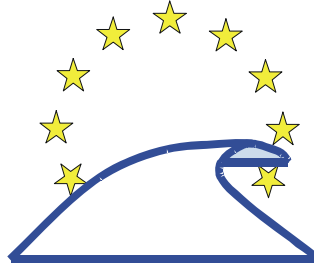


EUROPÄISCHE PLATTFORM DER VERKEHRSWISSENSCHAFTEN



BUDAPEST DECLARATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A YOUNG FORUM OF THE EUROPEAN TRANSPORT SCIENCES

For those involved in the field of transportation the EU enlargement raises numerous issues, which may be subject to scientific analysis. States can only effectively address these challenges by cooperation, a common vision needs to be acquired and opportunities be given to existing research capabilities across Europe to . This holds true especially for the future generation in general and for those dealing with transportation sciences in particular. Addressing the existing challenge of shaping a transport system for Europe's future is a major undertaking. It is recognised that a sound qualification is needed as well as the opportunity to perform research across borders while allowing access to and exchange of transport-related information in an international framework. Considering the above, a step of paramount importance seems to be the establishment of a forum incorporating a European dimension aiming at an exchange among interested groups at a professional level.

Having regard to the above, as of the date of signature of this declaration the „Young Forum of the European Transport Sciences“ is established.

The Young Forum of the European Transport Sciences is meant to be a part of a European Scientific Association of Transport, the latter to be established within the near future. Thus, the Young Forum is essentially no autonomous association; instead it aims to serve as working group of individuals up to an age of 40. No later than 2004 the Young Forum of the European Transport Sciences states its intention to work out guidelines ad-

dressing its organisational structure. As of the date this declaration is signed, the Young Forum appoints a chairman as well as three vice-chairmen being assigned the internal organisation and taking responsibility for the Forum's external relations.

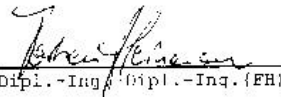
The undersigned explicitly wish to invite all individuals interested to get involved in the Young Forum of the European Transport Sciences. Furthermore, they are determined to develop the Forum and through these efforts and in continuation of the „Europäische Plattform der Verkehrswissenschaften“ contribute to the establishment of a „European Scientific Association of Transport“.

With the above in mind, the undersigned put forward their

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1. to devote particular emphasis to issues and problems regarding the shaping of the European development in the field of transportation through innovative approaches when pursuing their activities and working programs;
2. to establish and maintain a regular and extensive exchange of ideas and information focusing on topics having a cross-border and interregional European dimension;
3. to define, formulate, address on a scientific level and publish in common interest relevant issues being characterized by their European dimension;
4. to convene on a regular basis „European Young Forum Conferences on Transport“;
5. to initiate a dialogue on cross-border transport-related topics and communicate these to the interested professional public during commonly arranged events;
6. to regularly announce events organised on national level while allowing for participation thereto;
7. to devote particular efforts to the support of the future generation active in the field of transport sciences in Europe, to foster the exchange of students and graduates among universities and higher education entities and to promote qualification enhancing programs.

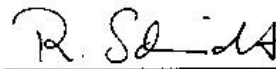
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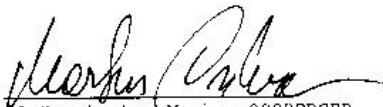
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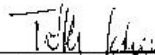
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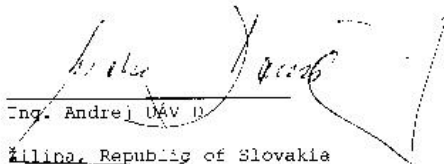
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