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European
Transport
Conference
2011

10-12 October
Glasgow, Scotland, UK

Call for Papers and Preliminary Information

Deadline for the receipt of abstracts: Friday 4 February 2011



For those involved in transport planning, research and practice 2011 will prove to be a challenge to their skills. Transport plays a key role in regeneration and there will be particular pressure to produce innovative and cost-effective solutions to congestion, safety and travel behavior change at a time of major budget constraint. ETC 2011 will focus on the needs of local government officers and politicians and attempt to give practical answers based on experience throughout Europe.

The demands on Europe's transport systems continue to both increase and change as a result of a number of factors - such change demands innovative, robust and affordable responses. As transport practitioners and researchers throughout Europe respond to the challenges of economic decline and growth, social change, demographics and the need to become less unsustainable, the European Transport Conference is **the** forum for the presentation of and discussion on robust and affordable responses.

The Conference is unique in Europe, attracting around 500 transport practitioners and researchers to a meeting place, where they can find in-depth presentations on policy issues, best practice and research findings across a broad spectrum of transport modes.

The European Transport Conference, now in its 39th year, will benefit again from the financial and technical support of Transport Scotland as the conference returns to Glasgow.

The Association for European Transport

The Association for European Transport has been responsible for the organisation of the Conference, which has been held annually since 1973. This is part of the Association's aim to promote and maintain a pan-European understanding of transport issues along with its members who form a network of transport professionals across Europe.

Transferring Knowledge between Research and Practice

The range of topics and the multi-seminar approach makes ETC unique among transport conferences held in Europe. The Conference programme covers supra-national issues, national and local policy, and the implementation of projects at a local level. Issues of key importance are picked out each year for special examination and will be introduced in daily plenary sessions.

ETC - not just a conference for researchers

There are those who consider ETC to be a conference for researchers. Research sessions are an important element, but the Conference's reputation has been built on the interface between research and practice. Speakers are asked to draw out the policy implications of research - not to concentrate on the design and operation of a model, for example. Equally, practitioners and policy makers are encouraged to relate their presentations to the research behind the implementation of schemes and policies.

The Conference has built its reputation on the excellence of presentations and papers and the fact that all those involved in the dissemination of transport research, the formulation of policy and the implementation of those policies and practices. It presents a great opportunity for networking and forming career-spanning professional relationships. Although sessions at the Conference can be challenging in discussing matters of policy at the highest level, they can also provide good, basic education and training opportunities - it is truly a conference for all.

The Conference has up to 10 seminars running simultaneously each day allowing delegates access to a range of sessions - there is freedom to choose between all the sessions on offer. The chairman of each session is asked to make sure there is ample time for discussion of papers and questions and each day has time set aside for networking opportunities.



Profile of Delegates and Speakers

The conference attracts transport planners and engineers; local, regional and central government officers; public transport planners and operators; providers of technical advice and consultancy; policy makers, researchers and academics; those who evaluate and finance projects.

Conference Language

The language of the conference is English and all presentations will be made in English.

Speakers and delegates are advised that it is necessary to have a good standard of spoken English to take full advantage of the conference.



Conference Themes for 2011

The Association is keen that the papers presented at the Conference address themes of relevance to the transport policy agenda in Europe and worldwide.

A number of "hot topics" are to be identified by the Association. They will be reflected in plenary presentations and throughout the technical sessions. More particularly, the Association will promote the results of discussions to a wider audience so that national and supra-national policy-makers are aware of their value. During the planning process, these topics will be reviewed and more added to ensure that discussion at ETC is up-to-the-minute.

The "hot topics" identified are:

- The economic situation facing Europe and the rest of the World - how can minimal cost-solutions be found to deliver more capacity while retaining quality?
 - What do cuts in public expenditure really mean in the medium and long-term?
 - Are Public/Private Partnerships the answer to delivering infrastructure?
 - Is the answer to reducing congestion to be found in technology or regulatory solutions?
 - How is Accessibility for All to be achieved?
 - Does High Speed Rail provide environmental and practical solutions to efficient long-distance travel?
 - How can fatalities be reduced through improved road safety measures?
- European Transport Policy and Research
 - Planning for Sustainable Land Use and Transport
 - Modelling Innovations
 - Applied Methods in Transport Planning
 - Transport Economics and Appraisal
 - Traffic Management, Traffic Engineering and Road Safety
 - Local Public Transport
 - Rail
 - Freight and Logistics
 - Leisure and Tourism Transport
 - Innovative Transport Infrastructure Funding

You are invited to submit an abstract based on one of the "hot topics" or one of the specific themes identified by the ten Programme Committees which are:

Format of the Conference

The Conference will be held over three days from Monday 10 to Wednesday 12 October 2011. Working hours will be from 0900 to 1830. In the evenings, optional social events and networking opportunities will be offered.

A plenary session will be held each day. These present an opportunity to invite keynote speakers and to hold panel sessions dealing with key critical topics affecting transport across Europe of interest to all delegates.

Each day will have 3 sessions of up to 2 hours with up to 4 papers presented in each session (minimum of 10 minutes discussion on each). Up to 10 sessions will be held simultaneously, so delegates can choose to listen to papers ranging from in-depth discussion of general policy at local, national and supranational levels to research methods to the implementation of projects.

