

TRB 91st Annual Meeting

Washington, 22-26 January 2012

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Happy New Year 2012

The Transportation Research Board (TRB) 91st Annual Meeting will be held in Washington, D.C. at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park, Omni Shoreham, and Washington Hilton hotels. The Conference attracts more than 11,000 transportation professionals from around the world to Washington, D.C., January 22-26, 2012.

The TRB Annual Meeting program covers all transportation modes, with more than 4,000 presentations in nearly 650 sessions and workshops addressing topics of interest to all attendees—policy makers, administrators, practitioners, researchers, and representatives of government, industry, and academic institutions. A number of sessions and workshops will address the **spotlight theme for 2012: Transportation: Putting Innovation and People to Work**.

In 2006, ECTRI and TRB, both representing a substantial part of the transport research community in their respective regions, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with objective to foster and facilitate greater synergies for information-sharing and cooperation between the two organisations. This MoU is implemented by 2-year action plan organising a number of joint activities.

This year again, in the frame of this MoU, ECTRI has actively contributed by organising a number of sessions and giving a European flavour to the Annual Meeting. With the event approaching, Christian Piehler, ECTRI President, Prof. George Giannopoulos, ECTRI-TRB MoU Moderator, and Caroline Alméras, ECTRI Secretary General, would like to highlight these sessions where a number of ECTRI members will be participating.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Sunday, January 22nd, 2012

9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Hilton Hotel

Exploring Extreme Weather Impacts on Transportation System Operations in Europe: opportunities for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation

Presided by: Pekka Leviakangas – VTT, Finnish Transport Research Institute

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1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, Hilton Hotel

International Activities Committee

Presided by: Prof. Jorge A. Prozzi – University of Texas, Austin

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Presentation by Prof. George Giannopoulos of EUTRAIN project' activities

3:45 pm – 5:15 pm, Hilton Hotel, Morgan

ECTRI/TRB Action Plan Review Subcommittee

Subcommittee of the International Activities Committee

Presided by Prof. George Giannopoulos – HIT, Hellenic Institute of Transport

Sponsored by Committee on International Activities (A0010)

This meeting will focus on the status and update of the ECTRI/TRB MoU, and in particular on the ECTRI Scanning Tour 2012 in US and Young Researchers Seminar 2013.

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, Hilton Hotel

International Participants' Reception

Presided by Prof. Jorge A. Prozzi – University of Texas, Austin

Sponsored by Committee on International Activities (A0010)

Monday, January 23rd, 2012

8:00 am – 9:45 am, Hilton Hotel, Columbia Hall 7

National Research Frameworks Part 1: International Perspective on Research Agenda Setting

Presided by Kim, Tschangho John – University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Sponsored by Committees on International Activities (A0010), Conduct of Research (ABG10), Technology Transfer (ABG30)

This session will include presentations by Prof. G. Giannopoulos, HIT on “Promoting International Transport Research Cooperation: EU Activities and Future Work of the EUTRAIN Project” and by Alessandro Damiani, European Commission on “EU Transport Research: Priority Setting and Funding Schemes”

3:45 pm – 5:30 pm, Hilton Hotel [**Attendance restricted to Committee Members**]

5th International Conference on Women's Issues in Transportation, April 2014, Paris Scientific Committee, First meeting

Presided by Ariane Dupont-Kieffer – Ifsttar, French Institute of Sciences and Technology for Transport, Development and Networks

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This meeting aims to launch the preparation of the 5th Conference on Women's Issues in Transportation that will be held in April 2014 in Paris. The purpose of this Conference, supported by ECTRI, is to stimulate thinking and research from worldwide Academics, operational transport organisations and private stakeholders on issues women are facing regarding their mobility and how transportation affects their social and personal life. Prof. Neil Paulley, ECTRI Vice-President, has been appointed to participate to this Committee as ECTRI representative, till December 31, 2014.

Tuesday, January 24th, 2012

5.45 pm – 7.30 pm, Hilton Hotel, Columbia Hall 3 & 4 [by invitation only]

EUTRAIN Project: Network of Related Entities (NRE) Launching Event

Presided by C. Alméras – ECTRI

After the successful official launching event of the EUTRAIN project in October 2011 in Brussels, this second event aims specifically to launch the project among the “Network of Related Entities - NRE”; The NRE is a wider network of “players” in transport research (approximately 100) covering the entire world, and who are asked to provide inputs to the project, via the project's electronic interaction platform and e-mails; they are also invited to participate in all project workshops and Conference.

ECTRI Members are welcomed to join this event.

Friday, January 27th, 2012

10.00 am – 1.00 pm, US DoT [Attendance restricted to EUTRAIN partners]

EUTRAIN project: bilateral meeting with US Administrations

Presided by Prof. G. Giannopoulos – Hellenic Institute of Transport, HIT

Representatives of 6 DoT related US transport research Organisations (FHWA, FRA, RITA, etc) will be interviewed in the frame of the EUTRAIN project.