



## Dear EPA members and colleagues,

please mark your calendars: in this newsletter you will find the confirmed dates for the EPA congress 2013 in Dublin and the EPA general meeting this September 2012 in Helsinki as well as information about the activities within the association for example from the task group working on Electronic Payments.

If you have any events or news from your national association which you would like us to include in this newsletter please just give us a call or send a short e-mail.

Elisabeth Herles and Gerry Trost-Heutmekers

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## 16<sup>th</sup> EPA Congress in Dublin: September 11-13, 2013

The 16<sup>th</sup> EPA congress will take place from Wednesday September 11 to Friday September 13, 2013 in Dublin, Ireland. It is organized and hosted by the Irish Parking Association IPA.

Following the workmode developed for the 15th EPA congress in Turin the congress programme is set up by a Technical and Scientific Committee which will determine the themes and speakers. The multinational, multiexpert team from a variety of backgrounds will ensure that parking is going to be further discussed within a broad context addressing both specialist perspectives and the context of urban mobility, new technologies and future trends.

Confirmed members to date for the Technical and Scientific Committee, chaired by Liam Keilthy, Ireland are Dr. Brian Caulfield (Dept. of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering, Trinity College Dublin), Simon Richardson (Dept. of Regional Development-Roads Services, Northern Ireland), Patrick Troy (CEO- British Parking Association), Brian Riddick (Dublin City Council / Irish Parking Association), Nick Lester (President EPA) and Gerhard Trost-Heutmekers (Secretary General EPA).

The congress venue is the Convention Centre in Dublin which provides an excellent professional and architectonically outstanding framework both for the scientific programme and the trade exhibition.

For any information with regard to the congress - for example about exhibition opportunities please contact Keith Gavin, chairman of the organizing committee.

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The organizing team is distributing a short electronic survey amongst delegates of previous EPA congresses and would be grateful if you take the time and answer the questions.



## EPA General Meeting 2012 and EPA POLIS workshop

The EPA general meeting will take place in Helsinki, Finland, on Friday September 21, 2012.

In cooperation with POLIS, the network of European cities and regions preparations are being made to link the general meeting to an EPA POLIS workshop with scientific programme on Thursday September 20<sup>th</sup>. One focus of the programme will be on parking enforcement. The exact schedule is still to be confirmed.



### Accommodation

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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**.



Access to the EPA Award winner 2011:  
Q-Park Stockmann car park

Next to the EPA general meeting on Friday September 21 all delegates will have also have an opportunity to visit Q-Parks Stockmann car park, the EPA Award winner 2011 in the category new car parks.

You will be informed about further details of the programme and will receive the official invitation shortly.

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## Task Group Electronic Payments

The task group examines the development of electronic payment systems and the impact for the parking industry. A proposal for next steps has been presented at the last EPA congress in Turin and meanwhile the first step of this proposal has been implemented.

EPA has established a contact to the IFSF, the Petrol Retail Industry Forum which has established standards recognized by the payment card industry. In the next few months the task group will investigate their model and learn from their experience to consolidate standards and processes. The next step will then be to investigate the feasibility of creating a processing platform at the European level which can process card payments for the parking industry at large (on and off-street), eventually in coherence with the IFSF schemes.



## Guests to EPA Board Meetings

The EPA board consists of five elected members. At the last EPA general meeting in Turin on September 16, 2011 the discussion arose to consider an enlargement up to eight members, in order to be able to ensure a better representation of more member countries. The invitation of guests during 2012 is to test the workability of this model and to consider a possible amendment of statutes.

The following EPA member associations have responded and nominated guests to participate in EPA board meetings during the year 2012:

IPA, Ireland: Keith Gavin

FNMS, France: Edouard Lecomte

FedParkBel, Belgium: Roland Cracco

SPA, Slovakia: Mario Grega (guest to Policy and Strategy Committee)

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## 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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## Parking Trend International

Editorial Meeting: March 28, 2012

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2012-2	16 March 2012	27 April 2012
2012-3	23 May 2012	4 July 2012
2012-4	29 August 2012	10 October 2012



## Intertraffic 2012

March 27-March 30, 2012, Amsterdam RAI Convention Centre, The Netherlands  
International trade fair for Infrastructure, ITS traffic management, Safety and Parking.  
[www.intertraffic.com](http://www.intertraffic.com)

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## International Parking Institute IPI Conference & Expo

June 10-13 2012, Phoenix, Arizona, USA  
Special Event: Global Parking Associations Leadership Summit on Sunday, June 10, 2012  
[www.parking.org](http://www.parking.org)

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## Parking Conference and expo

May 22-24, 2012, Växjö, Sweden  
[www.svepark.se](http://www.svepark.se)

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## Fachtagung und Mitgliederversammlung

June 14-15, 2012, Leipzig, Germany  
Bundesverband Parken e.V.  
[www.parken.de](http://www.parken.de)

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## 13th Australian Parking Convention

November 11-13, 2012, Sydney Convention and exhibition centre  
[www.parkingconvention.com.au](http://www.parkingconvention.com.au)

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## EPA meetings

Parking Trend Editorial Meeting	March 28, 2012
Policy and Strategy Committee	March 29, 2012
EPA Board	April 27, 2012
EPA Board	June 22, 2012
EPA general meeting 2012	Friday, Sept. 21, 2012 Helsinki, Finland