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## EDITOR'S CORNER

Welcome to another issue of the TSL Newsletter, which until recently was also called the TSS Newsletter. If ongoing discussions with the Section on Aviation Applications and the Railroad Applications Special Interest Group regarding a possible merger between TSL and these sections are successful, then soon the name of our newsletter may change again. For more news on INFORMS Subdivision issues see <http://www.informs.org/subdiv/news.html>. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments regarding TSL, special interest groups (SIGs), possible mergers, or change from a section to a society, please get in touch with our President Bernard Gendron, ([bernard@crt.umontreal.ca](mailto:bernard@crt.umontreal.ca)).

A summary of some of the news is as follows: The Fall 2003 INFORMS National Meeting was held in Atlanta from October 19 to October 22. There were 31 total TSL sponsored sessions (25 single sponsored by TSL, 5 jointly sponsored with the Section on Aviation Applications, and 1 jointly sponsored with the Railroad Applications Special Interest Group), including 114 talks. The TSL business meeting was held on Monday October 20. For more information, see [the Minutes of the TSL meeting in Atlanta](#).

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<http://transportation.section.informs.org/> or send it directly to the TSL sponsored cluster chairs Ann Campbell at [ann-campbell@uiowa.edu](mailto:ann-campbell@uiowa.edu) or Barry Thomas at [barrett-thomas@uiowa.edu](mailto:barrett-thomas@uiowa.edu).

More up-to-date news can be found on page [2](#).

The new TSL mailing list is [<transci-logistics-section@list.informs.org>](mailto:transci-logistics-section@list.informs.org). If you do not

receive email sent to transci-logistics-section@list.informs.org, then please let me know at [anton@isye.gatech.edu](mailto:anton@isye.gatech.edu).

Also, please feel free to send your news items and announcements for the next TSL Newsletter, scheduled for Spring 2004, to me.

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## TSL News and Notes

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Session Title;

Session Chair;

3-4 Abstracts with Author Names, Addresses, Phone #s, e-mail addresses and INFORMS membership status (yes/no).

The INFORMS Section on Transportation Science and Logistics is sponsoring a cluster at the Banff 2004 meeting (<http://www.informs.org/Conf/CORS/>) to be held May 16-19, 2004. Banff is located in the heart of the beautiful Canadian Rockies, and May is a very pretty time of the year in Banff. As the Cluster Chair for our Section, Theo Crainic invites you to organize sessions for the Banff meeting. Some of you have already answered the first call for sessions, but our current representation in Banff is well below the normal showing of TSL in INFORMS meetings and our collective strength. Please respond directly to Theo Crainic a.s.a.p. The only information he needs is the title/subject of the session(s) you plan to organize and your coordinates (for the INFORMS electronic submission system). A total of 3 (4, if you prefer short presentations) papers should be included in each session. Please note that a separate cluster is organized around routing issues.

The upcoming TRISTAN V meeting will be held in Guadeloupe on June 13-18, 2004. Extended abstracts should be submitted via the web site between November 15 and December 15, 2004. Each extended abstract should be between 3 and 6 pages in length. There is an upper bound of 125 on the number of abstracts that will be accepted and a strict policy of one paper per speaker will be applied. Furthermore, before the final acceptance next Spring of any paper a full (regular) registration fee will have to be paid. Detailed information on accommodation and prices will soon be available. Persons interested in the conference should pre-register now on the web site. The conference web site is located at <http://www.crt.umontreal.ca/tristanv/>.

The 9th International Conference on Computer-Aided

Scheduling of Public Transport (CASPT) will be held August 9-11, 2004 in San Diego, California. This will be the ninth in a series of workshops and conferences, dating to 1975, presenting research and progress in computer-aided scheduling in passenger transport. The conference is addressed to individuals from transport operators, academic institutions and consulting firms who are involved in research, development or utilization of computer-aided scheduling methods in public transport. The topics for the conference include the following as they relate to passenger transport: information management; network and route planning; vehicle and crew scheduling / rostering; vehicle monitoring and management; and, practical experience with scheduling and transport planning methods. Deadline for extended abstracts is November 15, 2003, with full papers by April 1, 2004. More details on the conference are available at <http://fugazi.engr.arizona.edu/caspt/>.

Submissions are invited for the 2004 INFORMS George B. Dantzig Dissertation Award. The deadline for receipt of submissions is July 15, 2004. More information is available at <http://www.informs.org/Prizes/DantzigAward.html>.

Submissions are invited for the 2004 INFORMS Transportation Science and Logistics Dissertation Prize Competition. Submissions should be sent to Professor Patrick Jaillet at [jaillet@mit.edu](mailto:jaillet@mit.edu). The deadline for receipt of submissions is July 31, 2004. More information is available at <http://transportation.section.informs.org/ANNOUNCEMENTS/dissprize.html>.

Anna Nagurney, the John F. Smith Memorial Professor at the Isenberg School of Management at UMASS, Amherst, has been appointed co-editor of the journal, *Netnomics: Economic Research and Electronic Networking*, along with Hans M. Amman, Professor of Computational Economics and Finance at the Technical University of Eindhoven, the Netherlands. Topics addressed by the journal include: pricing schemes for electronic services, electronic trading systems, data mining and high-frequency data, real-time forecasting, economic software agents, digicash-ecash systems, supply chains and e-commerce, supernetworks, as well as innovative related topics. Additional information on the journal, which is published by Kluwer, and submissions can be found at: <http://www.kluweronline.com/issn/1385-9587>.

The book, "Innovations in Financial and Economic Networks," Anna Nagurney, editor, has just been published by Edward Elgar Publishers. The book is part of the New Dimensions in Networks series. This focused and refereed

volume of contributions from leading scholars provides a wealth of innovations in the study of financial and economic networks. Topics of special interest to this section include new approaches for modeling and analyzing supply chains and distribution systems, hedging instruments for transportation networks, and agent-based evolutionary trade networks. The contributors as well as the book chapters can be found at: <http://supernet.som.umass.edu/bookser/ifen.htm>.

Another volume that is presently in production with Edward Elgar Publishers as part of the New Dimensions in Network series, is the festschrift volume in honor of David Boyce, entitled, "Urban and Regional Transportation Modeling: Essays in Honor of David Boyce." This volume is edited by Der-Horng Lee. A list of contributors and their contributions can be found at: <http://supernet.som.umass.edu/Boycefestschrift.htm>.

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