

20th EPA Congress and Exhibition 2021 in Brussels – October 6-8, 2021

Major congress topics defined – EPA Award 2021 application started

The 20th EPA Congress and Exhibition will be held in Brussels from 6th to 8th October 2021. For planning the congress programme the EPA Scientific & Technical Committee has been constituted. Its first meeting in an international video conference was conducted on May 14, 2020. The participants exchanged their ideas and defined major themes.

The EPA Congress and Exhibition, created by the European Parking Association and hosted by the Belgian Parking Federation has established itself to Europe's most important congress with exhibition for the parking industry. The event covers the entire spectrum of planning, construction and operating of parking areas and provides a unique platform for inspiring discussions and great networking possibilities with experts of the industry. The professional exhibition alongside the congress offers an opportunity to the manufacturers, suppliers and others active in this field to promote their products and services.

The next conference and expo will be the 20th edition of its kind and will take place in the EU capital Brussels. For every parking professional this event should be a fixed entry in the parking calendar.

In the three day scientific programme renowned experts from science, politics and the industry give presentations about the latest developments with all matters related to parking. The congress programme is composed by a Scientific and Technical Committee, STC. For the 2021 conference the newly composed STC has discussed in a video conference about the most relevant trends in parking today. The aim of the

meeting was to define relevant themes, a working title for the Congress and to determine the next steps in the process of developing the scientific programme. As result of their exchange the STC members have classified topics in 5 major themes, which could structure the programme according to plenary and parallel sessions.

Speakers and attendees from EU and local authorities

Theo Thuis, chairman of the STC thanked everyone for the attendance and contributions. Furthermore, he proposed to ask a politician of the EU Commission to hold a

Welcome to Brussels: The 20th EPA Congress and Exhibition 2021 will take place in the Belgian and EU capital.



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EPA Congress website

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speech at the opening session of the Congress. Apart from this, EPA President Laurence A. Bannerman suggested to focus on engaging cities and local authorities at the next Congress.

EPA Awards 2021 – “Oscar of the parking industry”

Besides the Congress programme with top speakers from all over the world another important part of the event is the EPA Award 2021. This outstanding competition is organized biannually and certifies the most excellent carparks, services, on-street solutions, innovations and communication schemes. The “Oscar of the parking industry” demonstrates the highest quality in five categories. The application phase for the EPA Awards 2021 has just been opened. Rules and regulations for this prestigious competition will be published soon and are already available online. ■

EPA Awards 2021

Application is open. All necessary documents for download on the EPA website:

www.europeanparking.eu

Members of the Scientific and Technical Committee for the 20th EPA Congress

- **Theo Thuis**, Chairman of the STC
- **Laurence A. Bannerman**, President of EPA
- **Giuliano Mingardo**, Researcher at the University of Rotterdam
- **Dimitri Heirbaut**, President of the Belgian Parking Federation and President of the Congress Steering Committee
- **Guy Le Bras**, Managing Director Gart
- **Peter Dingemans**, Managing Director ParkKam, Board Member of EPA
- **Ivo Cre**, Director POLIS Network
- **Patrick Auwerx**, Project Leader Park4Sump, Mobiel21
- **Frank Daems**, Managing Director ERTICO
- **Massimo Marciani**, President of the Freight Leaders Council
- **Friederike Raabe**, Communications Coordinator EPA

EPA Congress history

Previous congressional gatherings have been attended by about 500 delegates from 32 different countries around the world. EPA congresses have taken place in Madrid in 1983, Stockholm in 1986, Amsterdam in 1988, Nice in 1990, Berlin in 1992, Rome in 1994, Budapest in 1996, Barcelona in 1997, Lisbon in 1999, Oslo in 2001, London in 2003, Geneva in 2005, Madrid in 2007, Vienna in 2009, Turin in 2011, Dublin in 2013, Berlin in 2015, Rotterdam in 2017 and Málaga in 2019.

Venue of the 20th EPA Congress 2021: Square Meeting Centre in the historical Kunstberg – Mont des Arts – area of Brussels

