Invitation:

Easier and more attractive public transport  
and passengers join regions

8th Annual General Meeting and Conference of the European Passengers' Federation

March 20th 2010, in Malmö, Sweden, at the Öresund bridge

The events will take place in Malmö Concert Hall, Föreningsgatan 35. From Malmö Central station take bus 5 direction Stenkällan or Kvarnby, from bus stop A to stop Konserthuset (Concert Hall), or make a 15 minutes' walk.
Programme

(there may be changes for organisational reasons)

**Friday March 19th: welcome dinner and informal evening**

18:00  Welcome dinner at a restaurant, Årstiderna (previously Kockska krogen), in Frans Suellsgatan. Details will be sent out with the conference documents.

**Saturday March 20th: Conference**

08:30  Reception

09:30  Welcome:
  – Trevor Garrod, EPF chairman
  – Märta-Lena Schwaiger, chairperson of Resenärsforum, Swedish Passenger Federation
  – Anders Rubin, mayor, Malmö city

09:45  Doubling of travel by public transport, Sweden’s aim to 2020:
  – Charlotta Rosengren Edgren, Svensk Kollektivtrafik (Swedish Association of Public Transport Authorities), also on behalf of Skånetrafiken

10:05  Cooperation in regional public transport and passenger influence:
  – Karsten Rön Andersen, CEO of DSBFirst, operator of Öresundstågen

10:20  Buses in the public transport system:
  – Anna Grönlund, CEO Swedish Bus Association

10:30  Information to passengers on local, regional and long-distance travel:
  – Gerhard Wennerström, CEO Samtrafiken i Sverige AB

Questions

11:00  Coffee

11:20  Sweden’s Transport and Climate Politics, the role of Public Transport as an important factor:
  – Åsa Torstensson, minister of Infrastructure of Sweden

12:00  Open topics discussion of EPF

12:30  Lunch

13:20  Easy travel for the europeans - Current questions of principle in European transport policy:
  – Veronica Manfredi, the Europena Commission, DG MOVE, member of the cabinet of Transport Commissioner and Vice President of the European Commission Siim Kallas

Questions

14:20  Railway travel in Europe – faster and more frequent:
  – Jacquew Dirand, CER Community of European Railways, Bussels

Questions
14:35 Panel Discussion on Easy ticketing for European Public Transport passengers:
   – Shef Janssen, CEO VDV-Kernapplikations-GmbH & Co KG
   – Margareta Berg, CEO Resekortet i Sverige AB

Questions

15:20 Coffee

15:50 Planning in the City of Malmö to improve Public Transport and Environment:
    Klas Nydahl, Traffic Director of Malmö City

16:30 Information about the Sunday Programme

16:50 Trevor Garrod, EPF Chairman
    Summary and Conclusion

Saturday March 20th: Annual General meeting

17:30 Annual General Meeting of the European Passengers’ Federation

18:30 Conclusion

Sunday March 21st: Study visits in the Skåne region and Öresund bridge

Two alternative study trips, 1 and 2, both Sunday morning

Trip 1 starting at hotel Quality 08.30, Citytunnel from Malmö Central through the city to the Öresund bridge.

Visit in the exhibition of Citytunneln. Guided bus trip to Malmö Central station being rebuilt for the tunnel tracks and getting a lower level with four tracks. A new bus terminal will be included in the new station. New parking building and a floating bike parking. English and Swedish presentation 09.00
    German and Swedish presentation at 11.00.

Study visit in Hyllie station and Triangeln station being completed before the opening of the tunnel on 11 december 2010.

The Öresund Bridge and the suburban station of Svågertorp/Malmö Syd
    and, on the Danish side, the Copenhagen airport station of Kastrup. The Svågertorp station has four tracks and is now used for reversing extra trains from Copenhagen during the period of rebuilding Malmö Central. Svågertorp is also the end stop for one of the important city bus lines in Malmö.

All the Öresund trains pass Svågertorp, every 20 minutes going to Copenhagen and Elsinore in one direction and to Helsingborg-Göteborg, Kristianstad-Karlskrona and Växjö-Kalmar in the other direction. The extra trains run Svågertorp/Malmö Syd-Copenhagen in the morning and afternoon to add up to every ten minutes.

Kastrup Copenhagen airport is a very heavily used station. The Öresund trains are only part of the traffic. The long distance Danish trains from Esbjerg, Aalborg, Århus and Odense also terminate in Kastrup after having stopped in Copenhagen Central station. Some trains also terminate from Elsinore in Kastrup. All X2000
trains from Stockholm and Göteborg also stop in Kastrup. However Kastrup only has only two tracks – apart from the freight bypass.

Study trip 1 finishes in Kastrup by 13.00

**Trip 2 starting at 09.30 from Malmö C, guided**

Visit in **Lund city**, 15 km north of Malmö, where one central street has been rebuilt for a strong bus traffic, called "Lundalänken". This is the most used public transit links in Lund and prepared for later upgrading to tramway.

