**WCTRS Steering Committee Meeting**

**13:00 to 16:00, Thursday 12th January**

**at University of Maryland Reagan Suite**

**Room DC-C1**

**Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004**

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**DRAFT Agenda**

Online

Gopal Patil

Hongchang Li

Anastasiia Nosach (observing)

Hai-Jun Huang

Holger Dalkmann

Pierluigi Coppola

Hingchang Li

Antonio Musso

Ali Huzzayin

Yafeng Yin

Chunyan Yu

Greg Marsden

Helen Robinson

Martin Trepanier

Catherine Morency

Hideki Nakamura

Stephen Perkins

Yucel Candemir

Laetitia Dablanc

Chikage Miyoshi

Ozay Ozaydin

Luoxiao

Fred Amonya

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| 1. **Site selection for 17th WCTR 2026** (Ali Huzayyin):   *Note – this is a closed item for STC members only. STC observers and invited attendees will be able to wait in the University of Maryland Suite during this item* | | 13:00-13:30 |
| The recommendation of the SSSC was accepted. 23 people voted with 91% voting yes and 9% no | |  |
| **2. Welcome and STC meeting opening** (Tae Oum): 5 min | | 13:30-13:35 |
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| **3. Minutes of STC meeting 7th July 2022** (Greg Marsden): 5 min | | 13:35-13:40 |
|  | The minutes of the STC meeting were approved without amendment |  |
| **4. President’s Matters:** 30 min | | 13:40- 14:10 |
|  | 1. Covid-19 (Yoshi Hayashi; Junyi Zhang) – 5 mins   Details of the significant achievements of the task force are included on the slide deck |  |
|  | **b.** Subway Benchmarking (Pierluigi Coppola, Xiao Luo, Liping Le,  Tae Oum) – 10 mins  The taskforce has been working on benchmarking more than 52 cities and meets regularly to deliver this. Further details are on the slide deck. |  |
|  | 1. Education & Licence Initiative (Martin Dresner, Guowei Hua, Hong Chang Li, Yafeng Yin, Aseem Kinra) – 10 mins   The programme has now been approved and a website developed. Faculty contracts need to be finalised and signed and the programme will then need to be promoted. Further details are included in the slide deck |  |
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| **5. Progress report on WCTRS Montreal World Conference (17-21 (M-F) July 2023** | | 14:10-14:40 |
| (Catherine Morency; Martin Trepanier; Lori Tavasszy; Fusun Ulengin,Gopal Patil)  Conference Update  A Slide Show presentation showed how the 1062 papers were distributed across countries and authors. There is still time to submit proposals for special sessions – by 15th March. All attendees at Special Sessions have to register for the entire conference. Details of existing sponsorship commitments which were reported at SCC were shared, including a free public transport pass.  Budget scenarios were presented to the STC. The projections were based on 800 attendees and assumptions have to be made on the split between full and student, early and standard registrations and high, middle and lower income delegate rates. 800 attendees, based on the assumptiosn deployed produces a liss of $39648 US which CIRRELT would bear, although there are contingencies. Break even would be around 910 participants. With 1000 participants there is a surplus projected which would go back to audio visuals and grants.  The fee structure proposed was approved by vote  However, for future conferences there could be a significant impact on attendance if the total costs continue to rise. This is particularly challenging to balance for the current conference as travel and attendance is more difficult to project right now. | |  |
|  | 1. Brief on Scientific committee work (Lori Tavasszy)   Lori updated on the key aspects of the timetable for scientific work in the lead up to the Montreal conference |  |
|  | 1. Special Issues and Proceedings Plan (Fusun Ulengin and Catherine Morency)   Ozay shared the insights on SIs 7 – approved and 10 more in the idea and communication phase. |  |
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| **6. WCTRS-Y progress report (Laetitia Dablanc):** 5 min | | 14:40-14:45 |
|  | Laetitia updated on the dynamic progress being made by the WCTRS-Y  51 abstracts is the highest number of abstracts received and there will be a selective process.  Outstanding reviews on the PhD grant paper review process were requested to be completed.  Laetitia proposed that the PhD grants be changed in the future as this is not an educational function as Activities I and III are. This should be moved to being part of the Prize Committee as a specific prize for best PhD paper amongst the younger researcher category for 2026. This will be confirmed at the start of the next conference cycle. |  |
|  | **Break 14:45-14:55** |  |
| **7. Publicity (Maria Attard, Ashish Verma)**: | | 14:55-15:05 |
|  | **a.** Social Media (Maria Attard) Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn – 5mins |  |
|  | **b.** WCTRS Research Newsletter – monthly (Ashish Verma) – 5 mins |  |
|  | Maria summarised the rise in social media access and underlined the importance of using the conference to help build our presence and to attract people to our events.  Ashish shared the progress with the newsletter (21 issues released to date). The contract will need refreshing from February 2023. |  |
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| **8. Report from Secretariat (Greg Marsden):** 15 min | | 15:05-15:20 |
|  | **a)** WCTRS finances (Greg Marsden) – 5mins |  |
|  | **b)** Secretariat Staffing (Greg Marsden) – 5 mins |  |
