

European Transport Conference 2008

6-8 October 2008
Leeuwenhorst Conference Centre
The Netherlands



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The European Transport Conference - a key event in the transport calendar

The demands on Europe's transport systems continue to both increase and change as a result of a number of factors - economic growth, social change, demographics and the need to become more sustainable. Such change demands innovative and robust responses which are affordable. Transport practitioners and researchers throughout Europe are responding to these challenges and the European Transport Conference, now in its 36th year, is the key annual event for sharing innovation, best practice and networking with colleagues from more than 30 countries.

Special Offers for Practitioners

The Association for European Transport is keen to attract more representatives from the public sector to ETC and is making an attractive offer to practitioners and officials from local and regional government to attend ETC on a "two for the price of one basis. If you would like to take up this offer then please indicate on the booking form. Please note that delegates must be from the same organisation and the bookings should be sent together.

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

If you come to the Conference, it may be to present a paper or to listen to others but you will find yourself in the midst of an expanding network of professionals who are committed to a common cause of moving forward the transport agenda to be tackled in Europe and its neighbouring countries. Papers are presented by active professionals and researchers, selected by the most respected members of the transport profession in Europe.

Each year, the Conference attracts new delegates, keen to experience this "meeting of minds" and to immerse themselves in three days of high-quality technical and policy presentations and discussion. About a third of delegates return each year - confirmation of the quality of the programme and presentations and the overall excellence of the value for money offered. This is also confirmed by the consistently high rating in post-conference research.

First-Time Delegates

The Association is keen to make the first experience of the European Transport Conference both memorable and trouble-free. To this end, Rachel Risely, AET Council member, has undertaken to welcome as many first-time delegates at the registration desk and will conduct a feedback session on Wednesday 8 October. Accent will sponsor a welcome reception on the Sunday evening.

Profile of Attendance

- Policy-makers, transport planners, planners and engineers from central and local government
- Providers of technical advice and consultancy
- Researchers, lecturers and students from universities, institutes and research bodies
- Analysts and advisers from banking and investment houses
- Managers and planners from public transport companies and authorities
- Environmentalists and lobbyists

Evening Sessions

It is planned to have a number of evening debates and discussions. On the evening of Monday 6 October there will be a discussion on congestion charging led by Val Shawcross, Chair of the Transport Committee of the London Assembly.

Extra Sessions

Session on Walking and Wayfinding, Monday 6 October

There will be five speakers in the session with opportunity for debate and discussion. The session will address the importance of walking and wayfinding as part of a sustainable, healthy transport network. Improvements in the walking experience will be examined and there will be a presentation on "Networks between places: distances, spatial awareness and ease of travel. Case studies based on work in London will be presented.

Session on the study of evaluation of business travellers in-work-time travel time savings Wednesday 8 October

The societal value of savings and losses of time accruing to business travellers has for many years been treated in a fairly simple way in the UK; the wage rate (plus on-costs) has been taken as a measure of lost/won productive value. This assumption was challenged twenty years ago in The Netherlands, and a different approach taken, involving evaluation of the actual use of saved/lost travel time, and the productive use of travel time itself. This approach has now been tested in the UK, in the context of rail travellers. The impact of travelling conditions, and particularly crowding, has been analysed. This session will present the thinking behind the study, the design and conduct of the data collection, the analyses and conclusions of the work.

ELITE workshop

The impact of shippers' sustainable initiatives on transport and logistics, a workshop organised by the ELITE network but available for ETC delegates to attend

Further details are available on the ETC web-site (www.aetransport.org).



Bringing Practice and Research Together

The unique feature of the European Transport Conference is its multi-seminar approach. The structure of the Conference has been enhanced to embrace a balance of practice and research. Delegates have access to these two distinct but overlapping aspects of transport and can move between sessions of great diversity.

The distinctions are drawn into two main areas:

Transport Policy and Operations includes seminars of direct relevance to transport planners and engineers with case studies as well as policy development. These cover local and national policy initiatives, transnational transport policy in Europe, as well as the broader implications of the climate change and sustainability agenda. Seminars also focus on the practical aspects of transport demand management, transport engineering and traffic safety, freight and logistics, local and interurban public transport, funding for transport, transport impacts of tourism and the delivery and operation of roads policy.

Research to Inform Decision-Making in Transport includes seminars with a more methodological focus covering innovative and applied methods. While these sessions are more directed towards those working in transport research, they do also have practical applications to transport.

