

# ITS (UK) Annual General Meeting: Interest Group Showcase

## Road User Charging Interest Group

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# Terms of Reference

The Road User Charging (RUC) Interest Group will:

- Track developments in the UK and internationally
- Disseminate relevant international industry and market news
- Exchange information relevant to the UK implementation of RUC
- Assess technology, standards and interoperability requirements
- Support international RUC standards developments
- Identify technical options to meet requirements of local authorities, private concession operators and Government agencies
- Consider the impact of RUC technologies in the context of other ITS applications
- Act as an expert group in RUC-related matters

# Membership and Growth

- International / UK mix
- Regular meetings attract 50-55 members
  - No attendance from automotive or mobile phone industry
  - Low attendance from local authorities and Govt agencies
- 2006: 4 meetings, 8 White Paper meetings
  - Successful joint meetings with Smart Environment and Enforcement Interest Groups
- 2007: 4 meetings;
  - March: '*European Best Practice*' (London)
  - June: '*Public Acceptance*' (Cardiff) – joint with PSLG
  - September: joint with Transport Scotland (Edinburgh)
  - December: First Annual Conference (London)  
*...and a 1-page article in TEC on the RUC White Paper*
- 2008: 4 meetings, possible meeting in Dublin / Belfast

# Background Developments in RUC

- UK: London Western Extension Zone (WEZ): commenced service
- UK: London Low Emission Zone (LEZ) policy announced
- UK: Transport Innovation Fund Phase 2 shortlist announced
- UK: Private Bill to permit Open Road Charging enforcement
- EU: Alsace pilot of cross-border LRUC interoperability announced, scheme studies announced in Netherlands
- US: New York City announced Manhattan scheme
- ROW: scheme studies from Brazil to Mauritius, RSA national plans
- but...
  - UK: Public acceptability is mixed
  - EU: Continual delays in Galileo programme
  - EU: EETS delays

# Current Issues facing the IG

- Growth in RUC in UK:
- Should be able to capture a share of this interest
- Increasing competition, typically 4-5 other sector meetings / year
- Lack of large enough venues in London (> 50)
- Response of ITS (UK) RUC:
- Meeting member subject area interest
- Maintaining role as networking group
- 4 meeting/year means can reflect current themes
- Exclusive subject areas
- Joint meetings continue to be used selectively
- Gain more support from public sector (local and national levels), to improve interaction and ITS awareness

# The Future of the RUC IG: Objectives

- To continue to support the mission of ITS (UK)
- To work within its ToR and adapt its ToR as its members think fit
- To further enable growth in ITS (UK) membership through having an attractive, relevant programme
- To reflect current trends in RUC and the interest of its members
- To capitalise on existing links with other international Intelligent Transport Societies?
- To make a relevant and well-considered contribution to the debate on road pricing in the UK