|  | **c)** WCTRS Swiss Registration (Greg Marsden) – 5 mins |  |
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| **9.** **Reports from International Partners (Tae Oum): 36 min (3min each)** | | 15:20-15:56 |
|  | 1. **ITF** (International Transport Forum) (Steve Perkins)   Steve Perkins shared updates on attendance at the Montreal Conference, the forthcoming ITF Summit and opportunities for participation in forthcoming roundtables. |  |
|  | 1. **TRB** (Caroline Almeras, Christos Xenophontos)   Caroline reported on the activities of the coordinating council where WCTRS Scientists are invited to present, including in workshops and co-sponsored events. The International Coordinating Committee meeting and International Networking Reception are other good venues where WCTRS exchanges on its forthcoming activities. The slides detailed further opportunities for building joint events. |  |
|  | 1. **WB** (World Bank) (Binyam Reja, Jose Luis Irigoyen)   Binyam Reja introduced the WB priorities and underlined the importance of resilience and adaptation. A recent report on the economics of e-mobility has also recently been launched. Studies on decarbonisation, aviation, railway and maritime are underway. Support will be required to develop their in-house modelling capabilities. Of particular relevance in the future partnership activities is to develop the WCTRS, TRB and WB partnership around developing capacity in Africa. |  |
|  | 1. **AET** (Association of European Transport; Herman Maier, new Board Chair)   Hermann summarised our key points of interaction on the slides. A keynote speech from the 2022 conference was delivered by Prof Oum. A call for papers for the 6-8 Milan conference has been released. |  |
|  | 1. **EASTS** (Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies) (Jaehak Oh, President)   The EASTS Society information was shared by slides, including their forthcoming conference in September 2023. |  |
|  | 1. **CODATU** (Cooperation for urban mobility in the developing world) (Ali Huzayyin; Varameth Vichiensan)   Ali shared the slides from CODATU where there is strong interaction with SIG H-5 including a special session in November 2021 online and there are goals for a Special Session in Montreal |  |
|  | 1. **Club of Rome** (Yoshi Hayashi) also link up with **UNFCCC-COP** (Conference of Parties), **SLOCAT** (Sustainable Low Carbon Transport) (Holger Dalkmann)   The Club of Rome slides were shared with STC where there has been good interaction with WCTRS, particularly recently around the launch of the Covid-19 book |  |
|  | 1. **UNESCAP (Weishiuen Ng)**   UNESCAP’s slides were shared.  **SLOCAT (Holger Dalkmann)**  Holger outlined the work of SLOCAT in COP27 and the forthcoming global status report on transport and climate change. Holger would be grateful for expert reviewers from the Society. Two large scale research programmes – one on walking and one on shared mobility in low and middle income countries. |  |
|  | 1. **Air Transport Research Society (ATRS)** (Anming Zhang)   Martin Dresner introduced ATRS. A session was run in the virtual conference and further opportunities for collaboration flagged on the slides. |  |
|  | 1. **Pan-American Society of Transportation Research** (Jose Holguin-Veras; **Victor Cantillo**)   Jose introduced the lates conference information for the Pan American Society to encourage joint sessions across the conferences. |  |
|  | 1. **ADBI (Asian Development Bank Institute)** (Dr. Seetha Ram)   Significant activities with SIG A4 have been taking place – further information is available on the slides. |  |
|  | **l) CCTA-WCTRS** collaboration issue (Hong Chang Li; Tae Oum) |  |
| . | **10.** A cooperation agreement is needed to be put in place with CCTA then we can advance joint Special Issues and a delegation to the Montreal conference. A request for a high level meeting between the two Presidents of the Societies was made which Tae agreed to follow up. The ICPTA International Chinese Transportation Professionals Association, mostly living in the US. There is a goal to organise a special session in Montreal.  II  **A**  **A** |  |
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| **10. Country-Regional Council (Tae Oum): 21 min (3min each)** | | 15:56-16:17 |
|  | The slides for the CAR presentations explain the details of collaborations. No actions were recorded from the presentations.  Brazil/Latin America (Mrs. Helena Cybis) |  |
|  | • China (Haixiao Pan/Hong Chang Li/Chuntao Wu-Sichuan Univ)  Tae Oum will meet with CARs to discuss promotion of the conference following the release of Covid restrictions. |  |
| • Africa (Fred Amonya)  Planning to build Special Sessions in Montreal to enable meaningful engagement at the conference. Fred asked WCTRS to continue to work with African Universities to help them develop a more critical approach to knowledge cultures. Please support the activities organised in Montreal. | |  |
|  | • India (Ashish Verma presents)  #1 paper submitters to the conference but further efforts on Special Sessions are underway |  |
|  | • Japan (Shinya Hanaoka)  Submissions are lower than in previous years for the Montreal conference and this will be a point of focus for the next weeks. |  |
|  | • Thailand (Varameth Vichiensan) |  |
|  | • MENA (Ranal Mam; Maya Abou Zeid; Monica Menendez; Ali Huzayyin) |  |
| **11. Any other business**: | | 16:17-16:20 |
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| **12. Adjournment** | | 16:20 |
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