



## Dear EPA members and colleagues,

the EPA general meeting 2012 takes place in Helsinki, Finland, on Friday September 21, 2012. On the previous day, Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> EPA and POLIS, the network of European cities and regions organize a workshop with scientific program. Read more about both events below, but find out also about the competition for the EPA Award 2013, the new EPA member association from Finland and the EPA congress in Dublin next year.

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EPA Secretariat

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## EPA General Meeting

**Friday, 21st September 2012**

**Venue:** Kaupunkisuunnitteluviraston auditorio, Kansakoulukatu 3, FIN- 00100 Helsinki

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| 9.15  | <i>Arrival and registration</i>  |
| 9.30  | Opening by EPA President, Nick Lester  |
| 9.45  | Welcome address by Ville Lehmuskoski, Traffic Planning Manager of Helsinki   |
| 10.00 | „Parking and Urban Mobility - The programme of the 16 <sup>th</sup> EPA congress in Dublin 2013 Keith Gavin, Irish Parking Association, Chairman congress organizing committee |
| 10.30 | <i>Coffee Break</i>  |

### 11.00 General Meeting – Draft Agenda

1. Welcome, Opening and determination of quorum
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Approval of the minutes of the general meeting held on Sept 16, 2011 in Turin
4. Report on the association's activities in 2011/2012
5. Report from EPA Task Groups
6. Financial report 2011
7. Auditors report 2011
8. Discussion of the reports
9. Approval of the activities of the Board
10. Budget 2013 – resolution
11. Amendments of EPA Statutes
12. Election of EPA Board
13. Election of 2 auditors
14. EPA General Meeting 2013
15. Any other business
16. Closing

13.00 **Lunch hosted by Q-Park and Stockmann**



- 14.30 Guided Tour of "Stockmann Car Park"  
EPA Award winner 2011, Category 1 Best New Car Park
- 16.00 (approx.) Closing/Departure

### **Registration of delegates**

Guests are welcome to attend the General Meeting. Please contact the Secretariat.

### **Elections**

Two members of the board are to be elected, the positions are currently held by Egil Ostvik, Norway and Rainer-Michael Rudolph, Germany.

Nominations have to be given to the Secretariat in writing four weeks prior to the general meeting. The deadline for nominations for election as EPA board member is Friday August, 24, 2012.

### **Accommodation**

Special EPA delegate options are available at this hotel:

Hilton Helsinki Strand

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Hilton Guest Room incl. breakfast: 145 €/ single per night, 180 €/ double per night  
Please contact the Secretariat for the booking code. This special offer ends on August 20, 2012. Please make your bookings directly at the hotel and observe the hotel cancellation policy.

### **Social Programme**

#### **Thursday, 20th September 2012**

- 18:00 Drinks Reception for all EPA delegates at Car Museum, Forum P carpark, Helsinki
- 19.30 Possibility to meet informally for dinner at everyone's own expenses in a restaurant, the venue will be announced





## **EPA POLIS workshop in Helsinki**

Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012



### ***How can we be better?***

Improving quality of parking management to manage and balance urban transport demand.

### **Draft agenda**

Chair: Mr. Gavin Brown, parking operations manager, City of Edinburgh

#### **9.30 Welcome & introduction**

- Lasse Männistö, the chairman of the City of Helsinki Planning Board, tbc
- Nick Lester, EPA president

#### **9.50 Session 1: A better urban transport policy framework**

- Current state of play of the EU's urban transport policy: what can we expect from the 'urban package'?, Sylvain Haon, Director, Polis
- Knowledge based decision making for parking, the answers from the academic sector, Professor Itzhak Benenson, University of Tel Aviv

10.45 *Coffee break*

#### **11.00 Session 2: Improving the practice of parking planning**

- Juha Hietanen, City of Helsinki
- Parking planning in Scandinavia, Trivector, tbc
- Gent's new 'Mobility Company', Jan Gheldof, tbc

