



Dear EPA members and colleagues,

this newsletter looks back to the successful 18th EPA congress and exhibition in Rotterdam and looks forward to September 2019. Please mark your calendar from **September 18-20, 2019** for the **19th EPA Congress and Exhibition** which will be hosted by the Spanish Parking Association **ASESGA** in the city of **Malaga, Spain**. The 19th EPA congress and exhibition is combined with the Seminario Iberico de Aparcamientos.

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

EPA General Meeting 2017

EPA Statutes

The EPA annual general meeting took place on Friday, September 22, 2017 on the final day of the 18th EPA congress. The delegates agreed on an amendment of the EPA statutes which leads to an enlargement of the EPA Board, where two seats are now allocated to representatives of the associate members.

New EPA Board member

One of those seats was elected this year and Peter Dingemans, park assist joins the EPA Board. The other seat will be elected next year to adhere to the rotation principle. EPA President Laurence A. Bannerman was re-elected as President, as were Vice President Antoni Roig, and Board Members David Kownator and Nigel Williams. All have a period of office of two years.

EPA Policy and Strategy Committee

The General Meeting elected the following members to the Policy and Strategy Committee: Sebastian Bringman, Thierry Brusseaux, Joao Caetano Dias, Martje Hoofs, Jaime Lopez de Aguilar, Manny Rasores de Toro and Patrik Lindergren.



Participants EPA General Meeting, September 2017, photograph M.Ruh, Maenken



18th EPA Congress&Exhibition



EPA congress Key Note speakers from left to right: Jose M. Viegas, former General Secretary of the International Transport Forum ITF, Eric Jonnaert, General Secretary Association of Car manufacturers ACEA, Pex Langenberg, Vice Mayor of Rotterdam.



The event attracted 361 delegates and 61 exhibitors. In total there were 1400 visitors during the three days.



18th EPA Congress and Exhibition

Rotterdam, 20 – 22 September 2017
 Parking in the City Lounge, Powered by VEXPAN



The Congress showed a well-balanced mix of plenary sessions and specialist breakout sessions. Congress moderator Gerrit Heijkoop (left) involved the audience with an interactive web based app to ask questions and react to the presentations directly. Former EPA President Nick Lester-Davis moderated the Round Table discussion with representatives from Cities and the Parking industry. VEXPAN President Monique Pluijm welcomed the delegates. The congress programme, which is the result of the work of an international Scientific and Technical Committee is available for download on www.europeanparking.eu

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EPA Awards 2017 Winners

New Structures	Park Primo Maggio	Udine, Italy	Sistema Sosta e Mobilità SpA
Renovated Structures	Am Museumsquartier	Vienna, Austria	Contipark International Austria GmbH
On-Street Projects	Remote Image Review for Digital on-street enforcement	Amsterdam, Netherlands	Egis Projects S.A.
Innovative Schemes	Q-Park Cashless and Contactless Payments	Maastricht, Netherlands	Q-Park NV
Marketing & Communication	Prevent Smash&Grab campaign	Amsterdam Netherlands	Q-Park Netherlands/Amsterdam Police/Municipality of Amsterdam

In a special ceremony on the first day of the congress all 16 shortlisted projects presented their entries. Representatives of the jury teams explained why the winners were selected.



EPA President Laurence A. Bannerman and the lucky winners of an EPA Award 2017 in each of the five categories (Photo: G. Trost-Heutmekers).

The presentations of all the shortlist and the winning projects are available on the EPA website.

The next EPA Award Competition 2019 will be open for entries in mid 2018.



Statement of the 18th EPA Congress

The 18th EPA Congress, held in Rotterdam, showed a massive progress in professionalism of the European Parking Industry since the last Congress in Berlin, two years ago:

- Municipalities and public authorities are actively managing dynamic and static traffic
- Digitalization is no longer a “buzz-word” but has already arrived in all aspects of our business
- Parking is getting away from “brick & mortar” to new concepts and we will all have to adopt the business models developing with high speed.
- Standardization on payment structure (like the EPA-IPIPS) and on data exchange formats are available and should be adopted by our industry as soon as possible.
- EPA is taking over a proactive part in bringing industry into the necessary “flow”
- We have seen a tremendous variation and quality of presentations for the EPA Awards.

The congress has seen a huge number of highly professional presentations and concepts and recognizes that the key messages for the next future will be the following:

- The cooperation of local city authorities and the parking industry can perfectly work out, as we have seen on the example of our wonderful host-town Rotterdam.
- New technologies, like connecting intelligence in the vehicle and in the car park, electric vehicles and autonomous cars will define the future, but there is still a long way to go.
- Parking enforcement will be modernized and “decriminalized”. Funds will be well distributed.
- The race for the ownership of data, and use of data in the business, is going on in high speed.
- Parking Policies and management are getting more important for cities and local authorities
- Customer orientation must still be in the strong focus for our industry.
- Sustainable Mobility and Smart Cities will be some of the leading conditions for developing the parking business.

The EPA congress proved once more that the parking industry in Europe, in a rapidly changing world, made giant leaps towards professionalization. Different regimes and policies are hindering a fast rollout of new technologies throughout Europe. These “walls” will have to be torn down to open the market and society for an exciting future.

