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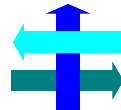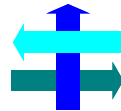# Current Operating Practices
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The World Conference on Transport Research Society – WCTRS is constituted under the Swiss law as given in its Constitution. This document summarizes some of the main features of WCTRS and its current operating practices that are in line with the Constitution. The main objective, scope, and structure of the society as well as its committees and its main activities are well established and have stabilized over the years. However, details of the society operations particularly those related to management of the series of the international conference "World Conference on Transport Research - WCTR" can change from a conference to another as the practice grows. This is particularly true in view of the very large scale domain of the conference: addressing many area and sub-area technical topics, organised over many parallel sessions, and being attended by many participants from many countries and diversified disciplines. In addition, from time to time the society introduces new activities and/or expands existing ones to go in harmony with its dynamic nature and the desires of its members. Accordingly, the present document changes from time to time in order to keep pace with the changing operations. That is why it is named "*Current Operating Practices*".

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1   **Background**

2   **Objective & Scope**

1. Background

The World Conference on Transport Research has a long and distinguished history: Rotterdam (1977), London (1980), Hamburg (1983), Vancouver (1986), Yokohama (1989), Lyon (1992), Sydney (1995), Antwerp (1998), Seoul (2001), Istanbul (2004), Berkeley (2007), Lisbon (2010), Rio (2013), Shanghai (2016) and Mumbai (2019). This series began with predecessor conferences, the International Conference on Transportation Research at Bruges (1973), and an important research conference in Paris (1975).

The conferences proceeding and including Vancouver (1986) were each organised by a Steering Committee, which operated independently of any formal institutional structure. In 1986, in order to provide a more stable structure, the WCTR Society (WCTRS) was established at Vancouver. In 1999 the WCTRS published the first issue of its Journal "Transport Policy" (TP) to mark a new service for those who need to publish their work between conferences. In 2013 it launched a second journal "Case Studies in Transport Policy" (CSTP). In 2011 WCTRS launched the WCTRS Young Researchers' Initiative "WCTRS-Y" for its young members (< 35 years) including "Y-I: WCTR-Y", a one day conference run by the young members, "Y-II: WCTRS Ph.D. Students' Grants", to encourage excellence and competence of its young members in transport research, and "Y-III: WCTRS Young Members Online Facility". In 2016 the society started to use professional Conference Management System (CMS) to facilitate electronic: submission of papers, paper review process, conference registration, etc. In the same year WCTRS succeeded in establishing partnerships with 24 Journals and introduced its WCTRS Book Series.

2. Objective and Scope
2.1 Objective

The objective of the WCTRS is to provide a forum for the interchange of ideas among transport researchers, managers, policy makers, and educators from all over the world, from a perspective

which is multi-modal, multi-disciplinary and multi-sectoral. The Society has, thus, become a primary forum for such international exchanges in transportation; the World Conferences are the places where leading transportation professionals from all countries convene to learn from one another. Through its new initiatives for the Society's younger members, it intends also to strengthen the interaction between the experience of the seniors and the ambitions of the young researchers.

One unique role for the WCTR is to identify emerging issues and opportunities of a policy, managerial, or technical nature which will influence transportation research, policy, management, and education in future years. In this way, the Society, the Conference, and the Journals intend to play a strong leadership role in bridging the gaps between research and practice.

2.2 Scope
The Society is multi-modal, multi-disciplinary, and multi-sectoral. The members span almost all aspects of transportation research: planning, engineering, design, modelling, policy, management, logistics, etc. In general, the World Conferences and the society's Journals will mirror this breadth of interests.

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WCTR 1	Rotterdam 1977
WCTR 2	London 1980
WCTR 3	Hamburg 1983
WCTR 4	Vancouver 1986

1986 establishing the **WCTRS**

WCTR 5	Yokohama 1989
WCTR 6	Lyon 1992
WCTR 7	Sydney 1995
WCTR 8	Antwerp 1998

1999 launching **Transport Policy Journal**

WCTR 9	Seoul 2001
WCTR 10	Istanbul 2004
WCTR 11	Berkeley 2007
WCTR 12	Lisbon 2010

2011 launching **Young Researchers' Initiative**

2013 launching **Case Studies in Transport Policy Journal**

WCTR 13	Rio 2013
WCTR 14	Shanghai 2016

2016 introducing **Conference Management System** and **Partner Journals; Shanghai WCTR**

2016 introducing **WCTRS Book Series**

WCTR 15	Mumbai 2019