12.15 *Lunch*

#### **13.30 Session 3: Closing the quality cycle: improved enforcement strategies**

- The Utrecht approach to smart parking management, W. van de Vosse, tbc
- Analysis of illegal parking behavior in Greece, C.Spiliopoulou, DENCO, SA, tbc
- Enforcing parking on private land, Norwegian Parking Association, tbc
- New qualifications and training for the on-street parking sector, Patrick Troy, BPA
- Dublin's approach to fair parking enforcement, tbc

#### **15.15 Session 4: Panel discussion**

**Questions and debate – messages for a future position paper**

16.00 *Coffee Break*

#### **16.15 Site visit Session (tbc)**

#### **17.30 Workshop ends**



## EPA Award 2013 - entries now possible

The European Parking Award has been established by EPA as a biennial award for excellence in parking. A prize can be awarded in each of the following four categories

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| Category 1 | Any newly built car park                      |
| Category 2 | Any renovated car park                        |
| Category 3 | On-street parking projects                    |
| Category 4 | An innovative scheme in any aspect of parking |



The objective of the awards is to promote qualitative improvements in public car parking both on and off street including contribution of parking policy to Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans. In particular the awards seek to promote improvements in user friendliness, construction maintenance, management, design and safety.

The awards will be presented during the 16<sup>th</sup> EPA Congress in Dublin. Rules and Regulations and entry forms are available at the Secretariat now.

The deadline for entries is January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

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## 16<sup>th</sup> EPA Congress in Dublin 2013



The 16<sup>th</sup> EPA congress takes place from Wednesday September 11 to Friday September 13, 2013 in Dublin, Ireland. It is organized and hosted by the Irish Parking Association IPA. The Technical and Scientific Committee met on May 10<sup>th</sup> to establish the programme.

The EPA congress website has been relaunched. Bookmark [www.epacongress.eu](http://www.epacongress.eu) and check regularly for information on the congress.

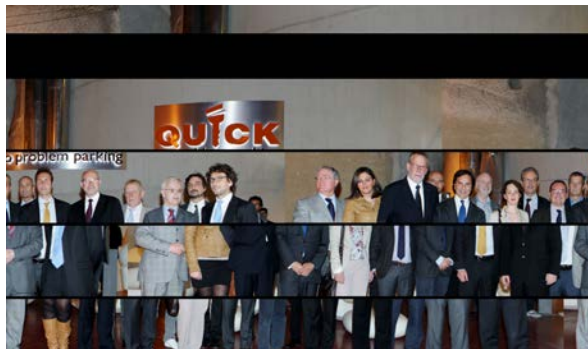
The Convention Centre in Dublin provides an excellent professional and architectonically outstanding framework both for the scientific programme and the trade exhibition. Exhibition opportunities are now available.

For any information with regard to the congress - for example about exhibition opportunities please contact Keith Gavin, chairman of the organizing committee. [agk@ireland.com](mailto:agk@ireland.com)



## Board visits EPA Award Winner Morelli Car Park

At the occasion of its meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup> the EPA board took up an invitation by AIPARK and Quick No Problem Parking to visit Morelli car park in Naples, Italy. The programme included a guided tour through the impressive construction, dug into a cave underneath the city centre. Morelli car park is the EPA Award winner 2011 in the category 4: Innovation.



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

## Parking Trend International

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Please observe the changes in the dates for the upcoming issues:

Issue	NEW Deadline	NEW Publication
2012-3	6 July 2012	27 July 2012
2012-4	19 Sept. 2012	10 Oct. 2012



Some members of the editorial team: Marko Ruh, Igor Dula, Emily Mc Cunn, Gerry Trost-Heutmekers, Patrick Troy, Peter Martens



## New EPA Member Association

EPA has a new member association. The Finnish Parking Business Association Suomen Pysäköintialan Liitto ry joined the EPA as the second member from Finland. The board welcomes their membership.

[www.pysakointiliitto.fi](http://www.pysakointiliitto.fi)



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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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## 8th SPA Parking Conference

November 13-15, 2012, Hotel Hutník, Tatranské Matliare.  
Slovak Parking Association

[www.spa-parking.sk](http://www.spa-parking.sk)

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## EPA meetings

EPA Board

Friday June 22, 2012

EPA General Meeting 2012

Friday, Sept. 21, 2012 Helsinki, Finland