



Dear EPA members and friends,

Where do I register for the 15th EPA congress in Turin in September? When is the deadline for the next edition of the magazine Parking Trend? What's new from the EPA task groups? This newsletter updates you with all relevant information on the European Parking Association. And in case you have any other questions you can always give us a call or send an email.

Kind regards from the EPA Secretariat in Cologne
Elisabeth Herles and Gerry Trost-Heutmekes

EPA board

Following on from the retirement of Philippe Princet the board has decided the following allocations of responsibilities:

Nick Lester as president remains responsible for EU Affairs, Rainer-Michael Rudolph as 1. Vice President is taking care of finance, the Awards and communication. Laurence A. Bannerman is 2. Vice president and chairman of the EPA congress organizing committee. Antoni Roig is the board member responsible for the Policy and Strategy Committee and the EPA data collection project. A replacement of Philippe Princet will be elected by the general meeting on September 16, 2011 in Turin.

EPA general meeting September 16, 2011

This years general meeting takes place in Turin, Italy on the occasion of the 15th EPA congress on September 16, 2011 from 14.30 to 16.30. Elections will be held for the following positions:

EPA president - currently Nick Lester (term of office: two years)

Two board members - currently Laurence A. Bannerman and Antoni Roig (term of office: two years each)

Board member as replacement for the position of Philippe Princet (term of office: one year).

Also the Policy and Strategy Committee will be elected. The invitation and agenda together with the explanation regarding the votes and nomination will be sent out to all EPA member associations in May.



EPA Award 34 entries in all categories



The 2011 EPA Award competition sees the highest number of entries ever. A total number of 34 objects were submitted by the operators in all four categories: 16 garages have been entered in category 1: new carpark. Seven renovated objects compete in category 2. Three on-street schemes (category 3) have been entered and eight innovative projects in category 4 apply for an Award.

Entries come from 11 countries all over Europe.

The board will select a shortlist on April 1, 2011. Those shortlisted objects will be visited and inspected by the jury: Antonio Cidade Moura (chairman), Bernd Beer, Jordi Bonet, Jean-Jaques Decaesteke and Peter Martens (secretary). The jury will furthermore choose one object from any of the four categories for a special jury award. In 2011 this special jury award will honour an object or scheme that has a focus on "green" issues and makes a considerable effort in reducing energy or being climate friendly. The jury trip to the shortlisted objects will take place in the week from May 23rd to May 27th, 2011.

All entrants will be featured in the upcoming three editions of Parking trend international.

EPA Congress 2011 "Parking: the new deal"

Register now for the 15th EPA Congress in Turin, Italy from September 14-16, 2011.

A special delegate rate of €800,- applies for registration before April 15, 2011. The rate thereafter is €900,- Accompanying partners pay €350,- before April 15 and €390,- thereafter. Online registration is possible as well as a download of the registration form in four languages from the congress website www.epacongress.eu



On the website also the first announcement for the congress has been published.

For any questions regarding the congress please contact event supervisor Alessandra Faldi e-mail: epacongress.torino2011@aipark.org



EPA Task Groups

Task Group: e-payment

As developments in the payment industry continue with high impact for the parking industry, it is felt necessary to support the parking operators in Europe with status information, to anticipate for the future in new technology investments in order to allow them to provide easy and general accepted cashless payment systems to their customers. Carrying on from the successful work of the EMV task group (the final report from May 2010 is available at the Secretariat) a kick off meeting of the new task group e-payment is currently being organized for early April 2011 in the EPA Secretariat in Cologne.

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The group prepares texted arguments addressed for various target groups: consumers, politicians and other stakeholders. Results are foreseen to be presented on the occasion of the EPA congress in Turin in September 2011.

Data Collection

A first calculation of the potential size of the market has been published in Parking Trend issue 4. As the data collection project is an ongoing task the upcoming issue will present further results.

On Street Legal (formerly Pay and Display)

This group is open to new members and the Secretariat will shortly distribute a call for members.

EPA registration process complete

The registration process of the European Parking Association is now complete and EPA is fully registered in the association registry in Cologne, Germany.

EPA and POLIS

Following on from a fruitful collaboration in the past two years EPA has now agreed a collaboration with POLIS. POLIS is a network of European cities and regions and has been established 20 years ago. About 75 POLIS members are supported in all aspects of transport. The POLIS office is located in Brussels. Current chair of POLIS is the city of Dresden. The agreement foresees the organization of a joint workshop dedicated to parking and local mobility for both members of POLIS and EPA.

www.polis-online.org



ESPA 2011



The European Standard Parking Award demonstrates that the carpark awarded fulfils certain standard criteria with respect to safety and customer services.

EPA has delegated the assessment and presentation of the ESPA-awards to the national parking associations. Signs with 2011 are at stock and can be ordered at the EPA Secretariat. The Guidelines are available for download from www.europeanparking.eu or from the Secretariat.

Parking Trend International

Schedule for 2011

Issue	Editorial Meeting and Deadline	publication
2011_2	16 May	28 June
2011_3	18 July	29 August
2011_4	11 October	22 November



ITPD study

Europe's Parking U-Turn: From Accommodation to Regulation is a study which has recently been published by the Institute for Transportation Development Policy from New York. The study reviews successful parking practices in European cities. It is available for download here: http://www.itdp.org/documents/European_Parking_U-Turn.pdf

Parken 2011



The biannual trade exhibition and conference in Wiesbaden, Germany is scheduled from May 11-12, 2011. It is the largest exhibition of its kind in Germany and organized by the German Bundesverband Parken e.V.

www.parken-messe.de



Parking Conference Malmö, Sweden

The Swedish Parking Association organizes its conference and Expo in Malmö Sweden and Copenhagen, Denmark from May 17-20, 2011
www.svepark.se



International Transport Forum Leipzig



“Transport for Society” is the theme of this three day conference in Leipzig, Germany from May 25-27, 2011. The transport ministers of European countries will meet with representatives from the industry and research.

www.internationaltransportforum.org

ITS congress Lyon

The 8th European congress and exhibition on Intelligent Transport Systems and Services ITS is taking place in Lyon, France from June 6-9, 2011. Organized by ERTICO – ITS Europe and the European Commission the Congress theme is geared towards Intelligent Mobility - ITS for sustainable transport of persons and goods in urban regions.

www.itisineurope.com



Timetable EPA meetings in 2011

Policy and Strategy Committee	Friday, March 25, 2011	Barcelona, Spain
Board	Friday, April 1, 2011	Dublin, Ireland
Board	Friday, July 1, 2011	Oslo, Norway
Board	Wednesday, Sept 14, 2011	Turin, Italy