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Transportation Science Section

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EDITOR'S CORNER

As I start my job as editor of the Transportation Science Section Newsletter, I would like to thank my predecessor, Bernard Gendron, (bernard@crt.umontreal.ca) for his service to the TSS community, and for helping me to get going as newsletter editor.

This is the first year in which we have only one national meeting, the other national meeting having been replaced by a "practice"-oriented meeting in spring. This increased focus on the fall national meeting makes it a more outstanding event. We already have 26 TSS sponsored sessions scheduled in the program (5 of which are co-sponsored with the Aviation Applications Section), and we look forward to several contributed sessions as well. There are 8 sessions on Sunday, 8 sessions on Monday, 5 sessions on Tuesday, and 5 sessions on Wednesday. Enough sessions to satisfy even the most dedicated attendants! For the schedule of TSS sponsored sessions, see [page 2](#) of the newsletter.

Also remember to come to the TSS business meeting on Monday November 5, 2001 in the Fontainebleau Hilton Resort and Towers, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, and share your ideas with friends. As an added bonus (so much!) there will be snacks and drinks.

In this newsletter we also announce the first TSS Best Paper Award competition. This is an exciting new development. For more information about the competition, take a look at [page 3](#) of the newsletter.

If you have any questions or comments regarding TSS, please get in touch with our President Julien Bramel (jdb8@columbia.edu), Vice-President and President-Elect Bernard Gendron, (bernard@crt.umontreal.ca), or myself (anton@isye.gatech.edu).

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TSS News and Notes

Anna Nagurney has signed a contract with Edward Elgar Publishers to edit a new book series entitled, "New Dimensions in Networks." The purpose of the series is to publish original manuscripts as well as edited volumes that push the development of the theory and applications of networks to new dimensions. Of particular interest are manuscripts that are interdisciplinary and that connect existing areas through the theme of networks, unveil new applications, and/or extend existing conceptual frameworks as well as methodologies for the study of networks. The editorial board consists of academics as well as representatives from industry from the US and abroad with expertise in transportation, logistics, telecommunications, finance, energy, economics, as well as information systems and computer science. Those interested in discussing prospective manuscripts, please feel free to contact Anna.

Randolph Hall was appointed Chair of the Industrial and Systems Engineering Department at the University of Southern California effective Spring 2001, and was appointed Associate Dean for Research in the School of Engineering at USC effective July 1, 2001. He continues to serve on the executive committee of METTRANS, the National Center for Metropolitan Research, but has stepped down as Director. The new Director is Genevieve Giuliano. Genevieve is a member of the Transportation Research Board Executive Committee.

Chelsea C. White III, currently at the Department of Industrial and Operations Engineering at the University of Michigan, will assume the Georgia Freight Bureau Chaired Professorship of Logistics and Transportation in the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering (ISyE) at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Chip will join ISyE in January 2002.

Elise Miller-Hooks reports that she has returned from the dark side (or perhaps it's the light side). She spent 6 months turning her life upside down by taking a job at United Technologies Research Center in Hartford, CT. She had an amazing experience and returned to Penn State in the middle of this past summer.

Kevin Gue developed a teaching module on crossdocking. It is available on the web at <http://web.nps.navy.mil/~krgue/Teaching/teaching.html>

Meeting Notice

The next *business meeting* of the TSS will be held on Monday November 5, 2001 in the Fontainebleau Hilton Resort and Towers, Miami, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. The following are topics on the agenda:

- The Transportation Science Section becoming a Society. This includes possible mergers with other INFORMS Sections.
- An update of the Bylaws of the Transportation Science Section, to reflect the evolving modus operandii.
- The new Transportation Science Section Best Paper Award.
- Formalising the Organization of the Transportation Science Section Awards.

Looking forward to seeing you there!