

Dear EPA members and colleagues,

we wish you all a great start into a successful year 2017 and are looking forward to meeting you in the fascinating city of Rotterdam in September for the 18th EPA congress and exhibition. The Scientific and Technical Committee for the EPA congress has issued a call for papers and in case you are interested in joining the prestigious EPA Awards which are announced at the first day of the EPA congress please send in your entry material in the next few days, the deadline is this week Thursday, January 12, 2017.

With best wishes from the EPA Secretariat in Cologne,
Elisabeth Herles and Gerry Trost-Heutmekers

Join the EPA Awards competition: Deadline 12 January, 2017



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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.

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.

All projects submitted will be featured extensively in the magazine Parking Trend international.

The deadline for entries is Thursday January 12, 2017.



18th EPA Congress and Exhibition



Rotterdam, 20 – 22 September 2017
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Call for abstracts for presentations (1/2)

Deadline February 28th , 2017

The Scientific and Technical Committee of the European Parking Association (EPA) is pleased to announce a **Call for abstracts for presentations** for the 18th EPA Congress that will take place in Rotterdam from Wednesday, September 20th to Friday, September 22nd, 2017. Interested speakers are invited to submit abstracts for presentations on research, policy developments and innovative practices related to the field of parking. The presentations should not exceed 15 to 20 minutes. Commercial presentations will not be accepted. The abstract must relate to any of the following topics

Please download the full document on www.epacongress.eu or contact Elisabeth Herles, Secretariat EPA, Coordinator Committee Secretariat: epa@europeanparking.eu for any questions related to the call.

Stream A: Parking today: policies & marketing

- Parking policies and urban mobility today – making it work
- Pricing, politics & behaviour
- Payments, seamless payments, loyalty
- Shopping in the main street- availability versus price - what do drivers want
- Customer services and customer experience
- The role of parking policy in Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans
- Park & Ride and effects on travelling
- Enforcement in public domain and private areas
- Converge on-street and off-street parking
- Sustainable maintenance planning: protection versus repair
- Refurbishing and repurposing parking facilities

Stream B: Technology and innovation

- Seamless payment systems
- Connectivity and parking
- Connected, intelligent & autonomous vehicles
- E-charging infrastructure & policies
- Cities commitment to open data
- Parking and journey planners



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Call for abstracts for presentations (2/2)

Instructions to submit an abstract for the 18th EPA Congress:

The final date for submissions of the abstract (min 500 words) and a short biography is **28th February, 2017**. The abstracts must be PDF documents.

Please forward the Email, the abstract and the biography to: epa@europeanparking.eu
with the subject line: 2017 EPA Congress + Stream + Your Surname

Each submitted abstract must be ideally in English, must not exceed two pages, and must include:

- Name / Address / Phone Number /Author E-mail
- General topic of the abstract (example: "Park and Ride")
- Name your abstract file as follows: 2017 EPA Congress Your surname – the stream - the topic.
Example: "2017 EPA Congress –Smith – Stream A - Park and Ride"

Call for Abstracts: Schedule

- February 28th, 2017: Abstract submission deadline.
- March 2017: Review by Steering Committee and selected authors invited to submit draft papers.
- June 1st, 2017: Draft paper submission and Steering Committee completes reviews within the month.
- July 31st, 2017: Final paper/presentation submission deadline.

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



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NEW: ESPA On-Street - Test phase until January 30, 2017

The **On-street European Standard Parking Award** (ESPA On-Street) is being established by the European Parking Association as an award for excellence in on-street parking regulation systems.

The award ensures the quality of service in regulated on-street **controlled parking zones** by establishing a set of minimum standards for a good basic quality in the system and its services.

In order to make the award accessible for all types of regulation systems, the preliminary test is now open for those organizations/institutions that want to apply for the ESPA On-Street Award. EPA will review the assessment forms and questionnaires received from all participants to make the award better.

EPA will then formally approve the new standard which will be introduced at the [18th EPA congress](#) in Rotterdam, September 20-22, 2017.

All materials are available for [download on the EPA website](#). The deadline for test entries is **30 January 2017**

ESPA and ESPA Gold



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. Each national member association in the EPA independently organises 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.

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.

POLIS Annual Conference presentations online



All presentations of the annual POLIS conference are online:
<http://www.polisnetwork.eu/2016presentations>

EPA collaborates with POLIS, the network of European cities and regions working together to develop innovative technologies and policies for local transport.



Parking Trend international magazine

Date schedule 2017

	Theme	Copy deadline	Advertising deadline	Advertising data deadline	Date of publication
Issue 1	economics – EPA Awards 2017: start of the series	16 February	23 February	2 March	16 March
Issue 2	perception – preview: 18 th EPA Congress and Exhibition	2 June	9 June	16 June	30 June
Issue 3	management – review of Rotterdam: "Parking in the City Lounge"	15 September	22 September	29 September	13 October
Issue 4	technology – on-street parking: traffic control and surveillance	8 November	15 November	22 November	6 December

Conferences, Events, Seminars

Branchentreff: Tankstellen Garagen Services

January 20, 2017
AutoZum, Salzburg
www.autozum.at

Parkon

May 10-12, 2017
Arandelovac, Serbia
www.parkon.rs

Parkex

April 4-6, 2017
Birmingham, NEC, UK
www.parkex.co.uk

Svepark Konferens

May 16-18, 2017
Lund, Sweden
www.svepark.se

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Fachausstellung und Fachtagung
für Planung, Bau und Betrieb von
Einrichtungen des ruhenden Verkehrs
Karlsruhe, 21. – 22.06.2017

www.parken-messe.de

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