

## Invitation to a press conference on occasion of the opening of Walk21 Vienna

on Tuesday 20 October 2015, 12.15 pm

Vienna City Hall, Nordbuffet (to the left of Festsaal on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, access via "Feststiege" main stairs)

### Participants:

- **Maria Vassilakou**, Deputy Mayor of Vienna and Executive City Councillor for Urban Planning, Traffic & Transport, Climate Protection, Energy and Public Participation
- **Jim Walker**, Chair of Walk21
- **German Sarmiento**, Walking Visionaries Award Winner

From 20 to 23 October, the world's largest expert conference on walking, quality of life and urban development will be held in Vienna for the first time. 280 experts from the fields of urban planning and development, politics, science, health and architecture will meet some 600 participants from all over the world at Vienna City Hall for the 16<sup>th</sup> "International Conference on Walking and Liveable Communities", or Walk21 for short. The conference with the motto "Stepping ahead" will include over 240 discussions, seminars, workshops and "urban labs".

Walk21 Vienna is an opportunity to learn about best practice examples from all over the world and discuss new strategies for smart pedestrian-centric urban development with numerous international experts. The list of speakers includes Mick Cornett, Mayor of Oklahoma City, Tjaša Ficko, Deputy Mayor of Ljubljana, accessibility and inclusion consultant and activist Raúl Krauthausen from Berlin, experimentalist and author of "Happy City" Charles Montgomery from Vancouver, President of the European Cyclists' Federation and World Cycling Alliance Manfred Neun, chief research officer of Civic Exchange Hong Kong Simon Ng, Danish architect Ulrik Nielsen, Mexican activist and "pedestrian superhero" Peatónito, co-founder of the group "space and place" Eugene Quinn, the German climate expert Fritz Reusswig, and Geetam Tiwari, Professor at the Indian Institute of Technology.

Please register for the press conference by e-mailing [press@walk21.vienna.com](mailto:press@walk21.vienna.com). We are looking forward to your participation!

We would also like to invite you to register for Walk21 as a journalist. With your press accreditation, you will have access to the entire conference. We will be happy to organise interviews or photo opportunities for you.

### Press registration

<http://walk21vienna.com/press-kit/press-registration/>

### Information on Walk21 Vienna and the conference programme

[www.walk21vienna.com](http://www.walk21vienna.com)

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