

December 12, 2013

Dear members and friends of the TRB Committee on Traffic Flow Theory and Characteristics (AHB45):

I wish you a safe and happy holiday season. As you may know the 2013-14 period represents the 50th anniversary of TRB's traffic flow theory committee, and we are continuing to celebrate this anniversary with a very active [2014 TRB Annual Meeting](#) and we are also planning an exciting [50th Anniversary Symposium](#) to be held in Portland, Oregon on August 11-13, 2014. We hope you will join us! Here is a summary of the high points (for details, please use the [TRB interactive program](#) and enter "AHB45" to find our events):

1. **Committee Meeting:** all members and friends are welcome at our committee business meeting, Tuesday, January 14, 2014 1:30-5:30 PM Marriott Wilson B & C
Draft Agenda: ***ACTION: please review the agenda and let me know if you have anything to add or modify.***
2. **SimSub Meeting:** please support the efforts of the Joint Subcommittee on Simulation by participating in our meeting on Monday, January 13, 2014 7:30-9:30 PM Marriott Washington B1
3. **Sunday Workshops:** this year we are sponsoring or co-sponsoring three Sunday Workshops:
 1. **Workshop 103 Crowd Flow Dynamics, Modeling and Management** Sunday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Marriott Washington B5. Help kick off our new subcommittee and research agenda with an engaging session.
 2. **Workshop 172 Simulation: Looking Back and Looking Ahead:** Sunday 1:30-4:30 PM Marriott Washington B5. Join us for the annual SimSub workshop and get there early since there will be a big crowd. This year's spotlight workshop will focus on "Celebrating our Legacy, Anticipating our Future."
 3. **Workshop 177: What Are Transportation Operations and Why Should I Care?** Sunday 1:30-4:30 PM Marriott Washington B4. This workshop cosponsored with the Young Members Council will focus on engaging new and young members to the transportation operations field.
4. **Doctoral Student Workshop 106 Transportation Operations and Traffic Control** Sunday 9:00 AM-12:00PM Marriott Virginia A
5. **Lectern Sessions:** We have five lectern sessions this year:
 1. **219 Crowd Dynamics: Empirical Analyses, Modeling, Simulation and Management:** Monday 8:00-9:45 AM Marriott Salon 3 (best papers from our special call)
 2. **534 50 Years of Traffic Flow Theory: Achievements and Challenges** Tuesday 10:15 AM-12:00 PM Marriott T. Marshall West: This will be a very special Spotlight Session to celebrate our committee's 50th birthday! Join us for birthday cake!
 3. **711 Urban Traffic Modeling and Management Using the Macroscopic Fundamental Diagram** Tuesday 7:30-9:30 PM Marriott Delaware A (best papers from special call)
 4. **735 Macroscopic Approaches to Traffic Flow** Wednesday 8:00-9:45 AM Marriott T. Marshall West
 5. **783 Microscopic Approaches to Traffic Flow** Wednesday 10:25 AM-12:00 PM Marriott T. Marshall West
6. **Poster Sessions:** Five poster sessions:
 1. **365 Crowd Dynamics: Empirical Analyses, Modeling, Simulation and Management** (response to special call for papers) Monday 2:00-3:45 PM Marriott Salon 2
 2. **512 50 Years of Traffic Flow Theory: Achievements and Challenges** (response to special call for papers) Tuesday 8:30-10:15 AM Marriott Salon 2
 3. **514 Advances in Traffic Flow Theory and Characteristics Part 1**, Tues 8:30-10:15 AM Marriott Salon 2
 4. **517 Urban Traffic Modeling and Management Using the Macroscopic Fundamental Diagram** (response to special call for papers) Tuesday 8:30-10:15 AM Marriott Salon 2
 5. **841 Advances in Traffic Flow Theory and Characteristics Part 2**, Wed 2:45-4:30 PM Marriott Salon 2

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Special thanks to all paper reviews, call-for-papers organizers, paper review coordinators, subcommittee chairs, members and friends for the incredible job in putting this meeting together. Please feel free to [contact me](#) if you have any suggestions or questions. I look forward to seeing you in Washington, and in the meantime, safe travels and best wishes,

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