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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 10th WCTR at Istanbul, July 8, 2004

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President Werner ROTHENGATTER (Karlsruhe, GERMANY)

Chair of Scientific Committee
Hilde MEERSMAN (Antwerp, BELGIUM)
General Secretary and Ex-President
Alain BONNAFOUS (Lyon, FRANCE)

Chair of Editorial Board
Moshe BEN-AKIVA (Cambridge, MA, USA)

11th Conference Director
Elisabeth DEAKIN (Berkely, USA)

1 Welcome of participants

The Chairman welcomes the participants and announces the agenda which is agreed by the GA.

2 WCTRS Technical Activities Report (WR, AH)

Ali Huzayyin and Werner Rothengatter table the report of activities (enclosure). The report is welcomed by the GA.

3 WCTRS Journal (MBA, YH, JP, PB)

The editors of the Transport Policy Journal, Moshe Ben Akiva, Yoshi Hayashi, John Preston and Peter Bonsall, give a brief report of the journal's status and activities (see minutes of the STC). The GA agrees with the structure of editorship and appreciates the improving international reputation of the journal.

4 WCTRS Financial Report (AB, EV)

Alain Bonnafous gives the financial report for the period 2001 to 2004. The financial situation will improve due to the agreement with Elsevier that the society will not have to buy a fixed number of copies of the journal Transport Policy. Eddy van de Voorde gives the auditor's report and states that the bookkeeping and financial sheets are correct. The GA accepts the financial report.

5 Nominations, members STC 2004-07 (RR)

Robert Rivier announces the nominates members for the STC 2004-2007 (attached list). Two positions have to be decided on at the next STC meetings: The position for liaison with international organizations (preferably a World Bank officer) and the position for liaison to east asia (preferably a Chinese colleague). All suggestions are agreed.

6 Future Directions, activity plan (WR)

The Chairman presents the activity plan for 2004 – 2007 (see attachment). This is agreed by the GA.

7 Other matter

No contribution.

Minutes: Werner Rothengatter

Agenda item 2

World Conference on Transport Research Society WCTRS



WCTRS Activity Report 2001-2004

Presented by the WCTRS President Prof. Dr. Werner Rothengatter
to the General Assembly of WCTRS,
Istanbul, Friday 8 July 2004

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WCTR 10, Istanbul :

→ Work on organization and scientific matters started immediately after the closing of WCTR 9 in Seoul with full cooperation between the Host site partners and WCTRS.

→ The STC has followed up overall organizational and scientific matters with the Conference Directorate chaired by Prof. Dr. Yucel Candemir.

→ Scientific matters have been organized between the Scientific Committee of WCTR 10 (SCC) chaired by Prof. Dr. Hilde Meersman and the Local Programme Committee (LPC) chaired by Prof. Dr. Füsün Ülengin.

→ With the wide-spread scope of activities of our society and conferences being "multi-modal", "multi-disciplinary" and "multi-sectoral", the SCC has decentralized its activities through 3 Sub Committees,

→ The International Programme Sub-Committee (IPSC) chaired by Prof. Dr. Yoshi Hayashi.

→ The Publications Sub-Committee chaired by Prof. Dr. Jose Viegas.

→ The Prize-Sub-Committee Chaired by Prof. Dr. Dan Sperling and recently by Prof. Dr. Yoshi Hayashi as Dan could not come to Istanbul for unavoidable reasons.

→ The detailed scientific matters have been closely dealt with between the Chairs of ISPC and LPC in excellent spirit of mutual collaboration and understanding.

→ Further decentralization has been developed by the IPSC to follow up detailed scientific activities in cooperation with the LPC for selection of referees and session chairpersons, via carefully selected distinguished volunteers who kindly accepted to act as Topic Area Managers (11 colleagues) and Session Track Organizers (72 colleagues). Their names are listed in the Final Programme Book.

WCTRS Transport Policy Journal:

- Remarkable achievements have been accomplished during the last three years.
- The compulsory bulk order payment to Elsevier has become zero since 2003. This has helped improve Society's balance very much.
- Transport Policy Journal has achieved one of the highest numbers of download from Science Direct of Elsevier among the transport journals.
- Due to a high rate of submission of papers, there has been higher demand to shorten the turn around time from submission to publication and to find space for special issues and invited papers. The revealed increase in readership demand made it possible to increase the page budget to 660 pages per year and to publish six issues annually instead of four, without increase in price for WCTRS members.
- In that respect WCTRS high acknowledges the work of the Editor in Chief Prof. Dr. Moshe Ben-Akiva and the three Editors Yoshi Hayashi, John Preston and Peter Bonsall as well as Mr. Chris Pringle from Elsevier. Thanks are also due to members of the Editorial Board of the Journal.

