

WCTR Rio Conference

Final Report

Presentation

The 13th WCTR Conference took place from the 14th to the 18th July 2013 in Rio de Janeiro, Brasil. This is the final report of the conference and presents the final information. The report is divided as follows:

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1 Papers balance

In total 864 papers were presented in the 13th WCTR Conference held in Rio, from which 762 were presented orally amongst the 180 technical sessions and the remaining were presented in poster sessions. The table below shows the distribution of papers amongst topic areas:

TA	Total	Poster	Oral
A	143	12	131
B	114	8	106
C	131	22	109
E	81	12	69
F	141	18	123
G	190	18	172
H	64	12	52
	864	102	762

The percentage of papers presented as poster was 8.5%. The area which had more papers presented was TA G, though the area with more posters was TA C.

2 Special sessions balance

Initially 44 Special Sessions were suggested. When the programme was released 37 sessions were announced. The final number of special sessions which actually happened was 33. Please, find below the final list of Special Sessions which took place in the 13th WCTR:

SS #	Title
SS01	Improving Institutional Capability and Financial Viability to Sustain Transport - An Evaluation of World Bank Group (WBG) Support to Transport Infrastructure 2002/2011
SS02	Metropolitan Mobility Network Rio de Janeiro Experience
SS03	TRANSED - Mobility and Transport for Elderly and Disabled People
SS04	BRT
SS05	Brazilian Transport cases
SS06	Transport at natural disasters and emergencies
SS07	CODATU Adis Ababa 2012 Conference follow up
SS08	Rio de Janeiro Transport cases
SS09	Smart logistics hubs and corridors
SS10	Africa - TEST (Transport & Environment Science Technology Network
SS11	Social networks and mobility: what's on?
SS12	Modelling transport for decision makers
SS13	Sustainability criteria as a basis for the financing and evaluation of transport projects in Africa
SS14	FORUM BRASILEIRO DE ITS
SS15	Sustainable Development of Transportation in a Rapidly Urbanizing China
SS16	Towards an international Transport research funding and data sharing framework: Discussing the recommendations of the EU sponsored EUTRAIN project
SS17	Public Private Partnerships in Transport Infrastructure
SS18	TRB International Activities Committee, A0010, 2013 Mid-Year Meeting International committee
SS19	European Transport Research looks ahead: "Horizon 2020" to fund collaboration, "TRA2014" to take stock and connect.
SS20	Brazilian experience in transport and urban mobility infra-structure projects: the private point of view
SS21	From Car Congestion Hell towards Rail Transit Heaven
SS22	Fiscal sustainability of infrastructure investments
SS23	How to write and publish a paper (ELSEVIER)
SS24	WCTRS Y-II (WCTRS Ph.D. Students' Grants)
SS25	Highways Economic Regulation: A Worldwide analysis
SS26	Rail logistics higher education: "research and teaching - hand in hand"
SS27	Status and Challenges of Transportation Research in India – Chair: Ashish Verma
SS28	BRICs transport realities and common research possibilities
SS29	The The European Transport Research & Innovation Portal TRIP
SS30	"Beyond Chicago Convention,
SS32	Bicycle Mobility Round Table
SS33	Urban parking: Managing the curb side
SS36	12e séminaire francophone Est-Ouest de socio-économie des transports

3 Technical visits

At the last day of the conference, Thursday, a number of technical visits were organized for the afternoon, just after the Closing Ceremony. The visits which actually happened are the following:

- Alemao Cable Car/CCO Supervia
- Corcovado train
- BRT TRansoeste
- Metro line 4 construction site
- COPPE

It was also offered the opportunity to visit a bus operator garage, but since no one has registered to this option, the visit was cancelled.

As for the operationalization of the visits, buses were available to take the delegates to their destination. In each visit a member of WCTR Local Staff accompanied the delegates. Lunch boxes were offered to the participants.

Initially there were some problems in organizing the groups, as the people started to leave the closing ceremony and agglomerate in front of the hotel. The buses could not park in front of the hotel, as there was no available room for all of them.

