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Introduction

Rail plays a vital role in the transport network, whether transporting large numbers to work in our major cities, providing high speed travel between cities, or transporting large quantities of heavy freight over many kms. The issues facing rail are often similar to those of other modes, but sometimes they are distinct. As many practitioners are dedicated to the rail mode, AET has a separate Rail stream to address these issues. This year it is concentrating on four main themes:

- *High speed rail, with speakers from Europe and Asia, describing the impacts of past high speed rail schemes and the plans and expected effects of future routes;*
- *The continuing struggle to unify the rail system across Europe, particularly for freight to make it more competitive with the lorry; issues are both technical and administrative;*
- *The issue of cost of supply vs revenue generated from the demand carried; this is an issue that affects all modes of transport;*
- *Rail's role in society, particularly as a stimulant for economic growth.*

Programme Tuesday 19 September

0900 - 0945

Plenary Session: How dense and mixed do centres have to be before you can reduce auto dependence?

Peter Newman, Professor of City Policy at Murdoch University, Perth, AU

1430 - 1600

High Speed Rail

Chair: TBA

The impact of the high speed system on the main railways along the Naples-Rome link

M Catalani, Naples Parthenope University, IT

The impacts of high speed rail on domestic aviation market: an Asian perspective

J Z Shon, Tainan Women's College of Arts and Technology, TW;
P-C Ho, Y-H Cheng, Yu Da College of Business

Rail deregulation in Europe and prospects of air-rail integration

N Lenoir, Ecole Nationale de l'Aviation Civile, FR;
I Laplace, M3 Systems, FR

1630 - 1830

High Speed Rail

Chair: Paul Amos, World Bank

Greengauge 21

J Steer, Director, Steer Davies Gleave
and Director, Greengauge 21, UK

High speed rail in Europe

M Leboeuf, Directeur du Développement, SNCF, FR;

Invited speakers from RFF, MET, FR

The position of Thalys now and in 2010

B Pâgues, Thalys, BE

Programme Wednesday 20 September**0900 - 0945****Plenary Session: Experiences of Organising the Transport System for the 2006 World Cup**

Andreas Maatz, Head of Transport Organising Committee of the FIFA World Cup Germany™, Germany

1000 - 1130**Freight and Cross-border Issues**

Chair: Edward O'Loughlin, Transport for London, UK

Migration of the European Train Control System (ETCS) and its impact on the international transport market

M Obrenovic, B Jäger, K Lemmer, DLR, DE

Improving the competitiveness of Romanian and Bulgarian railways by increasing quality of service

B Scholten, ECORYS, NL

Rail freight: the impact of privatisation and competition

J Drew, Independent Consultant, UK

1200 - 1330**Passenger Demand and Network Costs**

Chair: Katalin Tanczos, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, HU

Estimating demand for new rolling stock

R Sheldon, C Heywood, Accent, UK; A Meaney, Oxera, UK; M Wardman, ITS, University of Leeds, UK

Seat inventory control for intercity passenger rail: how it works with customer satisfaction

S Terabe, S Onprasert, Kochi University of Technology, JP

Assessing the marginal infrastructure wear and tear costs of Britain's railway network and zonal maintenance efficiency comparisons

P Wheat, A Smith, ITS, University of Leeds, UK

1500 - 1700**Railways in Society**

Chair: TBA

Transport for London's South Western rail corridor plan

E O'Loughlin, Transport for London, UK; J Segal, MVA, UK

Diversification activities of railway companies: a "convergence" towards the station?

E Doumas, ENPC-PSE, FR

Improving the international accessibility of Eindhoven by rail

C D van Goeverden, Delft University of Technology, NL; P M Peeters, NHTV Breda University of International Education, NL

Agglomeration benefits of Crossrail

P Buchanan, K Arter, Colin Buchanan, UK; R Meeks Cross London Rail Links, UK

European Transport Conference - at the heart of transport in Europe

The European Transport Conference is the focus of the activities of the Association for European Transport and is the key annual event for European transport practitioners and researchers. The Conference is a "meeting of minds", where transport professionals come together to keep up-to-date with policy issues, research findings and best practice across a broad spectrum of transport. Papers are presented by active professionals, selected by the most respected members of the transport profession in Europe.

Profile of Attendance

- *Policy-makers, 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*

Venue

The Conference will be held in the Palais de la Musique et des Congrès: a 10 minute tram ride from the city centre. The congress centre provides a range of lecture theatres and teaching rooms and will be the daytime base for the conference. Registration for the conference will take place here.

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

PTRC - conference organisers

The Association has appointed PTRC to manage the European Transport Conference. 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 Helen Marshall or from the PTRC web-site: www.ptrc-training.co.uk

Visas and entry requirements

Delegates who think they will need a visa to attend the Conference are recommended to make early application to the French Embassy in their country, as the processing of visas can take some time.

Hotel Accommodation

Delegates are responsible for reserving, guaranteeing and paying for their own hotel accommodation. Delegates are advised to make bookings as early as possible. Details of some hotels offering competitive room rates to ETC delegates will be available in the Notes for Participants and on the web-site.

It is also possible to book rooms through the Strasbourg Tourist Office,
17 place de la Cathédrale, F-67082 Strasbourg-Cedex.

Tel.: +33 3 88 52 28 28. Fax: +33 3 88 52 28 29.

Or visit the web-site: <http://www.strasbourg.com>

Social Events and Leisure Time

The evening base of the Conference will be the Hotel Maison Rouge. This is situated close to the Place Kléber and Place de l'Homme de Fer, the intersection of the four tram lines (A, B, C and D).

"SpEXtacular"

Monday 18 September, 1815 to 1930 hours

After the sessions have finished, there will be a drinks reception in the Exhibition area, to allow delegates to meet the exhibitors and each other over a leisurely drink. There will be some entertainment and prizes sponsored by the exhibitors. All delegates present on Monday evening are welcome to attend.

Conference Dinner at the Auberge du Kochersberg

Tuesday 19 September 1930 hours

The Conference Dinner will be held on the evening of Tuesday 19 September at the beautiful Auberge du Kochersberg, the oldest "Auberge" in Alsace, 25 minutes from Strasbourg. Originally built as a hunting lodge it was bought by Horst Dassler, the founder of Adidas, to entertain guests from all over the world. This will be an authentic Alsatian experience!

To book a place, please complete the appropriate section of the booking form. The cost is Euro 95 or £70 per person.

Further details are available from Sally Scarlett: info@aetransport.org

The most important topics in transport, the best-informed speakers, the most animated discussions

For full and up-to-date details of the seminars and the speakers at the Conference, please visit the AET web-site: www.aetransport.org

