

Guidelines for the Young Forum of European Transport Sciences (YFE)

1. PREFACE

The Young Forum of European Transport Sciences (YFE) is the Organization of Junior scientists and professionals of the European Platform of Transport Sciences (EPT). The YFE accepts the EPTs' Guidelines as a basis for these guidelines. These guidelines supersede the BUDAPEST DECLARATION dated 2003, which constitutes the founding document of the YFE.

2. MEMBERSHIP

There are two types of membership, full members and guest members.

3. FULL MEMBERS

Full members of YFE are all members of organizations participating in EPT, who have not completed their 40th anniversary. Full members have full active and passive voting rights.

4. GUEST MEMBERS

Guest members are individuals, who are not members of organizations participating in EPT who have not completed their 40th anniversary and who have expressed to the YFE their interest for guest membership. Guest members are not granted any voting rights. They can become full members at any time by acquiring membership in at least one organization participating in EPT.

5. OBJECTIVES and TASKS

Encouragement and networking for young academics and professionals in the sector of transport sciences in Europe constitute the objectives of the YFE. The YFE seeks to strengthen and support the EPT in their efforts, especially regarding the prospected founding of a European Association of Transport Sciences.

YFE does not pursue any commercial interests. YFE works independent of political parties following the principles of internationality and interdisciplinarity. Through its range of activities the YFE seeks to reflect upon the fact, that transport related issues and future developments receive more and more a European dimension requiring scientific elaboration and advice.

YFE wants to contribute to building up a European elite in the transport sector and thereby help preserve and strengthen freedom and democracy in Europe.

These objectives shall be achieved by the following contributions:

- Annual award of the Friedrich-List-Researchers Prize for young scientists in the transport sector.
- Annual organization of a part of the congress program of EPTs' European Transport Congress
- Annual International Summer Excursion

YFE can specify further tasks in line with its objectives.

6. ORGANS

The YFE is made up of an Assembly and a Board.

7. THE ASSEMBLY

The Assembly comprises all full and guest members. It is the highest organ of YFE. The Assembly is held not less than once a year,

preferably during the annual European Transport Congress of EPT. Full members are electing and exonerate the YFE-Board during the Assembly. Full members may make use of their voting right by transferring it signing a written vote transfer authorization, in case they cannot be present at the Assembly. Every voting needs a single majority of votes to succeed. This does not apply to the voting on the approval of these guidelines by the Assembly; in this case a 75 %-majority of votes is required.

8. THE YFE-BOARD

The YFE-Board consists of up to five full members. It is elected for a term of two years. The composition of the Board shall be international, without the need to represent the proportions within the organizations participating in EPT. Members of the YFE-Board may be re-elected. The YFE-Board distributes its tasks independently among his members. Among the key tasks are:

- Chairman: communication and exchange with the EPT, representative in the EPT (participation in meetings of secretaries general and of the presidents), representation to the inside and to the outside, report to the Assembly.
- Focal point Members Services and new members
- Focal point events: excursions, congress, Friedrich-List-Prize award
- Focal point finance and sponsoring
- Focal point internal organization: protocols, translations, schedules
- YFE-Board (collectively): co-ordination of activities, strategic planning, definition of contents (thematically and/or regionally focused)

In order to realize these tasks the YFE-Board meets not less than twice a year.

Membership in the YFE-Board regularly ends at the end of term in office. Membership also ends extraordinarily following an exclusion through the Assembly or by the member's declaration to the YFE-Board.

In case of extraordinary end of membership, the other members of the YFE-Board may decide to require the member to maintain his duties on a commissary basis until a successor is appointed.

In case of extraordinary end of membership a post-election takes place by the Assembly. A post-election result is revoked after regular election period of the YFE-Board.

In case membership of the entire YFE-Board ends extraordinarily, an extraordinary Assembly for the purpose of electing a new Board shall be held within three months.

These guidelines shall enter into force on the day following the day of signature.

Done at Brno, the first day of June of the year two thousand and six

signatures