



EPA Newsletter

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Dear members,

this newsletter contains some information about what happened and will happen in the EPA.

Tender for Administration

Meanwhile the tender has been sent out. You might have received it already. If not, then please contact the office of EPA. The tender can also be downloaded from the login area on EPA's website.

The tender contains four different blocks of tasks that can be offered separately or together in any combination, as there are

- Secretariat
- Public Relation – Magazine/Newsletter/Web
- Congress overseeing
- EU related activities: Information, lobbying, project finding and management

The Tender is for 5 years at a time. The language for all communication is English and the currency used will be Euros.

The tender has gone out to all EPA member countries and some other companies and organizations that might have interest in this.

Deadline for offers is the 20th of June 2008.

Green Paper

The European Commission has published a green paper on urban mobility. The green paper was passed on 25 September 2007 and has the title "Towards a new culture for urban mobility".

The EPA has addressed a statement to the EC regarding the contents of the paper. In the introduction it is stressed that parking is not only about the needs of private cars in city centres. It is about managing limited space for vehicles in our cities, both on and off street, for the best interest of travellers, deliveries, residents, visitors and businesses. It is also about regulating and controlling the access for those visitors that for various reasons need to access the central areas by vehicle, to achieve the best value to the city area. Effective traffic management is critical to enable the main functions of cities in Europe, living, working and entertainment for residents and visitors are to be maintained and enhanced. Thus accessibility in the widest sense and variety is crucial for economic welfare and traditional urban life. Parking is a key part of this and can be an essential tool for public decision makers to achieve the best outcomes for the city.

The EC has confirmed having received EPA's statement. We hope to have the possibility for a conversation with the representatives of the EC to explain and discuss the position EPA has regarding the future developments in the cities of Europe.

A copy of the statement can be downloaded from EPA's website.

The statement of the EPA has been prepared, discussed and finalised by the members of the new Policy and Strategy Committee. They did a great work and the Board has expressed thanks to all of them.



General Meeting 2008

The General Meeting 2008 shall take place on 26th September 2008 in Maastricht, NL. Please make already the choice for your delegate. The delegates are to arrive on the 25th September 2008. Program will start on the 26th at 9 am.

The General meeting will take place in the new townhall of the city of Maastricht. We expect the participation of the mayor of Maastricht as well as from high representatives of the European Commission. The official invitation will be sent in a few weeks to all members of the EPA.

EPA Congress 2009 – Call for Papers

“Parking and its economic Importance” will be the title of the next EPA Congress, to be held in Vienna, September 23 to 25, 2009. The organisation of the congress is just in good process. To be up to date, please visit the congress web site www.epacongress.eu. There you can already find the call for papers. If you are interested to give a presentation, please contact the organising committee in Austria.

EPA Awards Task Group

The new EPA Task Group for the revising and updating the rules and regulations, both for the EPA Award as well as for the European Standard Parking Award has been set up.

Members of the group are:

Antonia Cidade Moura, Portugal
Bernd Beer, Germany
Jean-Jacques Decaesteke, France
Jordi Bonet, Spain
Klein Beernink Nico, the Netherlands
Peter Guest, GB
Peter Martens, the Netherlands
Sebastian Koreneff, Finland - Chairman

First meeting of the group will be end of May 2008. If you have any suggestions/proposals for the amendment of the award rules, please contact the chairman by mail: seba@bk-group.com

Congress Selection for 2011

The publication of the paper for the selection of the congress host for the EPA congress 2011 has been postponed. A final decision is expected to be taken at the next Board meeting, to be held on the 1st July 2008.

Next Meetings:

General Meeting:	26 th September 2008, Maastricht, NL
Board:	1 st July 2008 25 th September 2008
Policy and Strategy Committee:	20 th June 2008 25 th September 2008
Task Group EPA Awards:	29 th May 2008