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Save the date !

EMTA celebrates this year its tenth anniversary. A special event, in the form of a conference with high level speakers from European institutions and main European cities on the issues and challenges of sustainable urban transport in metropolitan areas, will be held on 27 November 2008 in Paris on the premises of the Regional Council of Ile de France.

More information to come on EMTA website **www.emta.com** *about programme and registration.*

We hope to see many of you at this special event. Save the date!

Sabine Avril
Secretary General of EMTA

Agenda

- **Get on get off… get around**
  15-16 September 2008 - Salzburg
  The conference about the opportunities for changing and managing mobility in an ageing society, is supported by intelligent Energy Europe and will see the kick off of the AENEAS project.
  Components.SiteFiles/Events.July+08/Background-to-AENEAS.pdf
  congress@zgb.at

- **COMPRO 1ʳˢᵗ Workshop Cost-efficiency of Hybrid and CNG buses through Common Procurement**
  18 September 2008 - Bremen
  "Common Procurement of collective and public service transport clean vehicles" is a European project under Intellignet Energy Europe.
  www.compro-eu.org

- **Barcelona Walk 21, "Walk with Barcelona – A moving city",**
  8-10 October - Barcelona
  The 9th International Conference on Walking is organized by Catalunya Camina (Association for the pedestrian rights) and Barcelona Municipality with the support of ATM.
  www.barcelonawalk21.com/newsletter/index_eng.html

- **CODATU XIII conference**
  12-14 November 2008
  Hô Chi Minh-Ville, Vietnam
  The Challenge of sustainable development of transport systems in emerging countries: the good solutions.
  www.codatu.org/english/conferences/lyon06.htm

- **EMTA 10th Anniversary Conference**
  27 November 2008 - Paris
  The association celebrates ten years of activity, and holds a conference on the European Commission Urban Mobility Action Plan, and the issues of governance and finance for a Sustainable Public Transport.
  www.emta.com

News from Europe

- **French Presidency's priorities in transport**
State Secretary Dominique Bussereau unfolded the priorities of the French presidency in the field of transport. Identifying cleaner transport as the top priority he referred particularly to the "greening of transport" package including the proposal for revision of the Eurovignette Directive recently adopted by the Commission. This will be the subject of the debate during the informal meeting of Transport Ministers in La Rochelle on 1-2 September and the Council meeting on 9-10 October.

The second priority is transport safety, the aim is to make progress on the proposal for a directive on cross-border enforcement, and above all step up the negotiation with Parliament on proposals about maritime safety.

Pursuing the further integration of internal market in road and air transport is the third priority. Regarding road transport the focus is on the three proposals that have already completed the first reading in Parliament (cabotage, access to road transport and conditions for coach and bus operation).

Finally the fourth priority will be to advance the development of new technologies through the GALILEO and SESAR initiatives.

- **Reinhart Rack own initiative report on Green Paper** towards a new culture for urban mobility (see Emta news 32).

The report, adopted by Parliament at a large majority 8-10 July in Strasbourg with few amendments, conveys the main message that new and innovative concepts on mobility in cities are urgently needed to tackle the adverse effects of urban transport on climate change. Members of Parliament (MEP) bearing in mind the subsidiarity principle, stated that action at EU level should only be taken when it provides clear added value.

With regards to financing, MEP call for a share responsibility between the various level of government and stress the contribution EU could make through structural and cohesion funds.

www.europarl.europa.eu//sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=//EP//TEXT+REPORT+A6-2008-0252+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN&language=EN

www.europarl.europa.eu/news/public/story_page/062-33544-189-07-28-910-20080707STO33542-2008-07-07-2008/default_en.htm

News from the cities

- **Advanced ITS system for Dublin Bus**
Dublin has recently opted for an advanced intelligent transportation system (ITS). The Intermodal Transport Control System MOBILE-ITCS dispatchers maintain the overview over the traffic situation in the city of Dublin at all times and can initiate counter measures should disturbances occur.

The system includes the provision of the integrated statistical evaluation software MOBILEstatistics that allows the analysis of the operational performance, and the reporting software MOBILEreports. The system will display the current position of the vehicles to the dispatchers and at the same time generate real-time information to dynamically calculate the passenger information.

For this purpose, an open system based on a platform independent of the ITCS the so-called Multi-Operator Real-Time Passenger Information System (MO/RTPI), will be implemented, that enables the integration of further bus operators.

The integrated system MOBILE-STOPinfo calculates departure times reliably and provides the information in suitable format for various media, e.g. the Web, mobile telephones and wayside displays. Dublin Bus chose to equip 1,000 bus

stops with passenger information data led displays, and some 1200 buses will be equipped with the corresponding vehicle technology especially the COPILOTpc on-board IT platform.

