



Dear EPA members and colleagues,

thank you for the good collaboration in 2013, have a peaceful and relaxed time over Christmas and a great start into the New Year.

Yours with best wishes, Elisabeth Herles and Gerry Trost-Heutmekers
EPA Secretariat

Scientific and Technical Committee

17th EPA Congress and PARKEN

International congress and trade exhibition
on planning, construction and operation
of on- and off-street parking
Berlin, 23 – 25 September 2015



The theme of the 17th EPA congress and the contents of the scientific program will result from the activity and proposals of the Scientific and Technical Committee (STC) composed of European wide academic, parking, mobility and industrial experts from 9 different European countries. This committee is asked to examine the evolutionary process of new ways of using and managing the cities considering the related parking management contribution concentrating on strategical, economical, communicational and technological notions with the goal of illustrating the extent to which parking is and can be an integral part of efficient cities.

Members of the STC 2015

1	Laurence Bannerman	EPA Vice President, chairman of the committee, I
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15	Belinda Webb	Head of Communications NSL, Marketing Communications, UK
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Members of the EPA Scientific and Technical Committee for the EPA congress 2015 at the first meeting in Frankfurt on Nov 28, 2013.
(from left to right: M. Kammler, P. Schäfer, G. Trost-Heutmekers, N. Lester, M. Kessler, L. A. Bannerman, G. Mingardo, A. Musso



EPA Task group Blue Badge Parking in Europe



The scope and objectives for a new EPA task group on the subject matter of “Blue Badge Parking in Europe” has been distributed to the EPA members recently.

The “Blue Badge Scheme” was introduced in Europe to regulate exemptions from the parking regulations for disabled drivers.

The Blue Badge Scheme only applies for the public parking regulations and according to recommendation 98/367/EC badges issued in Member Countries must be accepted all member countries. The local regulations can be different and must be respected by the holder.

In many countries the badge gives the holder other rights, such as no charge at toll stations. It is reported that this fact lead to misuse of the blue badge. In some countries this is considered a big problem.

The objective of the EPA task group would be to discuss and identify issues concerning harmonization of regulations, harmonization of medical requirements and questions how to ensure security, validity and quality of the badges. The group will be chaired by EPA board member Egil Ostvik, NORPARK.

All EPA member associations are kindly invited to nominate interested members of their associations who would like to join and participate actively in this task group. The initial scope and brief document is available by request from the Secretariat.

The deadline for nominations is January 15, 2014.

EPA Task Group E-Payments

The EPA website has been updated with progress reports on the work on E-Payments. If you follow this link you will also find a question and answer document available for download.

<http://www.europeanparking.eu/e-payments?s17940=480>



EPA Policy and Strategy Committee

Francois Gindre is no longer an active member in the Policy and Strategy Committee. The French member Association FNMS nominated Edouard Lecomte, Secretary General of FNMS to take over his position.



Smart Urban Parking Strategies at POLIS annual conference



EPA board member Wilfried Thierry moderated the session on parking at the POLIS Annual Conference on December 4 , 2013 in Brussels.

The presentations are available for download on the POLIS website <http://www.polisnetwork.eu/2013presentations#2c>

ESPA 2014

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. EPA's 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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www.parking-net.com/parking-events

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