, Corporate Director Services, Londoncouncils, UK, **Michael Kessler**, Managing Director, Contipark, Germany, **Antoni Roig**, Mobility Division Director BSM Barcelona, Spain, **Martin Kammler**, Managing Director Scheidt&Bachmann, Germany

At the general meeting in Dublin on September 13th, Nick Lester has been reelected as EPA president for his third term of office until 2015. Also Laurence A. Bannerman and Antoni Roig were reelected for two years and Wilfried Thierry was elected newly into the Board. Martin Kammler and Peter Dingemans are both associate members participating in the board.

EPA Policy and Strategy Committee

The Policy and Strategy Committee has also been elected and has now six members: Francois Gindre from France, Ferenc Kocsis from Hungary, Peter Martens from The Netherlands, Miguel Morote from Spain, Andrea Roli from Italy and Nigel Williams from the UK.

Both groups will discuss upcoming tasks for the EPA at a joint meeting in November.



16th EPA Congress 2013



EPA president **Nick Lester** welcomed the delegates

The 15th EPA congress in Dublin last week has been very successful. Organized by EPAs Irish member association IPA and opened by a welcoming message from EU transport commissioner Siim Kallas the international delegates experienced a high level scientific programme which demonstrated and communicated the essential role of professional parking management for urban mobility. The key messages of the congress presentations and discussions have been summarized in the congress statement which is included on page 3 of this newsletter. All EPA members are welcome to distribute it further.

The upcoming issue of Parking Trend will feature the 16th EPA congress in more detail and shortly all the presentations given will be available on the congress website.



The congress was attended by about 480 delegates from 33 countries



Expert discussions in the exhibition hall with 40 stands



Leo Varadkar, Irish Transport Minister and **Keith Gavin**, IPA.

EPA Award 2013 The Winners

Congratulations to the winning projects of the EPA Awards 2013. Out of 29 entries the international jury chose the following winners who were awarded at a special ceremony at the 16th EPA congress in Dublin.

EPA Awards	Name of object	Country, city	Operator
Best new Car Park	P-Hämppi	FIN-Tampere	Finnpark Ltd
Best Renovation	Grote Markt	B-Tongeren	Q-Park Belgium
Best on-street project	Illegal Parking Campaign	D-Germany	DB BahnPark
Best Innovation	Smart Parking	NL-Maastricht	Q-Park
Special jury award	Mercado do Chao do Lovreiro	P-Lisbon	EMEL



Presentations of all winners and shortlisted projects on www.europeanparking.eu



Statement of the 16th EPA Congress

The 16th EPA Congress, held in Dublin, found that:

- Parking has an important impact in urban planning, but this is underestimated by many urban planners.
- Several cities have demonstrated that close cooperation between urban planners and parking professionals can lead to good solutions.
- A global survey among parking professionals shows that cooperation between decision makers and parking professionals is valued as an important factor for success.
- Parking of private cars close to the High Street should be carefully considered to manage and maintain the attractiveness of the city centre.
- Implementing standards for e-payment processing will bring significant benefits to the parking industry.

The congress also demonstrated that experience from cities outside Europe, like in San Francisco and Sydney should be considered in Europe and that transparency and transfer of knowledge in parking at a global perspective should be of high importance.

The EPA Congress found that new technology in parking equipment and the importance of environmental issues, like the introduction of “clean” private cars will have great impact on the parking industry in the future. It was also demonstrated that parking regulations and enforcement in parking will change due to the development of new technology and will give the industry new opportunities.

The congress recognizes that the key messages for the future will be the following:

- Uncontrolled parking can have a negative impact on urban development and can lead to urban sprawl.
- Dynamic parking charges in the cities can give better accessibility and mobility in the cities of Europe.
- Cashless parking will change the industry in the years to come and could again change the willingness to pay and lead to fewer parking offences. This will also change the enforcement of parking regulations.
- The parking industry must give more attention to consumer and the fact that the industry is a service provider.
- No urban mobility strategy will be successful unless it incorporates a good parking strategy.

The EPA congress demonstrated that the parking industry in Europe is enormous and well established. The congress also found that sharing information between parking professionals at a global scale could be essential to reach the goals on mobility in urban areas. The congress thought the following quote would sum up our findings:

You can analyse the past, but you must design the future (Eduard de Bono).



17th EPA Congress in Berlin together with PARKEN exhibition



Dr. Karl-Ludwig Ballreich, president of the German parking association Bundesverband Parken e.V. and Nick Lester signing the agreement to host the 17th EPA congress in 2015 in Berlin

EPA will be directly involved in the preparation of the congress, by organizing the Scientific and Technical Committee. It will be chaired by Laurence A. Bannerman, EPA Vice President who had initiated the STC for the congress in Turin in 2011.

In 2015 the German Parking Association Bundesverband Parken e.V. will host the 17th EPA congress from 23-25 September in the Estrel Convention Centre in Berlin in connection with the trade fair Parken.

Parken is organised successfully by Mesago Messe Frankfurt in cooperation with the German Parking Association and will take place alongside the EPA congress.

In 2013 Parken trade fair had more than 90 exhibitors that attracted about 1100 visitors.

More info on the 17th EPA congress and Parken: www.epacongress.eu

EPA Data Collection

At the EPA congress in Dublin EPA Vice President Antoni Roig presented the report “The scope of parking in Europe” with the results of the EPA data collection.

Parking in Europe means a total market of nearly 41 million spaces in EPA countries, to which a further 190 million can be added that are not currently regulated on streets.

About 500.000 people are employed in the sector and parking has a turnover of about €26.400 million.



Antoni Roig, EPA Vice President explains the scope and results of the data collection

Please download the report on www.europeanparking.eu

Expertise was employed of researchers from the Applied Economics research Institute of the University of Barcelona UB-IREA.

3rd EPA POLIS parking workshop

How can we make on-street parking a success?

This issue was addressed in two sessions by about 56 international participants on September 10th, 2013 one day prior to the EPA congress in Dublin on the 3rd EPA workshop.

The presentations are available via the epa website www.europeanparking.eu



The panel at the 3rd EPA POLIS workshop

POLIS is a network of European cities and regions for innovative transport solutions and EPA and POLIS regularly exchange information and expertise about making parking in cities better.



GPALS



The Global Parking Associations Leadership Summit (GPALS) was initiated by the International Parking Institute in 2012 and provides an opportunity for parking association's leaders to gather and share information.

On Wednesday September 11th, 2013 representatives from parking associations around the world met in Dublin to discuss further collaboration.

At the centre of the debate were the results of an international survey amongst parking experts about future trends in parking. The results are now available by request from the EPA Secretariat or on www.parking.org/GPALS





ESPA 2013

The ESPA is a standard for good quality in parking structures. The assessment and presentation of the ESPA awards is in the responsibility of the national parking associations. The checklist is available for download on the website or from the Secretariat. EPA's member associations can order the signs at a price of € 95,- per piece at the EPA Secretariat.

The acrylic plate measures 39,5 cm by 29,5 cm with four stainless steel mounting parts.



Parking Trend international



The next issue of Parking Trend will appear at the beginning of November.

The editorial deadline for content is on Oktober 7th.

Please send your association news or suggestions for articles to the editor Marko Ruh marko.ruh@maenken.com or to the EPA Secretariat.

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