Visit in **Landskrona** where the **new Landskrona Station** is interesting in the way it is designed. There are weather shelters for passengers and there are lifts, and the station has a remarkable small clock tower over the staircases. But there is no real station building, and tickets are sold in the nearby food store and in vending machines. Parking facilities for cars and bikes are numerous. The new trolleybus line from Landskrona station to the other end of the city was introduced in 2003. This line connects the new station, opened in 2001, and the city centre and terminates on the other side of the city, close to where the old railway station used to be. The trolleybus was decided for political and climatic reasons.

Visit in **Helsingborg central station**, which was opened in 1991. It is a combined rail, bus and ferry station with an increasing number of shops. The three means of transport are easily connected to each other. The original idea was excellent, however the number of shops has now exceeded the optimum acceptable for passenger orientation. – Study trip 2 finishes in Helsingborg by 13.00.

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The trains in Denmark and on the bridge run in right hand traffic, whereas the rail traffic in Sweden north of Malmö runs in left hand traffic. There is a right-to-left flyover viaduct in Arlöv. The Swedish and Danish electric systems meet in Peberholm and the signalling systems meet on the bridge. The passengers don’t notice anything of that.

Malmö has a population of 250 000 inhabitants. Lund and Helsingborg have appr 100 000 inhabitants. Copenhagen has 1 500 000 inhabitants. Malmö is the third city in Sweden, after Stockholm and Göteborg.

**Prices**

Registration fee (includes documents, drinks and lunch on Saturday, travelcard for Malmö) for non-members 100€

Members in EPF organisations and their affiliated associations benefit from a reduced fee 65€

Extra fee for persons registering after 28 February or paying cash in Malmö 10€

Participation in Sunday excursion 20€

Evening meal on Friday according to menu. Price not include in registration fee
Registration and payment

You can register by completing the on-line form on www.epf.eu. Alternatively, you can send the completed registration form to the EPF Secretariat by February 28th. Full conference documentation will be sent or e-mailed to you 2 weeks before the conference.

There are three options for payment:

1. Transfer of your fee to the international bank account of EPF (IBAN: BE93 0003 2550 9667 / BIC: BPOT BEB1). Please state the purpose as "Conference 2010". For transfers from outside the EU, please be responsible for all bank charges (code "OUR").
2. If you register on the EPF website, you can pay with PayPal or credit card.
3. It is also possible to pay in cash on the day. Please do this only if you have no other option. There is an extra fee of 10 euros.

Overnight accommodation

We recommend you to book a hotel as soon as possible. EPF has agreed with Quality Hotel, very conveniently situated in the same block as the Concert Hall, to offer a price of 65 euro per night for a single room. Booking can be done on q.konserthuset@choice.se or on tel. +46 40 664 60 00. Any other booking can be made in www.malmotown.com or on tel. +46 40 34 12 00.

Travel to Malmö

There is an Öresund train every 20 minutes from Köbenhavn H (Copenhagen central station) to Malmö Central station. Travel time is 35 minutes. The Öresund trains also stop at Copenhagen airport Kastrup station. From Kastrup the trip to Malmö Central is 20 minutes. The international railway tickets to Malmö are included in the TCV system, but not all railway companies have observed that the new frontier point is Kastrup gr. Tickets Köbenhavn-Malmö have to be issued via Kastrup gr (not Köbenhavn). Another easy way to travel for many participants might be to use the Interrail card, valid also over the bridge.

About the annual EPF conference

EPF comprises 30 associations or bodies in 18 European countries, whose individual members are welcome to attend the meeting and conference. Only official EPF delegates are allowed to vote on internal matters. Visitors are also welcome at the conference and do not have to be members.

The speakers and discussion should enable EPF and its constituent bodies to strengthen their work representing all public transport customers over the coming year. The event also provides excellent opportunities for members from across Europe to network and learn from each other's experiences.

I look forward to meeting you in Malmö and to an interesting event.

Trevor Garrod, chairman
Registration form

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20th March 2010, Malmö

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☐ I hereby register ...... person(s) for the 2010 conference. (100 € per person for non members)

☐ I hereby register .... person(s) for the 2010 conference (65 € per person for members of EPF and affiliated regional or local groups)

☐ I/we shall be present for the meal on Friday evening 19 March ( ...... person(s)).

☐ I prefer vegetarian food.

☐ I/we shall take part in the excursion in Skåne and on the Öresund bridge on Sunday 21 March ( ...... person(s)).

[20 € per person] trip 1 trip 2

☐ I have transferred ...... € to the EPF account / I shall pay on the day of the conference (please delete as appropriate)

Payment by PayPal or credit card is only possible if you register via the website.

Date, signature:

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