An attractive package is available to encourage attendance for the full three days of the Conference. To maximise networking opportunities offered by the event, it is hoped that delegates will attend for the whole Conference; however, attendance on single days is also possible. The conference "Rover" ticket also allows organisations to book for the full three days and send a different delegate on separate days.



Awards

Each year, AET makes a number of prestigious awards to recognise the best papers presented at the European Transport Conference. Papers considered for these awards will be reviewed by a subject-panel made up of senior academics and professionals from across the transport community.

Read the winning papers from the 2010 awards at www.aetransport.org/winners/winners.html

The awards for the 2011 Conference are:

Neil Mansfield Award for the best paper by a sole author aged 35 or under.

Planning for Sustainable Land Use and Transport Programme Committee Award on sustainable land-use/transport solutions, sponsored by Halcrow.

Emerald's Tourism Review Award for the best leisure and tourism paper, sponsored by Emerald Group Publishing Ltd.

To be eligible for any of the awards you must have submitted an abstract by the deadline of 4 February 2011. You can submit your paper for one or more of the awards.

Pricing Policy

Everyone who attends the Conference pays the appropriate attendance fee for one, two or three days. This includes speakers and Programme Committee members. Members of the Association receive discounts on their attendance fees according to their category of membership.

The following discounts will be available to attendance fees:

50% discount is available for attendees

- from new member states of the European Union (those who joined in 2004 and 2007)
- from local authorities
- Young professionals (under the age of 26)

The fees for the Conference will be confirmed in April 2011.

The fees for 2010 for one-day attendance were:

AET Individual member	£285 / EUR 315
AET Organisation member	£270 / EUR 300
Non member	£315 / EUR 350

Booking packages will be available for 3-day attendance and for multiple bookings.

Speakers and Programme Committee members will be able to take advantage of a discounted early booking incentive for booking and payment before the end of May 2011.

For information about becoming a member of the Association for European Transport, please visit www.aetransport.org

How to Present a Paper

The conference programme is mainly drawn from speakers who have submitted an abstract for consideration by one of the Programme Committees. When they are reviewing abstracts, Programme Committees are briefed to choose papers that an audience of professionals from a wide range of countries will want to hear, so it is important that abstracts contain detailed information about the project, its methodology and the likely conclusions to be reached when the paper is submitted (September 2011) and presented (October 2011).

Conditions of Acceptance

If your abstract is accepted, you will be notified by 7 May 2011 and your name will appear in the confirmed programme for the conference.

This is a binding commitment and you will be required to:

- Attend the conference and present the paper
- Submit the full written paper by 9 September 2011, having obtained permission to publish data if necessary
- Submit copies of your presentation slides for checking by 1 October 2011
- Submit a booking form and make the necessary payment by 1 August 2011. If your attendance is in any doubt, you are asked to inform the organisers at the earliest opportunity. This is a prestigious conference and non-attendance has a negative impact on delegates and on the organisers





Submission of Abstracts

The normal submission method is via the Association web-site: www.aetransport.org

You will need to register once as an author and then you can submit as many abstracts as you wish.

Abstracts must be from 250 to 750 words in length and they should not contain footnotes, formulae, tables or graphics. They must contain enough information to allow the committees to make a realistic decision about which abstracts to include to achieve a balanced and interesting programme. Some background information on the projects to which abstracts refer is also useful.

The Conference regularly receives many more abstracts than it is possible to accommodate in the final programme so authors should be sure that they are in a position to present their paper, if successful, at the Conference and that the abstract clearly sets out the key issues.

Project Meetings

In recent years, a number of EU Research consortia and other project groups have held their management or dissemination meetings during or adjoining the Conference. This can prove to be a convenient time if a number of the group members already plan to attend the Conference. If you would like to consider this option, please contact Christine Carr at christinec@aetransport.org or on +44 20 7348 1970.

Sponsorship and Exhibition

There are opportunities to sponsor all or part of the Conference such as the plenary sessions, internet access, themed seminars, the Conference Dinner, wine reception, conference bags, the timetable, conference badges. There will also be space for exhibition displays at reasonable rates.

If you would like to discuss the advantages of sponsorship and receive a schedule of what is available, please contact Christine Carr at christinec@aetransport.org or +44 20 7348 1970.



The Association for European Transport

The Association was formed in 1998, to take over the organisation of this Conference, which has been held annually since 1973, and to develop a network of transport professionals across Europe. There are over 300 members and new members are always welcome. Members receive discounts on publications and on attendance at the European Transport Conference, and, more particularly, they are able to shape the Conference by becoming members of the Programme Committees and of the Association Council.

There are two types of membership: Individual and Organisation. The Association encourages membership from individuals and organisations who pay according to a sliding scale of membership fees based on the size of the organisation.

To find out more, please contact Christine Carr at christinec@aetransport.org or +44 20 7348 1970.

PTRC - The Conference Organisers

PTRC manages the European Transport Conference on behalf of the Association for European Transport. PTRC has a world-wide reputation for the quality and professionalism of its events aimed at the international transport community. Further details of its UK and international training programme, projects and publications can be obtained from Christine Carr or from the PTRC web-site: www.ptrc-training.co.uk. Since December 2008, PTRC has been owned by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, CILT (UK) www.ciltuk.org.uk

Executive Board of the Conference

The Conference is managed by an Executive Board of representatives of the Association and of PTRC. The people involved with the Conference are:

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