WCTRS Special Interest Groups (SIGs):

- All of the 11 WCTRS SIGs have organized sessions this week in Istanbul.
- Four of WCTRS SIGS have been very active in deed. Those are SIGs 1, 8, 10 and 11 as you can conclude from the activities they have carried out over the last three years since the end of Seoul WCTR 9 as briefly outlined below.

SIG 1: Transport and Spatial Development, Chaired by Prof. Dr. Yoshi Hayashi

- In addition to organizing sessions in WCTR 10, the following activities were accomplished,
- An international seminar "Regeneration of Cities" in Nagoya University, hosted by Yoshi Hayashi, just before the WCTR Seoul. The outcome of the seminar and selected papers were published as the first issue of Built Environment in 2003.
 - A round table meeting just after WCTR-9, Seoul, July 2001.
 - A seminar in May 2003 on the occasion of CUPUM conference, organized by Kazu Miyamoto, in Sendai, Japan.

SIG 8: Air Transport research, Chaired by Prof. Dr. Tae Oum

- In addition to organizing sessions this week in WCTR 10, three conferences were held and more than 100 papers were presented in each conference:
- July 2002, Seattle, Washington, USA, hosted and sponsored by Boeing Commercial Aircraft Company.
 - July 2003, Toulouse, France, hosted and sponsored jointly with Toulouse Business School and Civil Aviation Academy of France, (ENAC).
 - July 1 to 3, 2004, Hosted in Istanbul Technical University, Istanbul, Turkey.

SIG 8 publishes the Proceedings of its annual conferences. It also publishes the general report of each conference in Transport Policy Journal. In addition Transport Policy published three special issues based on papers presented in SIG 8 annual conferences.

SIG 10: Urban Transport Policy Instruments, Chaired by Prof. Dr. Tony May

SIG 10 is one of the youngest WCTRS SIGs that was established in July 2001. In addition to organizing full day of sessions this week in WCTR 10, the following activities were accomplished,

→ Organized a conference in Leeds, UK in July 2002 with 30 participants and 14 presentations. Seven papers were published in Transport Policy in 2003.

→ In formal meeting of SIG members in Budapest, October 2003 associated with IMPRINT, ASTRAL Workshops.

→ Future meetings are planned linked with international conferences.

SIG 11: Transport and the Environment, Chaired by Prof. Dr. Yoshi Hayashi

SIG 11 is one of the newest WCTRS SIGs that was established in July 2001. In addition to organizing sessions this week in WCTR 10, the following important and unique activity was accomplished.

SIG11 and the Institute for Transport Policy Studies, Tokyo, headed by Prof. Dr. Hideo Nakamura Ex President of WCTRS, have established a joint project named "CUTE" (Comparative study on Urban Transport and the Environment) with the following features:

→ The project extended for three years, since the last conference in Seoul back in 2001.

→ An international seminar was organized in Tokyo in February 2003 hosted by the Nippon Institute, Tokyo, chaired by Prof. Dr. Hideo Nakamura and hosted by the Institute for Transport Policy Studies, Tokyo. The speakers were all from the members of the WCTRS.

→ The project has ended up in 2004, by producing a book "Urban Transport and the Environment - An International Perspective" published at the Istanbul conference and soon will be in the market.

→ A number of distinguished members of WCTRS are among the main contributors of this book.

→ Elsevier, the publishers of the book, is kindly offering 25% discount for WCTRS members.

SIG activity is a very strong feature of WCTRS and therefore we have to foster SIG activity – hopefully more broadly - in the future.

WCTRS Side Activities:

→ In cooperation with GTZ (the German Technical Cooperation), WCTRS organized a side activity complementing, the International Conference on Renewable Energies, held in Bonn, Germany, June 2004.

→ The Side Event was about "Transport in Developing Countries: Renewable Energy or Energy Reduction?"

→ It was introduced/concluded and chaired by Prof. Dr. Werner Rothengatter WCTRS President and among the speakers was Prof. Dr. Ali Huzayyin member of the WCRS STC.

→ Thirty five participants attended with lively discussions.

→ Jointly, WCTRS and the Chinese Railways Association organized an International Conference on Railway Transport in November 2002. Professors Hideo Nakamura, Werner Rothengatter and Yves Crozet both actively participate in the conference.

