



Dear EPA members and colleagues,

an interesting coincidence: September 21 was not only the day of the EPA general meeting but also so-called "International Park(ing) Day". This is what we discovered in Helsinki on Friday afternoon just after the site visit to Stockmann car park: various groups and activists had converted on-street parking spaces into temporary public "parks" – certainly a playful statement for improving the quality of urban space.

More news about the general meeting in Helsinki, the EPA data collection, the EPA congress and the EPA Award competition are all compiled for you on the following pages.



Hammocks on the kerbside:
Parking Day 2012 in Helsinki

Wishing you a pleasant autumn time,
Elisabeth Herles and Gerry Trost-Heutmekers, EPA Secretariat

EPA Board

In the general meeting on September 21 in Helsinki the two seats in the board held by Egil Ostvik and Rainer-Michael Rudolph were to be elected. Rainer-Michael Rudolph, who had been on the board since 2007 and previously a member of the Advisory Council of Directors did not stand for re-election. Nick Lester thanked him also on behalf of his colleagues for his dedication to the EPA especially in his field of responsibility of budget and finance.

The delegates re-elected Egil Ostvik, Norpark as member of the Board. They also elected Michael Kessler, nominated by the German Bundesverband Parken as a new member of the board. Both have a term of office for two years until the general meeting in 2014.



EPA Board 2012: Antoni Roig, Laurence A. Bannerman, Nick Lester, Michael Kessler, Egil Ostvik



Resolutions of the General Meeting

Enlargement of the Board

The delegates of the general meeting unanimously agreed to all proposed amendments of the EPA statutes. The major changes lead to an enlargement of the EPA Board to up to eight members, including a representative of the associate members. This will take effect as from the next general meeting in September 2013. Until then members will be asked to nominate guests to the Board.



Delegates at the EPA general meeting September 21, 2012

Policy and Strategy Committee

It was also decided to enlarge the Policy and Strategy Committee to up to seven elected members with effect from the next regular elections in 2013. Up until then Alexandra Boutelier, Peter Martens, Andrea Roli and Nigel Williams will work together with the guests Joao Caetano Dias, Mario Grega and Peter Schneck, who have all been nominated by their associations. The Policy and Strategy Committee is responsible for the management of the EPA Task Groups. A representative of this committee will participate in board meetings.

Representatives of the Associate members

Two representatives of the associate members, Martin Kammler from Scheidt and Bachmann and Peter Dingemans from TKH Solutions had been nominated will be invited as guests to the board meetings up to 2013.

Constitutional Meeting of Board

The constitutional meeting of the new board and a joint meeting of Board and Policy and Strategy Committee is scheduled for December 3, 2012.

EPA POLIS workshop

About 70 participants attended the 2nd EPA POLIS workshop on September 20th. The presentations are now available online:



<http://www.polisnetwork.eu/publicevents/115/61/Second-Joint-EPA-Polis-Parking-Workshop/>

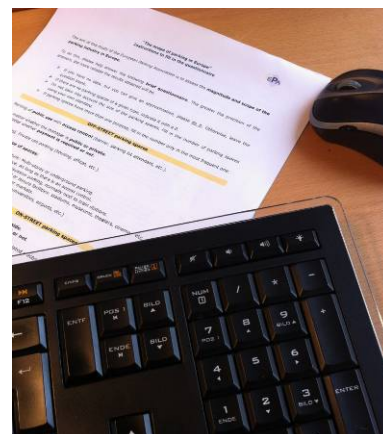
EPA Data Collection – new survey online

The final phase of the EPA Data Collection has been launched and the new questionnaire is now online on:
<http://www.europeanparking.eu/data-collection?s17940=2080>

The questionnaire has been modified with scientific support of the University of Barcelona.

It is easy to use, short, and can be filled out online. For a preview of the scope pdfs are available for download. Currently 10 different languages are available.

Please do not hesitate to contact Gema Perez on +34 933 308 709 for any questions with regard to the survey.



Data Collection:
survey online until December 2012

E-Payments

EPA has approached IFSF, the international forum of the seven major petroleum retailers whose objective is the harmonisation of equipment interconnectivity, communication and payments standards in the petroleum retail business. Their payments standards are recognized by the banking and payment sector and have a high overlap with the requirements of the parking industry. Currently a memorandum of understanding is being prepared to formalize a closer collaboration with IFSF.

The EPA task group is chaired by Richard Thoma.

EPA Award 2013: Excellence in parking



Impression from Lisbon
Winner EPA Award 2011 Cat.: onstreet

Rules and regulations are available on the EPA website or from the Secretariat.

All car parks and projects will be featured with a portrait in the first three editions of Parking Trend International Magazine of 2013.

A shortlist of up to 12 projects will be visited by an international jury in May 2013. The Awards will be presented in a special ceremony during the 16th EPA Congress in Dublin in September 2013.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: JANUARY 1, 2013



16th EPA Congress Dublin 2013

Please find all information about the programme, hotels, sponsorship opportunities, the social programme on www.epacongress.eu.

Delegate registration is now possible online. The early bird rate is valid until March 31, 2013:

Early Bird: €800 (incl. VAT)

Thereafter: €900 (incl. VAT)

There are reduced rates for partners and day visitors.

For any information with regard to the congress please contact Keith Gavin, chairman of the organizing committee: epa2013@parkingireland.ie



Dublin Convention Center at night

EPA general meeting 2013

This will take place in the afternoon of September 13, 2013 in Dublin subsequent to the closing ceremony the 16th EPA congress.

EPA congress 2015

All EPA members are invited to send in their expression of interest to become a host of the 17th EPA congress in 2015.

The following schedule applies:

1 st January 2013	Deadline for submitting initial draft proposals
January 2013	Board shortlists candidates
March to May 2013	Inspection Committee visits shortlisted candidates
June 2013	Presentations to the Board and decision

Compared to previous years EPA will take over more responsibility for the programme. Please contact the Secretariat for further information.

New EPA Member

The Union of Parking Operators of Attica Prefecture (E.E.S.A.N.A.) from Greece joined the EPA as a full member.





Calendar

Oct 31- Nov 1, 2012

**Annual Conference
and 25th Anniversary**

NORPARK

Oslo, Norway

www.norpark.no

November 5-6, 2012

**4. Airport Parking Network
Event**

Lisbon, Portugal

www.parking-

net.com/apne2012/

November 7, 2012

Kompetenzforum Parken

Bundesverband Parken e.V.

Maritim Hotel Würzburg,

Germany

www.parken.de

November 11-13, 2012

**13th Australian Parking
Convention**

Sydney Convention and
exhibition centre

www.parkingconvention.com.au

November 13-15, 2012

8th Conference

Slovak Parking Association

Tatranske Matliare, Slovakia

www.spa-parking.sk

November 29-30, 2012

POLIS Annual Conference

with EPA session on Parking

Perugia, Italy

www.polisnetwork.eu

2013

May 21-23, 2013

**SVEPARK Conference
and Expo**

Boras, Sweden

www.svepark.se

June 19-20, 2013

**Parken 2013
conference and
exhibition**

Bundesverband Parken
e.V.

Rhein-Main Hallen

Wiesbaden, Germany

www.parken-messe.de

September 11-13, 2013

**16th EPA congress and
exhibition**

Convention Centre

Dublin, Ireland

www.epacongress.eu

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