Finally everything got sorted out and the visits happened as expected, just with a delay.

On the Friday following the conference, a technical visit to Curitiba was organized by the local committee. Prof Hostilio Ratton has accompanied the participants in the visit.

4 Registration & Payment

At the end the conference had a total of 901 participants. The participation per country is presented as follows:

Country/Region		Country/Region		Country/Region	
Brazil	121	Turkey	8	Czech Republic	2
Japan	110	Taiwan	7	Malaysia	2
France	64	Singapore	7	Bangladesh	1
Germany	58	Indonesia	6	Costa Rica	1
United Kingdom	49	Finland	6	Estonia	1
United States	39	Norway	6	Peru	1
Portugal	30	Austria	5	Albania	1
China	30	Iran	4	Malta	1
Colombia	29	Luxembourg	3	Ecuador	1
Italy	28	Switzerland	3	United Arab Emirates	1
Belgium	27	Hong Kong	3	Portugal	1
Netherlands	26	Nigeria	3	Togo	1
Canada	26	Egypt	3	Saudi Arabia	1
Chile	22	South Korea	3	Uganda	1
Sweden	21	New Zealand	3	Bolivia	1
India	19	Israel	3	Hungary	1
Australia	19	Ireland	3	Slovenia	1
Denmark	14	Argentina	3	Venezuela	1
Spain	13	Thailand	2	Vietnam	1
Greece	13	Uruguay	2	Zimbabwe	1
South Africa	11	Iceland	2	Kazakhstan	1
Poland	10	Philippines	2	Kenia	1
Mexico	9	Lebanon	2		901

In terms of category of participants there was a mismatch in the suitable/due fee x the actually paid fee. This happened because some participants thought their countries were developing countries but actually they were not, at least according to the classification adopted by WCTR (World Bank). These participants have been contacted and asked to pay the balance. Most of the cases were solved, but still some were not.

Adequate Fee Category	Category Paid			Grand Total
	Developing	Full	Student	
Reduced fee	24	1		25
Regular fee	28	561		589
Student			238	238
Grand Total	52	562	238	852

5 Bursaries

The Local Committee offered scholarships for participants coming from Lower-income, lower-middle-income and upper-middle-income economies are eligible, according to the World Bank classification who had full paper accepted and submitted to the conference.

In total 17 applications were received. Finally 4 bursaries were given to nationals from Bangladesh, Colombia, Iran and India.

6 Prizes

During the conference, the following prizes have been awarded:

- Dupuit Prize was awarded to Professor Werner ROTHENGATTER, from Germany, in recognition of a distinguished scientific and professional career which has been of significant benefit to the transportation community
- WCTRS Prize for the Best Paper was awarded to QIANG Meng, XINCHANG Wang and LIXIN Miao for their paper entitled: *Boundary estimation of probabilistic port hinterland for intermodal freight transportation operations* and to Alain BONNAFOUS and Bruno FAIVRE D'ARCIER for their paper entitled: *The conditions of efficiency of a PPP for public finances*
- Transport Policy Prize for the Most Influential Paper was awarded to Jillian ANABLE for his paper entitled: *Complacent Car Addicts or Aspiring Environmentalists? Identifying travel behavior segments using attitude theory*
- WCTRS Prize for the Best Poster and Prize for the WCTR Best Paper on Transport in Developing Countries (offered by Cairo University) were awarded to Herrie SCHALEKAMP, from South Africa, for his paper entitled: *Attitudes to public transport reform in South Africa: results of in-depth interviews with paratransit operators*
- WCTRS Prize for the Best Paper presented by a Young Researcher was awarded to Moataz Mahmoud, from Egypt, and Julian Hine for their paper entitled: *Measuring the influence of transit service quality on users' perceptions*

7 Finances

The budget for the conference was based on two main income sources: sponsorship and participants fees.

We have received a total of R\$ 1.402.600,00 in participants' fees and R\$470.900 in sponsorships.

Lyon has received the pre-payment fees as well as some of participants' fees in a total of 81.782 euros.

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