“A lot of people in our industry haven't had very diverse experiences. So they don't have enough dots to connect, and they end up with very linear solutions without a broad perspective on the problem. The broader one's understanding of the human experience, the better design we will have.” (Steve Jobs)

Rotterdam, September 22, 2017



GPALs Global Parking Association Leaders Summit



GPALs meeting in Rotterdam 2017 Photo K. Röhrig, Maenken

24 delegates from 12 European, US and Canadian Parking Associations joined the 6th Global Parking Associations Leaders Summit prior to the EPA Congress. On the agenda was an exchange on common themes such as blue badge abuse, data standards or on-street legislation.

GPALs is an annual gathering of parking association leaders from around the world. Established by the International Parking Institute in 2012, GPALs is an opportunity to share information in a friendly forum that encourages discussion and dialogue on a wide range of topics.

The next GPALs Meeting will take place at the IPI Conference & Expo from June 3-6, 2018 Orlando Florida.

IPIPS - International Parking Information and Payment Standards



The International Parking Information and Payment Standards IPIPS for Off-Street and On-Street Standards have been finalised and were presented at the EPA congress. An EPA Data and Standards aISBl will be set up to promote the standards.

Blue Badge

London Southbank University has carried out a research project on behalf of the BPA and EPA in order to better understand the eligibility criteria, lifespan and concessions available for Blue Badges (i.e. permits for disabled drivers) across Europe to create a European Register for the Blue Badge Scheme to help identify opportunities for better harmonisation and to provide an improved service for genuine Blue Badge holders while assisting relevant authorities to enforce the scheme thereby reducing abuse and fraudulent use. The initial results were presented to the EPA General Meeting, further research is necessary which could eventually lead to a development of a harmonised blue badge scheme across Europe.



Academic Network



photo: G. Trost-Heutmekers

In order to stimulate and disseminate scientific research on parking related themes EPA has agreed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Erasmus University of Rotterdam, the University La Sapienza in Rome and the Cracow University of Technology. Further academic institutions that are interested in collaborating accepting the context of the MOU can be admitted to the EPA Academic network.



A new member in the ESPA family: ESPA On-Street

The On-street European Standard Parking Award (ESPA On-Street) has been 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.

EPA introduced the standard at the 18th EPA congress in Rotterdam.

Please consult the [EPA website](#) for the documentation and further information about this new Award



ESPA and ESPA Gold



The well- established 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 all awards 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

EPA POLIS CROW SEMINAR

On September 19th, 2017 POLIS CROW and EPA organised a joint workshop on parking and behaviour. Further informations and the presentations are available online [here](#).



Parking Trend international magazine

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



Thank you, Peter Martens!

Peter Martens has officially resigned from his activities in the EPA after his retirement. Peter was Chairman of the Organising Committee of the 18th EPA Congress. Since 2004 he was active in the Policy and Strategy Committee (previously the Advisory Council of Directors) and chaired the group until 2017. Probably Peter is most famous for the organisation of the EPA Award Jury Trips – visiting up to 15 car parks all over Europe in one week.



Peter Martens Photo: mesago

New EPA Associate members

The following companies joined the EPA as associate member



EasyPark Group focus on digital services within the automotive industry, primarily for parking, charge of Electronic cars and parking guidance that together with managing the parking including payment fulfils the two top needs for a motorist in one application. EasyPark Group also delivers services beyond the payment itself.



evopark is a pioneer in the digitalization of off-street parking in Europe. The company, founded as a start-up in 2014, sets a new standard for a convenient parking experience at central locations. evopark allows to easily find off-street parking locations, to enter and exit car parks with the gates opening automatically through RFID and ANPR technology and to pay parking fees at the end of the month via cashless online payment.



Created in 1980, the French Public Transport Authorities Association "GART" takes action in favour of the development and promotion of public transport, and more generally alternative modes to the private cars. As important actor of the urban mobility, the GART shares with the public transport authorities' members (233 members) all the issues of the sector and defend in all of the different levels of decisions of the public policies.



TIBA provides innovative solutions for the Parking market enabling parking operators to keep pace with the latest trends in centralised operations, automated facilities, web reservations and mobile payments. With 30 years of global experience TIBAs robust, scalable architecture and software supports rapid third-party integration. TIBA serves global parking operators across diverse industries as hotels, hospitality, airports, universities, Shopping Centres, Hospitals and Medical Centres.



A selection of Conferences, Events, Seminars

Parkon Autumn 2017

Serbian Parking Association
25-27 October
Arandelovac, Serbia
www.parkon.rs

Parkeringskonferanse

November 1-3, 2017
Clarion Hotel The Edge, Tromso, Norway
www.norpark.no

13th SPA conference

Slovak Parking Association
21 - 23 november 2017
Hotel TRIGAN, Štrbské Pleso
www.spa-parking.sk



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CONFERENCE **2017**

www.polisnetwork.eu

December 6-7, 2017 Brussels

SAVE THE DATE!

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Malaga, Spain