→ WCTRS is formally invited to actively participate in the Scientific Programme of the forthcoming International Conference on Sustainable Transportation in Developing Countries, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, February 2005, to be organized jointly by the Environmental Research and Wildlife Development Agency of the UAE and the General Exhibitions

Cooperation. Contacts are starting through Ali Huzayyin. Ali Huzayyin, Werner Rothengatter and Yoshi Hayashi are invited to present papers and to join the Scientific Committee of the conference. The organizers welcome the participation of members of WCTRS how are interested in the subject.

→ WCTRS arranges the WCTRS President Reception every year in Washington, D.C. during the TRB meeting. All WCTRS members and people interested in WCTRS are welcome to join.

Update of WCTRS/WCTR Operating Practices Document:

→ WCTRS is a very dynamic society. This means that whenever needed we are ready to change our practices and regulatory procedures in running our conferences and other activities. This allows us to learn from our past experiences and to follow up the pace of technology advance in computerized communications and publications, etc.

→ Therefore we have been producing the WCTRS/WCTR Operation Practices Document which registers our detailed procedures as they evolve over time and which cannot be included in our Constitution that broadly defines our governing rules.

→ This document is also essentially useful for the WCTR Host Sites Institutions and potential ones who think of hosting future conferences as they can get first hand comprehensive detailed account of how our conferences are run, defining the obligations and responsibilities of the Host Site.

→ Prof. Dr. Ali Huzayyin member of the STC of WCTRS has always been in charge of producing and updating this document, which is approved by the STC. He kindly produced the latest version for 2004 this week in Istanbul with support of other colleagues of the STC each on his part.

Up date of WCTRS Membership Directory:

→ The WCTRS Membership Directory has been published and distributed this week.

→ This important document has always been prepared in the WCTRS Secretariat in Lyon by Dr. Jean Noel Mabilia under supervision of WCTRS General Secretary, Prof. Dr. Alain Bonnafous. The outstanding support of the LET Lyon by hosting the WCTRS Secretariat is highly acknowledged.

Next WCTR 11 Host Site for 2007:

→ Communication was going on and documents were exchanged since 2002.

→ WCTRS received three kind offers form three distinguished Universities, each were given the chance of presenting their nomination files during a STC meeting held in Istanbul back on May 2003.

→ A decision was taken during the STC meeting held in Washington, DC on January 2004 with unanimous voting.

Werner Rothengatter,
WCTRS President,
Istanbul,
8 July 2004

Agenda item 5

List of Steering Committee (STC) Members of WCTRS

STC meeting in Istanbul July 4th 2004

Directorate:

Chair: Werner Rothengatter

Secretary General: Alain Bonnafous

Ex-President: Hideo Nakamura

Marketing and Membership: Yoshi Hayashi, Eddy van de Voorde, Tae Oum,
*N.N. (developing countries and transition
economies, preferred China), N.N.
(underrepresented areas)*

Constitution, Operating
Practices, Nomination: Robert Rivier, Ali Huzayyin,

Auditing: Eddy van de Voorde

Liaison with WCTR 11: *Yücel Candemir (new)*

Liaison with International
Organizations: *Andreas Kopp (OECD-ECMT, new), N.N. (World
Bank)*

Journal Editors

Members from Editorial Board of Transport Policy:
Moshe Ben Akiva, Yoshi Hayashi, John Preston, Peter Bonsall

Scientific Committee:

Hilde Meersman, Jose Viegas, *Tony May (new), Füsün Ülengin (new)*

WCTR-11 Conference Organization (Organizing and Programme Committees)

Dan Sperling, *Elizabeth Deakin (new)*

Honorary Members:

Michel Frybourg, Trevor Heaver

Agenda item 6

WCTRS Objectives 2004-2007 and Activity Plan

Objectives 2004 – 2007

1. To prepare the next WCTR in Berkeley
2. To foster SIG activity
3. To select an appropriate conference site 2010
4. To increase membership, in particular of young members
5. To attract members from developing and threshold/transition countries
6. To foster WCTRS as the leading international society on transport research

Activity Plan 2004 – 2007

1. To establish the new organization structure and allocate responsibilities
2. To evaluate the experiences made with the WCTR organizations so far and prepare an activity plan for the Organization Committee
3. To start a marketing/membership campaign to increase membership and subscriptions for the Transport Policy Journal
4. To implement the publication plans for conference papers – in particular: Special issues of journal
5. To commit in co-sponsorships with international conferences
6. To improve on the relationships with TRB
7. To foster the contacts with Chinese colleagues and with Chinese members