

## MINUTES OF THE JOINT TSS and SL MEETING, *San Jose, CA*

Minutes of the Joint Transportation Science Section and Section on Logistics Meeting at the San Jose Convention Center, San Jose, CA Monday November 18, 2002

1. The meeting was called to order and everybody was welcomed by Bernard Gendron, TSS president, at 6:30p.m.

2. Gendron announced that the meeting was a joint meeting of the two organizations, the Transportation Science Section (TSS) and the Section on Logistics (SL), and that the following year the two organizations would have been merged into one organization, the Section on Transportation Science and Logistics.

3. Amedeo Odoni presented the TSS best paper award. He explained that the TSS best paper award was given to an outstanding paper in the field of transportation science that had been published in the previous three years. The committee consisted of Amedeo Odoni (chair), George Nemhauser, and Michael Florian. The prize was a plaque and two checks of \$400 each. The winner was "Common Lines and Passenger Assignment in Congested Transit Networks" by Roberto Cominetti and Jose Correa. The paper was published in the Summer 2001 issue of Transportation Science. Odoni read the attached [award citation](#). Cominetti and Correa expressed their gratitude at being awarded the prize.

4. Pitu Mirchandani presented the TSS best dissertation award. The committee consisted of Pitu B. Mirchandani (Chair), University of Arizona, Tucson; Patrick Jaillet, MIT; Oli Madsen, Technical University of Denmark; Srinivas Peeta, Purdue University; and Michael Zhang, University of California, Davis. The first prize winners were

- Alvin Lim of Johns Hopkins University;  
Title: "Transportation Network Design Problems: An MPEC Approach";  
Thesis Supervisor: Jong-Shi Pang; and
- Iris F.A. Vis of Erasmus University Rotterdam;  
Title: "Planning and Control Concepts for Material Handling Systems";  
Thesis Supervisors: Rene de Koster and Rommert Dekker.

5. Gilbert Laporte, the outgoing editor of Transportation Science, presented his report. Here follows his report:

Transportation Science Editor's report for 2002

At the end of this year my second four year term as editor of Transportation Science will come to an end. I have truly enjoyed doing this work and I thank all Associate Editors, referees and authors for their support. The journal is doing well. We now receive around 100

submissions a year and the general quality of manuscripts is improving. As a result our backlog is also increasing (it is now in excess of one year). We will certainly need more pages in the near future. The journal is also well quoted, as measured by the Science Citation Index which, in 2000, was above 0.7, as opposed to around 0.4 in previous years. The new editor will be Professor Hani S. Mahmassani. I offer him my heartfelt congratulations. We have taken steps to ensure a smooth transition. Hani can be assured of my full support in his new duties.

Gilbert Laporte  
Editor

6. Hani Mahmassani, the incoming editor of Transportation Science, stated that he would work to increase the page count for Transportation Science, to decrease the two year publication backlog. He also announced that he intended to encourage publication of papers in Transportation Science in areas that had not had much exposure in the past.

7. Marius Solomon informed the meeting of some of the changes that had been taking place at the subdivision level. He announced that the Board of INFORMS had approved the merger of the Transportation Science Section and the Section on Logistics into the Section on Transportation Science and Logistics. He recommended that the case for changing the new section to a society be made later, after the merger had been completed. Ronald Tibben-Lembke explained that the bylaws of the two sections had had to be changed for the merger, in particular to formally accommodate special interest groups. He also explained that the following year (2003) there would still be separate dues for the two sections, because the INFORMS organization had had to be informed of the dues for 2003 before the merger had been approved. From 2004 onwards there would be joint dues for the new section.

8. Bernard Gendron announced that a survey would be distributed to members in the near future. He stated that the special interest groups would have their own tracks at the INFORMS meetings, but that there would be one cluster chair for the section. The intention was that the formation and operation of the special interest groups would be very flexible. He also announced that Warren Powell would reinitiate discussions with the Section on Aviation Applications and the Railroad Applications Special Interest Group (RASIG) regarding the possibility of further mergers. Gendron and Powell had met with representatives of the Section on Aviation Applications and the Railroad Applications Special Interest Group to explore the possibilities of mergers. One issue that had come up was that a new joint section may have to accommodate the existing awards of the Section on Aviation Applications and the Railroad Applications Special Interest Group. Powell mentioned that it should not be a problem, and that the specialized awards could be retained. Crainic mentioned that the awards also did not have to be awarded every year.

9. Anton Kleywegt, TSS secretary and treasurer, mentioned that the regular two newsletters had appeared during the previous year. Kleywegt mentioned that the financial statement of the Transportation Science Section was

misleading, because many of the expenses, such as the awards, had not been accounted for yet. During the previous year there had been \$2418.00 in revenue from dues, and \$132.09 in expenses from headquarters labor and postage. The total available funds of TSS on September 30, 2002 had been \$4474.80. Ronald Tibben-Lembke added that the total available funds of SL was approximately \$14000.

10. Amelia Regan, joint cluster chair of the TSS sponsored cluster for the San Jose meeting with Elise Miller-Hooks, informed the meeting that there were 21 TSS sponsored sessions at the meeting, several of which were co-sponsored with the Section on Aviation Applications, including approximately 70 talks. Regan recommended Alan Erera and Karen Smilowitz as joint cluster chairs for the TSS sponsored cluster for the Atlanta meeting in October 2003. Erera and Smilowitz agreed to be the cluster chairs.

11. Gendron announced ODYSSEUS 2003, the Second International Workshop on Freight Transportation and Logistics, to be held in Mondello (Palermo), Sicily, Italy, on May 27-30, 2003. Crainic explained that Odysseus was a workshop with emphasis on freight transportation and logistics. For more details, see <http://www.unipa.it/Odysseus/>.

12. Michel Gendreau announced TRISTAN V, to be held in Guadalupe in the summer of 2004. He explained that the exact dates would be determined by the available flight schedules.

13. Michel Gendreau announced an upcoming workshop on location and vehicle routing to be held in Montreal. For more information, contact Gendreau.

14. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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