

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR RESEARCH

Minutes of the Business Meeting at the
90th Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research



January 24, 2011, 7:00-8:00 AM

1. Introduction and Attendance (Ram Pendyala)

- The meeting was attended by 40 members.

2. Report on the Eric Pas Dissertation Prize

- **Results of the 2009 Competition (Abolfazl Mohammadian)**

Abolfazl Mohammadian, the chair of the 2009 Eric Pas Dissertation Prize committee presented the results and distributed the awards:

- The 2009 Eric Pas award was presented to Jason D. Lemp, for his dissertation completed at University at Texas, Austin under the supervision of Kara Kockelman.
- An Honorable Mention was presented to Maya Abou-Zeid, for her dissertation completed at M.I.T under the supervision of Moshe Ben-Akiva.

- **Call for submission of the 2010 Competition (Yoram Shiftan)**

The 2010 Eric Pas Dissertation Prize competition is now underway. Electronic submissions only to Chair of 2010 Prize Jury, Theo Arentze (t.a.arentze@bwk.tue.nl) cc: to IATBR secretary/treasurer, Yoram Shiftan (shiftan@technion.ac.il). Submission deadline is May 15, 2011.

3. Conference Reports

- **The 2009 IATBR Conference - Jaipur, India (Ram Pendyala)**

- Review is currently on going for a special issue in Transportation Research B.
- The conference budget covered all the expenses and all IATBR registration fees collected via the conference registration were transferred to IATBR account.
- Apologize for registration refund delay for registrants who had to cancel their registration.

- **2012 IATBR Conference - Toronto, Canada (Eric Miller)**

The 2012 IATBR Conference will be held in Toronto, Canada and chaired by Eric Miller. The conference will take place in the Royal York Hotel by the waterfront. Expected registration fee should be around \$500. The organization committee is now working on the details.

4. Ryuichi Kitamura Memorial Fund (Patricia Mokhtarian)

The Kitamura family together with the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of California, Davis and the Department of Urban Management at Kyoto University has established the Ryuichi Kitamura Fund to honor Ryuichi's life. The fund will support graduate student travel scholarship and exchange of ideas in the field of travel behavior research. One use of the fund will be to annually award a cash prize to the student winner(s) of the Transportation Research Board Kitamura Paper Award (see <http://www.its.ucdavis.edu/give/KitamuraTRB.php>).

5. Report of the Secretary/Treasurer (Yoram Shiftan)

- As of January 1, 2011, there are 239 dues-paying members of IATBR, the largest ever.
- The financial status of the association is very good. Current balances are:
 - Paypal account: \$10,070
 - Wells Fargo Bank: \$21,870
 - Postbank: \$10,920
 - Total: \$42,860
- There are pending debits in the amount of \$2850 mostly for pending refunds and the Eric Pas award.
- Elections are due toward the end of the year. By the end of the year we should elect a new vice chair to replace Juan de Dios Ortuzar and Harry Timmermans who will become co chairs. They will replace Ram Pendyala who will finish his term and will become a regular board member. Yoram Shiftan will finish his term as secretary/treasurer and a new one should be elected. Kay Axhausen and Sergio Jara-Diaz will finish their terms as regular board members and two new ones should be elected.

6. Other Announcements and Business

- **Prize award amount (Ram Pendyala)**

Given the balance of the association there was some discussion on how to best use this funds. Suggestions included increasing the prize award amount, donate to the Kitamura fund, support student travel to the annual TRB meeting and IATBR conferences, provide a travel grant to the conference for the Eric Pas award winners, and support students with work in progress to come to the conference.

- **Amendments to Association Constitution**

There was some discussion about the need to revise the association constitution. The board will look into it and circulate proposed revisions to the general membership.