

International Seminar on Public Transport Authorities

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Closing

Miguel Ángel CARRILLO, Decano del Colegio de Ingenieros de Caminos, Canales y Puertos

It's an pleasure to us that the " Consorcio de Transportes de Madrid" wanted to organize the Public Transport Authority international meeting here in our headquarter.

This meeting is one of the activities that we want to promote, we outstand the consorcio's work for this meeting and for all the infrastructural activities that he is managing. They are an example for us.

This meeting has been divided in four sessions, where we have dealt with many subjects. The Consorcio de Transportes de Madrid european leadership has been manifested through the activities that he's executing. This is why he was awarded last november for the best public building work. I invite all people present here to put in practice the meeting teaching. Our school offers a course in which mobility and transport policy subjects are quite presents, we also managed, thanks to the Federación Española de Municipios, the possibility for our fellows to make a year exchange in Madrid towns dealing with mobility and transport policy.

I congratulate the organisation for this succesful meeting.

Carlos CRISTÓBAL-PINTO

Mr Alain Flaush, UITP president, and EMTA president seize the opportunity to give a recognition to José Manuel Pradillo, Director of the Consorcio Regional de Transportes for the work made.

Alain FLAUSCH, Presidente de la Unión Internacional de Transporte Público (UITP)

It is a great pleasure for me to be here, as I said this morning, but it is also a great pleasure to be able to give some sort of recognition of the outstanding role played by the Consorcio Regional de Transportes de Madrid in our public transport world. I think you deserve to be viewed as a model, as one of the cities which is going forward much further than others, and it is my pleasure to extend to you, Mr. Pradillo, and your team, because I am sure it is a team effort, recognition from the UITP.

Carlos CRISTÓBAL-PINTO

The EMTA president would also like to give a recognition to the Consorcio for the great work it has accomplished involving EMTA, and gives a recognition to Mr. José Manuel Pradillo as well, on behalf of EMTA.

Hans-Werner FRANZ, President, European Metropolitan Transport Authorities

Ladies and gentlemen, I have the pleasure to honour the Consorcio de Transportes de Madrid and extend EMTA's recognition to Madrid's outstanding contribution. Madrid was a founder member of EMTA 25 meetings ago, and has provided an outstanding contribution to the work of EMTA and an outstanding public transport system to its city region. EMTA would like to recognise Madrid's outstanding contribution to our work. This is a symbol of our pride in Madrid's contribution to our work and a recognition of their effort and enthusiasm from the President of EMTA.

José Manuel PRADILLO, General Manager, Consorcio Regional de Transportes de Madrid

Well, I wasn't expecting that. I dedicate this recognition to all the team, to those who have been working for more than 25 years, some of them already retired, and of course to all those who continue working. Thanks to EMTA and UITP for this recognition.

Miguel Ángel CARRILLO

Now we hear Luis Armada, Comunidad de Madrid transport vice counselor, who will close this meeting.

Luis ARMADA, Viceconsejero de Transporte de la Comunidad de Madrid

I thank the Colegio de Caminos, Canales y Puertos de Madrid for welcoming us in his headquarter.

To have a quality public transport is an objective for all people in charge of transport. To share the European cities experiences is one of the steps to build it.

I want to thank Ile de France, London and Berlin for their presentations. They have an enriching experience, as they have to deal with complex transport situations : big scale problems, high number of passengers and long distances to travel.

The Sevilla, Montréal, Milan and Stockholm's presentations are very interesting as well. They have adopted innovative and sustainable transport solutions. Mobility, accessibility, less private traffic, pollution, environmental care are nowadays topics.

In the afternoon you had the opportunity to discover the European Commission strategy to get a clean and intelligent system transport and also the Copenhagen experience about **mobile ticketing** and Warsaw's about boosting the connection axis with Berlin.

To finish I would outstand the importance of working with public transport data base. Great examples are the Observatorio de la Movilidad metropolitana de España and mobility passenger statistics in the perspective of the Euro State.

In this occasion, Madrid was the host, and it was an honour to welcome you all, specially for the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Consorcio Regional de Transportes de Madrid . I want to thank José Manuel Pradillo, Carlos Cristóbal and his team, Dionisio and Tomás Melero.

José Manuel PRADILLO, General Manager, Consorcio Regional de Transportes de Madrid

Thank you for this interesting day, on which I have seen you all working very hard, and thank you for all the transport information that we have been given on all the important regions and cities of Europe and Montréal. Speaking particularly to those from other cities, I hope you have a pleasant stay in Madrid, and at the end of this international seminar, that all of you can return to your homes with more knowledge of the best transport experiences which we have learned about today. Thank you very much.