





2002		MAGLEV high speed train opens in Shanghai	Establishment of the Sustainable Development Working Group (future Commission), the Diversity Working Group, the Design and Culture Working Group, and the Academic Network - Creation in Lomé (Togo) of the UATP (Union Africaine des Transports Publics) that acts as the African Division of UITP - UITP launches extensive and successful training programmes	
2003	The WHO issues a global alert on SARS - U.S. forces seize control of Baghdad, ending the regime of Saddam Hussein - The Human Genome Project is completed		55th Congress takes place in Madrid - Establishment of the Trolleybus Working Group - Creation of an international and multidisciplinary Steering Committee charged with identifying future societal megatrends in order to deliver the necessary strategic actions for the sector - Creation of the Latin American Division, the regional office is established in Sao Paulo - Creation of the MENA Division	

<p>2004</p>	<p><i>Terrorist bombing hits rush-hour regional trains in Madrid, killing 190 - The Cassini-Huygens spacecraft arrives at Saturn - One of the worst natural disasters in history hits Southeast Asia. A massive 9.3 magnitude earthquake generates enormous tsunami waves that crash into the coast</i></p>		<p><i>The Security Group (future Commission) is established</i></p>	
<p>2005</p>	<p><i>The Huygens probe lands on Titan, the largest moon of Saturn</i></p>		<p><i>56th Congress in Rome and Roberto Cavaliere (Metropolitana di Roma) is elected as new President - Publication of the report of the Steering Committee founded in 2003: "Public Transport in 2020: from vision to action" - Launching of the Car-sharing Platform. It is renamed and redefined in 2009 as Seamless Mobility Platform</i></p>	<p>R. Cavaliere</p> 

<p>2006</p>	<p>NASA's Stardust mission, the first to return dust from a comet, successfully ends - The Qinghai-Tibet Railway launches a trial operation, connecting China and Tibet for the first time - The International Astronomical Union defines 'planet' demoting Pluto to the status of 'dwarf planet' more than 70 years after its discovery</p>			
<p>2007</p>	<p>The International Polar Year, a research programme to study both the North Pole and South Pole, is launched in Paris</p>		<p>57th Congress in Helsinki – Creation in 2007 of the Eurasian Division</p>	
<p>2008</p>	<p>The price of petroleum hits \$100 per barrel for the first time - The proton beam is circulated for the first time in the Large Hadron Collider, the world's largest and highest-energy particle accelerator, located at CERN, near Geneva – Major financial crisis hits the world</p>			

<p>2009-10</p>	<p><i>UNESCO launches The World Digital Library - The outbreak of the H1N1 influenza strain is deemed a global pandemic - A 7.0-magnitude earthquake occurs in Haiti, devastating the nation's capital, Port-au-Prince</i></p>		<p><i>58th Congress in Vienna. Alain Flausch (Société des Transports Intercommunaux de Bruxelles) is elected as new President - The PTx2 strategy with the aim of doubling the market share of public transport worldwide by 2025 is launched</i></p>	
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