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EDITOR'S CORNER

At the last TSS meeting held in Cincinnati, some members have raised a crucial issue for our section (as well as for all INFORMS subdivisions). Some of you have expressed concerns about how the TSS will adapt its activities to the new structure of the INFORMS conferences, with two annual meetings, one regular ("business as usual") in the Fall and one new "practice" meeting in the Spring. We all agree that we should continue to maintain our participation to both annual meetings, but it is not clear which form it should take for the "practice" meeting.

One possibility (suggested by Mike Ball) is to invest some energy in better coordinating our activities with other societies/groups (rail, aviation, logistics) that share a common interest in transportation applications. Acting together, we might increase our visibility towards the "practice"-oriented audience. Another option (suggested by Marius Solomon) is to hold an annual TSS conference (similar to TRISTAN) simultaneously with the INFORMS "practice" meeting. This way, we would ensure that TSS

TSS NEWS AND NOTES

Elections

The results of the last elections have been announced in June. New council members are Amelia Regan and Pam Vance.

News from Members

On June 1, Michel Gendreau has taken over from Teodor Crainic as director of the Centre for Research on Transportation (CRT) at the University of Montreal.

Several professors affiliated to the CRT have recently been honored in China. Michael Florian has been named honorary professor at the Shanghai University for Science and Technology, while Michel Gendreau, Claude Comtois and Brian Slack have been named visiting professors at the Gansu University of Technology.

Gilbert Laporte was recently awarded the Jacques-Rousseau Prize of ACFAS (French-Canadian

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members remain actively involved in the Spring meeting.

This is your turn to express your concerns and suggestions about the new structure of INFORMS conferences and how the TSS should act about it. Please send a message to the TSS president, Marius Solomon (msolomon@cba.neu.edu), or myself. If you want to express your ideas about the general structure of the meetings, you can use the discussion area dedicated to this issue:

<http://www.informs.org/INFORMS2000/>

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Society for the Promotion of Science). This prize honors exceptional scientific contributions that build bridges among different disciplines.

Meeting Notice

The next business meeting of the TSS will be held on Monday November 8, 1999 in Room 408 (Philadelphia Marriott, *Philadelphia*) from 6:15pm to 7:15pm.