



Dear EPA members and colleagues,

the European Parking Association keeps moving and transforming- just as the role of parking does within the mobility chain: developing from providing a space to leave your car to becoming an integrated part of urban mobility management. We look back on a very successful 2011 with the 15th EPA congress as a highlight, but also a very constructive collaboration with the network POLIS and the number of associate members rising up to 30. Find information on the developments within the European Parking Association below and start making travel plans for the EPA annual general meeting in Helsinki next September.



The team of the Secretariat is wishing you a peaceful and happy Christmas and all the best for the new year 2012.

Elisabeth Herles and Gerry Trost-Heutmekers

EPA Board

The EPA board met on October 28, 2011 in Mainz. According to the discussions at the general meeting in Turin 2011 the first steps have been implemented to enlarge the board of the EPA from currently five members to up to eight in order to ensure a better representation of more member countries. The board is responsible for governance, finance, strategies and external relations.

The Policy and Strategy Committee will technically manage the task groups. The chairman of the Policy and Strategy Committee also participates in the board meetings and reports to the board. No longer a board member will be automatically a member of the Policy and Strategy committee and attend their meetings.

The representatives of the task groups will report to the Policy and Strategy Committee.

All EPA member associations have meanwhile been informed that they are welcome to nominate representatives of their associations who would be interested to attend the board meetings as guests in 2012. The board will invite those representatives and upon this experience the board will bring forward a proposal to the general meeting 2012 to amend the statutes accordingly.

Furthermore the working links to the supplying industry shall be intensified and formalized.

The next EPA board meeting will take place in Dublin on January 27, 2012.



The following allocation of responsibilities was agreed within the board.

Who, Position and Period of office	Responsibilities	EPA Members
Laurence Bannerman Vice President (2011-2013)	EU Affairs	Italy, Croatia, Cyprus, The Netherlands
Nick Lester President (2011-2013)	EPA congress 2013, International contacts	Great Britain, Ireland
Egil Ostvik Member of the Board (2011-2012)		Norway, Sweden, Finland, Hungary
Antoni Roig Member of the Board (2011-2013)	Data Collection	Spain, Portugal, France, Belgium Luxemburg
Rainer-Michael Rudolph Vice President (2010-2012)	Finance Business Plan (with Peter Martens) EPA and ESPA Awards	Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Slovakia

EPA General Meeting 2012

The EPA general meeting will take place in Helsinki, Finland, on Friday September 21, 2012. The programme will also include scientific and technical presentations and a visit to Stockmann car park, the EPA Award winner 2011 in the category new car parks as well as a get together in the evening on Thursday September 20, 2012.

You may already book your accommodation at this hotel:

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The single room is available for €145,- and a double for €180,- including breakfast. This special EPA offer is valid for bookings prior to August 20, 2012. Please quote **GQPAA** for reference. You will be informed about further details of the programme and will receive the official invitation in due course.





EPA at POLIS Annual Conference

EPA was well represented on the Annual Conference of the POLIS network of cities and regions in Brussels on November 29 to 30, 2011. The session “Parking as a tool to manage urban mobility” chaired by EPA general secretary **Gerry Trost-Heutmekers** was attended by about 60 participants.

Peter Martens, Chairman of the EPA Policy and Strategy Committee spoke in his paper “Parking as a tool to manage urban access and mobility” on the interaction between parking policies and urban accessibility.



Peter Martens



Tiago Farias

Two presentations explained the parking policies of different municipalities. **Tiago Farias from EMEL, the Lisbon** Mobility and Parking Municipal Company spoke on “Information and communication technologies applied to urban parking management in Lisbon”.

Lucia Ilieva from the Club of Sustainable Development of Civil Society in Bulgaria presented the new Sofia Parking Policy which was introduced reflecting the need of the growing metropolis for regulated parking in order to keep the city functional and livable.



Lucia Ilieva



Giuliano Mingardo

Giuliano Mingardo from Erasmus University of Rotterdam presented some of his latest scientific research under the title “Parking, mobility and retail- an uneasy relationship?”

The presentations of the EPA session are available on www.europeanparking.eu all papers given at the conference are available on www.polisnetwork.eu

EPA Congress 2013

The EPA congress 2013 will take place in Dublin in Ireland from September 11-13, 2013 organized by the Irish Parking Association IPA in the Convention Centre in Dublin. More information about the organizing committee, theme, scientific programme and exhibition opportunities will follow soon.



New Associate Members

We welcome the following companies who have joined the European Parking Association as an associate member:

Innova Control Systems is a Spanish company specialized in applications of artificial vision for reading and automatic recognition of license plates.

www.innovacs.es

The **Parkare Group**, consisting of Mabyc, Ibersegur and Alfia, is one of the leading manufacturers of car parking automation and revenue control systems based in Barcelona, Spain.

www.parkaregroup.com

Park Rite Sendirian Berhad from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia are an operators company who undertake the complete operation of the car park on behalf of the owners

www.parkrite.com.my

Six Card Solutions are a technology company, offering a modular range of products and services relating to card-based electronic payment transactions, plus total solutions for merchants (trading partners), acquirers (card processors) and Issuers (card distributors, such as financial institutions).

www.six-card-solutions.com

EPA representative in European Payments Council

Jens Zier, Q-Park has been reconfirmed as the representative of the EPA for another two years to participate in the international work group “retailers” established by the European Payments Council EPC. Together with the EPA the following European associations of retailers are represented: IATA (International Airlines), EUROPIA (Petrol), ASFAS (Toll roads).

The EPC is the decision-making and coordination body of the European banking industry in relation to payments. The EPC develops the payment schemes and frameworks necessary to realise the single Euro payments area SEPA. SEPA is a European Union integration initiative in the area of payments.



ESPA 2012



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 can be obtained from the Secretariat.

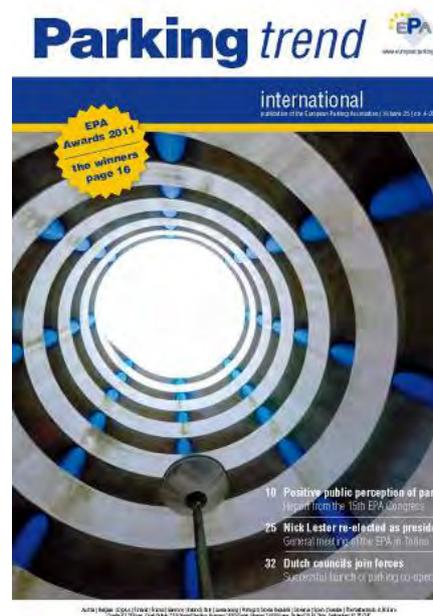
EPAs member associations can order the signs at a price of € 95, - per piece at the EPA Secretariat. The acrylic plate measures 39,5 cm by 29,5 cm with four stainless steel mounting parts.

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An editorial meeting of Parking Trend is scheduled for the afternoon of March 28, 2012 Amsterdam. Invitations will be sent out separately.



Timetable of upcoming EPA meetings

EPA Board	January 27, 2012
EPA Board	April 27, 2012
EPA Board	June 29, 2012
EPA general meeting 2012	Friday, Sept. 21, 2012 Helsinki, Finland