Special Features of the 2008 Conference

- Daily plenary and keynote sessions given by well-known names in world transport circles

- **Professor Eddy van de Voorde** of the University of Antwerp on Current Issues in Transport Policy in Belgium

- **Professor David Hensher**, University of Sydney, Australia on Hypothetical Bias, Stated Choice Studies and Willingness to Pay

- **Ian Hodgson** of DG Environment, European Commission on The Next Steps for EC level action on Climate Change

- **Michael Wegener** of Spiekermann & Wegener Urban and Regional Research (S&W) on The influence of changing fuel prices on travel behaviour (invited)

- A choice of at least 10 simultaneous sessions each day

- More than 250 papers presented, selected by the 10 Programme Committees from over 500 abstracts submitted, with audiences of 20 - 80 people in each session

- AET General Assembly and elections to the AET Council held at lunchtime on Tuesday 7 October

- Conference Dinner in the Rotunda on Tuesday evening

- Evening technical and social sessions

- Welcome party for and feedback session from first-time delegates sponsored by Accent (www.accent-mr.com)

Key Themes

- Appraisal
- Climate change and sustainable transport
- Accessibility
- Mobility management
- European transport policy and research
- Planning for sustainable land-use and transport
- Local public transport
- Rail
- Freight and logistics
- Road pricing
- Traffic and transport: engineering and safety
- Discrete choice modelling
- Activity and land-use models
- Networks and traffic assignment
- Transport economics
- Leisure and tourism transport
- Survey methods
- Uncertainty
- Transport demand modelling
- Roads policy

Venue

Leeuwenhorst Conference Centre, Noordwijkerhout, near Leiden, Netherlands

The Conference will be held in a residential conference centre, close to Noordwijk, Amsterdam's popular beach resort. Leeuwenhorst offers first-class lecture rooms, excellent catering and modern, and well-equipped en-suite bedrooms.

There is plenty to do within the conference centre, which contains sports facilities, sauna, whirlpool, fitness room and a swimming pool, or you could venture further afield by exploring the surrounding tulip fields or dunes by bicycle or discover the history and sights of the nearby cities of Amsterdam, Haarlem, Leiden and The Hague.

Amsterdam Schiphol Airport provides international access by air and is also a hub for railways in the Netherlands. Many cost airlines fly into Schiphol and, by booking a month or two in advance, some very attractive prices can be achieved.

Leiden is 20 km from the conference centre. For those staying in Leiden or arriving at Leiden Station, the Leeuwenhorst Express runs in the morning from 0815 to 0915 hours and again in the evening at 1745 hours. The cost per single journey is EUR 5. Taxis are also readily available. The journey to Leiden takes approximately 20 Minutes. Alternatively some delegates last year chose to use the exciting "Zuidtangent" bus rapid transit service from Schiphol to Haarlem and then by local bus right to the front door of the conference centre - very inexpensive, comfortable and fast.



Overnight Accommodation

Delegates will get most benefit from their conference attendance if they stay at the conference centre but details of hotels in Leiden will be made available to delegates wishing to stay in the local area.

Accommodation at the conference centre is of high quality. The organisers have reserved a number of bedrooms but they are likely to be popular and over-subscribed. Details of the range of rooms available are contained in the accommodation booking form.

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. The awards include:

- **The Neil Mansfield Award** for the Best Paper by a sole author aged 35 or under.
- **The Planning for Sustainable Land Use and Transport Programme Committee Award** on sustainable land-use/transport solutions, sponsored by Halcrow (www.halcrow.com).

The awards will be made during the Conference

Proceedings

The papers for the conference will be available on the AET web-site in the month before the Conference. After the Conference, the proceedings will be produced on a CD-ROM. Delegates who have booked and paid for their conference place will receive a password to give them access to the papers.

Exhibition

There is space available for exhibition stands and display boards. The exhibition area is prominent and close to the registration desk, coffee area and lecture rooms.

Please contact the organisers to discuss your requirements: info@aetransport.org

Satellite meetings and workshops

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 the organisers: info@aetransport.org

Wireless Internet Connections and the Internet Café

All delegates will have free access to the internet, sponsored by Mott MacDonald (www.mottmac.com)

Bring your own to use anywhere in the conference centre or use the computers provided in Mott MacDonald's internet café.

Abstracts

Abstracts of papers to be presented will be available on the Association web-site in late July.

