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EDITOR'S CORNER

Welcome to the Fall 2002 issue of the TSS Newsletter.

The Fall 2002 INFORMS National Meeting in San Jose will take place soon, from November 17, 2002 to November 20, 2002. The chairs of the TSS sponsored cluster, Amelia Regan aregan@uci.edu and Elise Miller-Hooks edm3@psu.edu did an outstanding job of putting together a very impressive cluster of sessions. Our thanks to Amelia and Elise. You can [preview the sessions](#) before going to San Jose.

One of the landmark events at the Fall 2002 INFORMS meeting will be the first joint business meeting of the Transportation Science Section and the Section on Logistics. It was proposed that the Transportation Science Section (TSS) and the Section on Logistics (SL) be merged to form a new Section on Transportation Science and Logistics. Please read the [merger proposal letter](#) addressed to the members of the Transportation Science Section and the Section on Logistics. Also, please take a look at the proposed [bylaws](#) for the new Section on Transportation Science and Logistics. For more up-to-date news on this front, and an opportunity to provide your input, please attend the business meeting scheduled for Monday November 18, 6:15pm-7:15pm. More TSS news can be found on page [2](#) of this newsletter.

For more news on INFORMS Subdivision issues see <http://www.informs.org/subdiv/news.html>.

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If you have any questions or comments regarding TSS, please get in touch with our President Bernard Gendron, (bernard@crt.umontreal.ca), or myself

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Also, please feel free to send your news items and announcements for the next TSS Newsletter, scheduled for April 2003, to me.

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TSS News and Notes

Hillel Bar-Gera bargera@bgumail.bgu.ac.il has established a web site for test transportation networks for the user-equilibrium traffic assignment problem. The URL is: <http://www.bgu.ac.il/~bargera/tntp/> The first page of the web site describes its purpose as follows: Transportation Network Test Problems. If you are working on transportation problems, and especially if you are developing algorithms for such problems, you probably asked yourself more than once: where can I get good data? The purpose of this site is to provide an answer for this question. The site currently contains several examples for the basic traffic assignment problem. Suggestions and additional data are always welcome.

The Fall 2002 INFORMS National Meeting will be held in San Jose CA, from November 17, 2002 to November 20, 2002. For a summary of the TSS sessions at the meeting, see [sessions.html](#)

Yupo Chan's book "Location Theory And Decision Analysis" recently appeared. More information is available at the following web site: <http://www.swcollege.com/quant/dec-science.html>

Denos Gazis' new book "Traffic Theory" recently appeared. The book is intended as a textbook, and as a reference book for researchers in Transportation Science. It concentrates on the fundamental concepts and models of traffic flow, conflicts in traffic, traffic assignment, and traffic control. It also calls attention to the proper use of such models, and possible misuses that have been made over the years. A more detailed description of the scope and content of the book can be found at <http://www.pasha.net/traffictheory.html>.

The Second International Workshop on Freight Transportation and Logistics (ODYSSEUS 2003) will be held in Mondello (Palermo), Sicily, Italy, on May 27-30, 2003. For more information, see <http://www.unipa.it/Odysseus>.

Transportation Research E announced a special issue on Global Logistics. Also see the [Call for Papers](#).

It is with great pleasure that Stefan Voss announces his academic move back home to become head of the Institute of Information Systems at the University of Hamburg, Germany. Furthermore, most of his staff from the Braunschweig department have also moved to Hamburg or are currently in the process of moving. Please find his new coordinates below:

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To mark its first anniversary, the Virtual Center for
Supernetworks site has been redesigned
(<http://supernet.som.umass.edu>). Please visit and see the kinds
of projects that students and associates are involved in. Of
particular interest to TSS members may be the New
Dimensions in Networks book series with several new books
to be published in 2003. Those with appropriate book projects
are welcome to send proposals to Anna Nagurney at:
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