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First Announcement and Call for Papers

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Introduction

The 7th Transport Practitioners Meeting (TPM) held in Reading in July 2009 attracted over 300 transport planners, engineers and urban transport designers from the UK and Ireland. The feedback from delegates was excellent; with over 95% stating that the event equalled or exceeded their expectations. The content of the Conference, with over 100 presentations to choose from, varied from large projects, such as Transport Governance, to detailed presentations on the implementation of bus priority, urban realm and wayfinding schemes. The 8th TPM, which moves to the University of York, will again encourage, through the Call for Papers, an extremely varied programme of presentations of key interest to all transport practitioners.

A New Approach

TPM has now established a firm place in the calendar of training and development events for transport practitioners and the Programme Committee has decided to retain the slightly different approach adopted in the Call for Papers for TPM 2009.

Although the invitation to submit an abstract has always been broad and inclusive, the Committee would like to invite authors to submit "thought pieces" - a new or innovative idea, project or approach. The TPM programme will, of course, continue to focus on outcomes/case study type projects which will always be a key part of the TPM programme.

Key Features

TPM 2010 will pursue a clear agenda with a focus on attracting outstanding keynote speakers on issues of national policy importance and multi streamed sessions, which will demonstrate how key policy instruments are turned into practical projects. This meeting is one of the few which also gives an opportunity for transport practitioners to offer a paper - an important part of professional development and networking. The timetable will be structured to offer delegates maximum opportunity to network with additional activities such as technical visits, drinks receptions and a conference dinner.

Audience

The meeting is aimed at transport planners, engineers, urban transport designers, managers and anyone involved in strategy development and delivery of transport services from the public and private sectors. It is designed to help build the image of the transport planning and engineering profession and to encourage the involvement of younger members of the profession as a way of enhancing their career development.

Younger Presenters

The organisers are particularly keen to receive abstracts from younger practitioners (28 years or younger on 20 July 2010), especially those from the public sector. PTRC has, therefore, continued The PTRC Bursary Awards for Young Presenters, a recent initiative offering up to six bursary places to young professionals working in Local Government. The awards will apply to sole authors only and will offer free attendance to the conference on the day of their presentation.

Presenting a Paper

It is important that abstracts contain sufficient information about the content of the proposed paper and the conclusions or results likely to be reached when the written paper is submitted (21 June 2010) and presented (21 or 22 July 2010).

Abstracts, which identify actual or anticipated outcomes, are always particularly welcomed. If your abstract is selected you will be notified by the end of February 2010 and at that time you will be asked to confirm that you can:

- Submit the full written paper by **21 June 2010**
- Attend the Conference and present your paper. Presenters will be asked to speak for approximately 15 minutes followed by 15 minutes for questions and discussion.

Please note that all presenters and co-presenters will be asked to pay an attendance fee for the day they are presenting. This fee is significantly discounted. In 2009 the speaker fee was £205 plus VAT per day. Financial assistance may be available to presenters from voluntary organisations and charities.

How to Submit an Abstract

You may submit one or more abstracts in **Microsoft Word** format up to a **limit of 300 words. Please try to restrict the text to ONE page.**

Abstracts should contain the following information:

Author's Name (if there is more than one author, please also include their full contact details)

Postal address

Position and affiliation

Telephone number

Email address

Date of Birth (if 28 years or younger on 20 July 2010)

Brief biographical details of the author(s)

A 100 word summary of the proposed paper (this will be used to assist delegates in their choice of session)

Title of Paper

Proposed Theme - possibly but not exclusively from the list below.

An indication of the type of paper - either "thought piece" or case study/outcomes-based project

The abstract should clearly identify the following five areas:

1. *Clear description of the project/idea*
2. *Purpose and objectives*
3. *Content*
4. *Findings*
5. *Conclusions and policy implications*

Abstracts should not include additional material, for example, photographs and appendices.

Abstracts should be sent by email to sophie.webber@ptrc-training.co.uk. The deadline for the receipt of abstracts is **Wednesday 13 January 2010**.

The "two for one" deal for local authorities makes it great value

The Selection Process

The Programme Committee will aim to select papers which will make for lively and fruitful discussion and will be of interest and value to transport practitioners.