Stewards

In order to encourage more students and young professionals to attend the Conference, the Association has allocated more places for seminar stewards. Those selected will act as a steward for one day and then will have free attendance on two days of the Conference. Travel and overnight accommodation is not included and those applying must be able to fund this part of their attendance at the Conference.

Students interested in applying for this important and interesting role, should apply to Sally Scarlett

Social Events and Leisure Time

There will be a transport-related quiz on the evening of Sunday 5 October. Delegates in 2007 will remember that this proved to be a memorable and fun evening!

The Sartre Bar, close to Samuel's Restaurant and the Conference Registration Desk and Exhibition will be open every evening for conference delegates.

Cheers, the Sports Bar, will also be open for those either wanting a drink or to participate in reasonably quiet sports, such as ten-pin bowling, darts or pool.

Dinner at Leeuwenhorst Conference Centre

There is a choice of dining. There will be a two-course buffet for conference delegates in Samuel's Restaurant. The price will be EUR 25 or GBP 18. Delegates can have dinner in the à la carte 'Restaurant Sabor' or a 3 course fixed menu in the Gaudi or Dali restaurants, both of which can be booked at the conference centre reception desk on a daily basis.

Visas and entry requirements

Delegates who think they will need a visa to attend the Conference are recommended to make early application to the Netherlands Embassy in their country, as the processing of visas can take some time. The Association is able to write letters in support of visa applications but only for those who have booked and paid for their conference place. Delegates who need a visa are advised to contact Sally Scarlett at PTRC to discuss the status of their booking.

Travel and Health Insurance

Delegates are advised to take out travel and medical insurance. Those from EU countries will need a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) to obtain health care in the Netherlands. The card can be obtained from government health departments in all EU countries.

Programme Monday 6 October 2008

Opening Session 0845-0915	Plenary Session 0915-1000	Seminar	Seminar Sponsor	Session 1 1030-1230	Session 2 1330-1530	Session 3 1600-1800	
<p>Welcome from the Association for European Transport</p> <p>Tom van Vuren, Chairman of the AET Board</p>	<p>Current Issues in Transport Policy in Belgium</p> <p>Professor Eddy van de Voorde, University of Antwerp, BE</p>	Transport Policy and Operations					
		Appraisal		Appraisal	Reliability Issues	Rail Crowding and the Use of Travel Time	
		Climate Change and Sustainable Transport		Air Transport Issues	Emissions	Noise	
		Accessibility		Understanding Accessibility: what does it really mean?	Information for Transport Users	Will Improved Travel Information Change Travel Behaviour?	
		Traffic Engineering and Road Safety		Reduced Intervention	Reconciling the Role of the Streets for People and for Movement	Improving Road Safety	
		Local Public Transport		Competition	Renewal and Restructuring	Infrastructure Blocks	
		Rail		Railway Structure and Organisation	Reliability Issues	Rail Crowding and the Use of Travel Time	
		Freight and Logistics		Global Container Flow Forecasting	Route Choice and Scheduling Models	Innovative Applications	
		Research to Inform Decision-Making					
		Appraisal		Appraisal	Reliability Issues	Rail Crowding and the Use of Travel Time	
		Discrete Choice Modelling	RAND Europe	Discrete Choice Modelling	Sequence or Dominance in Discrete Choices	Estimation of Random Coefficients	
		Activity and Land Use Models	Peter Davidson Consultancy	Activity-based Modelling Issues	Activity-based Modelling Examples	Land-Use Models	
		Networks and Traffic Assignment	PTV	Road Traffic Models and Simulation	Efficient Solution Algorithm for Traffic Assignment	Road Transport Assignment - simulation or not?	