For the communication between the vehicles and the control centre, Dublin Bus has opted for an intelligent new solution developed in close cooperation with the radio communications provider Tait. This will allow high speed data and integrated speech communications in quasi-parallel operation mode. In addition, the system supports the UK compliant traffic signal priority.

The aim of the project is to improve services and increase efficiency, Dublin Bus' services are frequented by around 150 million passengers each year.

The advance telematic system has been contracted with the INIT group specialised in Intelligent Transportation Systems for public transport.

www.dublinbus.ie

● **The Consorcio de Transporte Metropolitano del Área de Sevilla successful in implementing soft modes**
In the region of Andalucia, the Ring-Ring prize is awarded once a year, since five years now, to acknowledge a specific environment friendly initiative on the celebration of Environment Day.

This year, the Consorcio de Transporte Metropolitano del Área de Sevilla was awarded the prize for the Bus+Bici initiative. "Bus+Bici is an innovative solution to combine bicycle and bus" thanks to the facilities displayed at bus stations. Starting as an initiative during the European Week for Mobility in 2006, it evolved in the course of six months as a full service associated with the use of the billete unico metropolitan (single ticket for metropolitan area).

The Bus+Bici service allows public transport travellers holding a bonobus (a pass ticket for 10 trips) to borrow for free a bicycle to move around in the metropolitan area. The

scheme is coordinated by Consorcio de Transporte Metropolitano del Área de Sevilla, the public transport authority, with the full cooperation of the municipalities which form the Consorcio.

Since its inception 2 years ago, the number of bicycle grew to 100 and allowed 23000 cycling trips, which means around 1600 per month. 58,5% of the cyclists are male and 41,6% are female, most of them students, however the use of Bus+Bici for going to work is now growing significantly.

Besides, the city of Seville has launched a central data base for registering bicycles extended to private owners in order to discourage robbery and encourage cycling. The system is based on a piece of metal identifier, stuck on the frame and displaying bar codes with appropriate details. Registration is free and on a voluntary basis.

In the metropolitan area, suburban trains can accommodate bicycles (usually one per platform) and under certain conditions some buses as well.

www.sevillaenbici.com
www.consorciotransportes-sevilla.com

● **About Torino Public Transport Authority**
The Agenzia per la Mobilità Metropolitana is a consortium of functions instituted in 2003 by the Region Piemonte, the Province of Torino, the City of Torino, and the 31 Municipalities forming the Metropolitan Area.

The whole transport system managed by the Agenzia supplies about 75 million vehicles*km and serves about 175 million of paying passengers a year.

Its mission is to promote the sustainable mobility of Torino metropolitan area and optimize the local public transport services through a single institution providing a coherent network of services by

- planning mobility strategies;

- programming the development of public transport with regard to infrastructure, vehicles and control technologies, service level and quality, resources for operation and investment;

- managing the fare system, the contracts with transport operators, the communication and information to the citizens and the contribution of the associated Local Authorities.

The Agenzia manages the contracts for urban and suburban transport services of the cities of Torino, Chieri, Settimo, and Moncalieri, and

also for the railways transport services and extra-urban services in the metropolitan area.

Since 1997 the national law entrusted the Regions and Local Authorities of functions and duties on local public transport. In 2000 the Regione Piemonte Law 1 has called for the settlement of the Agenzia per la Mobilità Metropolitana di Torino, and stated that the assigning of public transport services was coming to an end and a tendering regime had to be started by 2004. However, subsequent national financial laws and regional laws have postponed the start of the tendering regime.

Gruppo Torinese Trasporti GTT is the main operator, delivering urban and suburban services in Torino as well as extra-urban services in the Province, along with 2 railway lines. As a result, GTT is one of the biggest transport operators in Italy. The future foresees a possible joining of forces of GTT Torino and ATM Milano (the transport operator of Milan) with the aim to take on call for tenders.

Current strategies of the Agenzia call for the development of a stronger and more performing public transport system, integrating metropolitan railways, underground, a renewed streetcars network, and bus lines in order to better influence modal split (at present the share of public transport is 23%). Large size mobility surveys undertaken every other year over citizens resident in the Province of Torino, provide the accurate data to better shape transport planning.

A major project consists in the development of the Railway Metropolitan system SFM. The project dates back to 1998. The objective is to reinforce the structure of the transport network by connecting present regional lines with a new underground tunnel called Passante Ferroviario enabling a network of metropolitan railway lines within a radius of 50 km around Torino.

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