



Dear EPA members and colleagues,

following a successful combination of events organised together with the EPA annual general meeting mid September in Krakow the EPA is now looking ahead towards the autumn which brings the completion of the work of the Scientific and Technical Committee for the 18th EPA congress&exhibition in Rotterdam 2017, the continuation of the EPA working groups on online distributors and ESPA on-street and the POLIS annual conference with a parking session chaired by the EPA, to name but a few. Have a look at the new EPA website to keep up to date on EPA matters or send as an email or give us a call at the Secretariat.

Yours with kind regards

Elisabeth Herles and Gerry Trost-Heutmekers, EPA Secretariat

EPA general meeting: new board members elected



Photo: S. Loberg

Stein Loberg, Norway

At the EPA annual General Meeting 2016 in Krakow four members of the Board were elected. George Hadjigeorgiou, Cyprus, Michael Kessler, Germany, Stefan Sadleder, Austria were re-elected, Stein Loberg, Norway joins the EPA board.

All have a term of office of two years. Responsibilities within the Board will be allocated at the constitutional meeting of the new board. The EPA board has now eight members. Next to the above these are: Laurence A. Bannerman, President, Italy; David Kownator, France; Antoni Roig, Spain; Nigel Williams, UK.

In connection with the EPA general meeting there was a two day series of seminars and conference organised by the University of Cracow, the Polish Parking Industry Organisation, the city network POLIS, the City of Cracow and the Push&Pull project.

More than 90 participants attended.

The presentations are available for [download](#).



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The next EPA general meeting 2017 will be on September 22, 2017 in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.



18th EPA Congress and Exhibition

Rotterdam, 20 – 22 September 2017
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The 18th EPA congress and exhibition in the De Doelen congress centre will be the highlight of the parking event calendar 2017. Companies interested in exhibiting may now book their spaces and benefit from an early bird price until October 31, 2016. The exhibition area covers 6.500m².

At the event website www.epacongress.eu you will find all information about exhibition and congress. Register for a newsletter to keep up to date with the preparations for this important parking event in 2017



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18th EPA Congress Programme

The Scientific and Technical Committee identified three major themes for the congress programme :

- ✓ Parking Today-solutions for the future
- ✓ New visions of urban mobility
- ✓ Technology

Further elements of the EPA congress are:
Inspiring and thought provoking keynote speakers, the City Lounge Concept of Rotterdam, a mix of plenary and parallel sessions, EPA awards ceremony, panel debates, summaries.



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EPA Awards 2017



Photo: EPA

The EPA Award is a prestigious award established by the European Parking Association for excellence in parking. The awards are granted in five categories every two years at the EPA congress. The deadline for entries is January 12, 2017. Please observe the rules and regulations which are available for download on the [EPA website](#) or by request from the [EPA Secretariat](#).

The awards will be presented in a special ceremony during the 18th EPA Congress in Rotterdam, on September 20, 2017.

The objective of the awards is to promote qualitative improvements in public car parking both on- and off-street. The contributions of the parking operation to parking policy, to Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans and to urban development are important factors.

In particular the awards seek to promote improvements in services provided to the customers and effective and sustainable management of the facilities. The awards also promote the development of good working practices in on street parking.

- category 1 New parking structures
- category 2 Renovated parking structure
- category 3 On-street parking projects
- category 4 Innovative schemes in parking
- category 5 Marketing & communication on parking



Photo: mesago EPA congress 2015

Deadline: 12 January, 2017

EPA working group digitalization/online distributors/parking brokers

The working group on online distributors and parking has commenced working. Members of the working group are: Joao Caetano Dias, Chairman, Sebastian Bringman, Henk de Bruin, Ties de Groot, Ferenc Kocsis, Peter Martens, Gaetano Trapanese, Alberto Sant, Robert Schmidt, Thomas Wallraven.

As developments in the digital world continue with high impact for the parking industry, it is felt necessary to support the parking operators in Europe with status information, to anticipate for the future in new partnerships and technology investments. The group will prepare a report for the EPA congress 2017

EPA working Group: ESPA On-Street

The working group chaired by Antoni Roig is compiling a set of basic standards for on-street parking management.

It shall ensure the quality of service in regulated on-street controlled parking zones by establishing a set of minimum standards for a good basic quality in structure and services.



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The documents are now available in draft form and will be used by several test cities. The standard will subsequently be released in 2017 on the occasion of the EPA congress.

Push&Pull Training



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As part of the series of events organised in connection with the EPA general meeting the EU project Push&Pull organised a [training](#) in Krakow. Presentations as well as other materials are available on www.push-pull-parking.eu

The next Push&Pull training will take place in Serbia on October 20, 2016.

ESPA

The European Standard Parking Award ESPA is a standard for good quality in parking structures. ESPA Gold is for those car parks with high levels of customer services and comfort. To obtain the award the EPA provides a comprehensive excel checklist for download on the EPA website www.europeanparking.eu together with a manual to fill in the list. Members and operators are encouraged always to use the version provided on the website as the excel checklist is being maintained continuously and small bugs are fixed. The latest version is called ESPA checklist 1v23.



Photo: EPA



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Each national member association in the EPA independently organises the procedure to award the standard to the operators or owners of the parking facility. The member associations may order the acrylic signs including mounting parts for 200,- € per piece and are asked to inform the Secretariat which car park has been awarded.

[Presentation of the first ESPA in Poland](#)

EPA website – fresh look



The EPA website www.europeanparking.eu has received an overhaul and fresh look during the summer.

The website is now prepared to be displayed in different languages spoken by EPA members associations. Over the next weeks these translations will be implemented in cooperation with the national parking associations.

Parking Trend international magazine

Almost 100 readers participated in the Parking trend reader survey that was announced in the previous issue. Feedback was overall positive and the editorial team got many very useful comments. There is a first report in the current edition of Parking Trend Number 3, 2016.



Date schedule 2016

	Theme	Copy deadline	Advertising deadline	Advertising data deadline	Date of publication
Issue 1	perception – preview: Intertraffic Amsterdam 2016	18 February	25 February	2 March	18 March
Issue 2	technology – refurbishment and construction	27 May	9 June	16 June	30 June
Issue 3	economics – pricing, ticketing and payment solutions	19 August	8 September	15 September	5 October
Issue 4	management – new ways for efficient enforcement	11 November	18 November	25 November	9 December



POLIS Annual Conference and parking session



At the POLIS Annual Conference EPA will chair a session on parking Thursday December 1, 2016 and participate in a panel debate.

For the programme and registration please visit:
<http://www.polisnetwork.eu/2016conference>

Conferences, Events, Seminars



Serbian Parking Association
Conference „Parkon“
19.-21. October 2016, Hotel Izvor, Aranđelovac



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[15. November 2016](http://www.parken.de)
[Würzburg, Germany](http://www.parken.de)
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[12th SPA Parking Conference](#)
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