Programme Tuesday 7 October 2008

Plenary Session 0900-1000	Seminar	Seminar Sponsor	Session 4 1030-1230	Session 5 1400-1600	Session 6 1630-1830
Professor David Hensher, University of Sydney, Australia on Hypothetical Bias, Stated Choice Studies and Willingness to Pay	Transport Policy and Operations				
	Appraisal		Appraisal	Welfare Measures	Cost Benefit Analyses
	Climate Change and Sustainable Transport		Reducing CO2 Emissions: what measures will be most effective?	Tackling Emissions from Road Freight and Aviation	Tackling Air Pollution in Urban Areas by Reducing Emissions from Transport
	European Transport Policy and Research		Demand Management	Sustainable Investment	Ports and Maritime Issues
	Mobility Management		Local High Speed Rail	Reduced Mobility	
	Road Pricing		Road Pricing	Assessment and Impact of Congestion Costs	Financing Road Projects
	Traffic and Transport: engineering and safety		Alternative Modes	Scheme Analysis	Improving Urban Flow and Usage
	Local Public Transport		Perceiving and Understanding the Public Transport System	Reduced Mobility	Decision-making Factors for Public Transport
	Rail		Local High Speed Rail	Rail Development	Station Improvements
	Freight and Logistics		Innovations in Logistics	Demand for Freight Services	Changes in Carrier Markets
	Research to Inform Decision-Making				
	Transport Economics		Public Transport Network Economics	Welfare Measures	Cost Benefit Analyses
	Transport Demand Modelling		Specification Issues in Transport Modelling	Scale and Aggregation	OD Matrix Estimation
	Uncertainty		Travel Time Reliability	Modelling Reliability in Roadworks	Reference Dependence and Loss Aversion
	Survey Methods		Web versus Interviews	SP Analyses Issues	SP Applications

Programme Wednesday 8 October 2008

Plenary Session 0900-1000	Seminar	Seminar Sponsor	Session 7 1030-1230	Session 8 1330-1500	Session 9 1530-1700
<p>Ian Hodgson of DG Environment, European Commission on The Next Steps for EC level action on Climate Change</p> <p><i>and</i></p> <p>Michael Wegener of Spiekermann & Wegener Urban and Regional Research (S&W), DE on The influence of changing fuel prices on travel behaviour</p>	Transport Policy and Operations				
	European Transport Policy and Research		Workshop on Knowledge Sharing		
	Climate Change and Sustainable Transport		Sustainable Tourism Growth - the need for an integrated transport and tourism strategy	Are We Willing to Pay for Greener Transport?	
	Mobility Management		Assessing the Impact of Changing Land-Use Patterns on Travel Demand	Understanding Travel Behaviour	Can Parking Policies Improve Quality of Life
	Planning for Sustainable Land Use and Transport		Who Decides and How? The need for transparency in decision-making	Are We Willing to Pay for Greener Transport?	Planning for Growth: exploring the consequences
	Leisure and Tourism Transport		Sustainable Tourism Growth - the need for an integrated transport and tourism strategy	The Implications of Tourism Infrastructure Development on Transport Planning: the need for an integrated approach	Methodological Approaches and Developments in the Study of Tourism Transport
	Roads Policy		Network Management	Monitoring and Evaluation	
	Local Public Transport		Public Transport	Visit to the Amsterdam Public Transport Authority	Visit to the Amsterdam Public Transport Authority
	Freight and Logistics		Opportunities for Waterborne Transport	Mode Choice	Societal Impact of Freight Systems
	Research to Inform Decision-Making				
	Transport Economics			Optimising Road Tolls	Endogeneity
	Transport Demand Modelling		Large Scale Modelling	Discrete versus Aggregate Large Scale Models	Applied Transport Modelling Issues
	Networks and Traffic Assignment	PTV			Route Choice Modelling Issues
	Uncertainty		Risky Choices	Preference Uncertainty	
	Survey Methods		SP Design Issues		



The Association for European Transport

The Association promotes international understanding, co-operation, discussion, research and development related to all aspects of transport. Its membership is encouraged to participate in the European Transport Conference by joining committees, which plan the conference programmes, and by attending the Conference itself. Further details of membership can be obtained from Sally Scarlett or by visiting the AET web-site: www.aetransport.org

Membership of AET

AET provides a forum in which professionals working in the transport sector in different countries can meet and exchange ideas and information. To become a member and take advantage of the discounted rate at the Conference, please complete the appropriate section of the booking form.

The benefits of membership include:

- Conference discounts and the possibility of discounts on attendance at PTRC training courses
- Free on-line access to ETC proceedings from 1996
- Facilities for publishing and disseminating research findings
- A membership database for making contacts throughout Europe
- Membership of Programme Committees, the AET Council and Board of Directors

The Association General Assembly

This will be held on the Thursday lunchtime of the Conference. The annual business of the Association will be conducted as well as the election of members to the AET Council. The General Assembly is open to all who are interested, but only paid-up members of the Association are eligible to vote at the meeting.

PTRC - conference organisers

PTRC manages ETC 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 Sally Scarlett or from the PTRC web-site: www.ptrc-training.co.uk

Executive Board of the Conference

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

Ian Chatfield

Technical Director, PTRC

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