Whilst the Programme Committee particularly welcomes abstracts in the areas outlined later it is keen to attract good practically based papers on any topic that is likely to be of interest and value to transport practitioners.

We particularly welcome abstracts from those new to the profession; we have found that delegates are just as interested in hearing about smaller, very practical projects and ideas as well as larger scale interventions and policy development. If you feel your proposed paper, whilst not necessarily providing all the answers, is something you are enthusiastic about, then the Committee will be happy to consider it. The Committee would also welcome abstracts on a project which may not have gone as well as planned and the reasons why.

Facilitated Workshop or "Surgery" Sessions

The feedback from TPM 2009 indicated that many delegates would like to have the opportunity of attending more workshop or surgery style sessions on matters of current interest. The Programme Committee would therefore welcome contributions or offers from individuals to facilitate a workshop or surgery on a subject of current debate or controversy.

Sponsorship and Exhibition Opportunities

There are opportunities to sponsor all or parts of the event such as a plenary or themed session, a drinks reception, the conference bag etc. In addition, spaces will be available for exhibition displays. We were delighted that virtually all exhibition and sponsorship opportunities were taken at TPM 2009. A detailed schedule of sponsorship and exhibition opportunities is available from Ian Chatfield, Head of Training and Development, PTRC - Email: ianc@ptrc-training.co.uk.

Awards

Five Awards will be presented at the conference.

Transport Planner of the Year

This prize, sponsored by the Transport Planning Society, will be awarded to a member of the profession for their involvement in delivering a policy or initiative, possibly controversial, which has required courage and vision to win hearts and minds.

In 2009 the prize was awarded to Colin Brader, Integrated Transport Planning and Dr Anthony Mobereola of LAMATA, Lagos, Nigeria for their joint work on planning and implementing the successful BRT scheme in Lagos.

Best Paper at the Conference by a Young Professional

This prize, also sponsored by the Transport Planning Society, will be awarded to the best paper at the conference by a young professional aged 28 years or under.

In 2009 the prize was awarded to Sam Margolis, Tower Hamlets Council, for his paper Tower Hamlets Active Travel: promoting a 'Healthy Town' through walking and cycling

The PTRC Lifetime Achievement Award

This prize, sponsored by PTRC, will be awarded to an individual or organisation for their long-term commitment and contribution to the profession and/or the development of the transport agenda in the UK.

In 2009 PTRC was pleased to honour Malcolm Buchanan of Colin Buchanan and Partners.

JMP Consulting Award for the Best Paper Demonstrating Sustainable Transport Solutions

In 2009 this prize was awarded to John Smith and Sara Kerney, Merseytravel Transport Partnership for Lets Get Moving Merseyside - A Case Study

Urban Transport Design Awards, Sponsored by Urban Initiatives

In 2009 the prizes were awarded to The City and County of Swansea for the Swansea Metro and the London Borough of Camden for Bernard Street, Camden

Possible Themes

Innovation in Transport, Including Developer and Transport Operator Led Initiatives

Role of Transport in Climate Change Strategies

Lessons Learned from Sustainable Travel Towns

Smarter Choices - What are the Political Implications?

Celebrating Achievement - Examples from Beacon Councils/Centres of Excellence

Achieving Political Buy In

Transport Investment Appraisal

Transport Governance and Institutions

Charging and Taxation

Accessibility and Connectivity - Particularly in Rural Areas

Streets, Places and the New Urbanism

Managing Demand

The Contribution of Transport to Regeneration and Growth

Transport and Development

Correlating Transport Interventions to Corporate Ambitions (eg Health and Social Inclusion)

Land Use and Transport Interaction

Funding, Prioritisation and Delivery - in particular driving down the cost the cost of planning and delivery

Health, Social and Environmental Issues

Transport and Technology

Road and Transport Safety

Travel Behaviour

Bus, Road and Rail Projects

Making the Most Efficient Use of Existing Infrastructure

Marketing and Communications

“Very friendly conference - lots of sessions”

“Difficult to improve”



Event Organisers

The event is organised by PTRC, the UK's leading provider of training and development in the field of transport. PTRC is grateful to the Transport Planning Society (TPS) for its collaboration in this event. Further details about TPS may be found on its website at www.tps.org.uk

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