

Members and friends of the TRB Committee on Traffic Flow Theory and Characteristics (AHB45):

Happy new year and I hope you had a restful and enjoyable holiday season. 2013 represents the 50th anniversary of our committee, and we begin the year with the TRB Annual Meeting with a wide array of activities. We hope you will join us! Here is a summary of the high points (for details, please use the [TRB interactive program](#) and enter "AHB45" to find our events):

1. **Committee Meeting:** all members and friends are welcome at our committee business meeting, Tuesday, January 15, 2013 1:30 - 5:30PM Marriott, Wilson B & C
 - [Draft Agenda](#) (comments welcome)
2. **SimSub Meeting:** please support the efforts of the Joint Subcommittee on Simulation by participating in our meeting on Monday, January 14, 2013 7:30-9:30PM Marriott, Washington B3
3. **Sunday Workshop:** we have a wonderful workshop lined up--*Workshop 149 Analysis, Modeling, and Simulation in Support of Real-Time Operations and Management*, Sunday 1:30 - 4:30PM Marriott. Get there early since there is always a big crowd for this popular workshop.
4. **Doctoral Student Workshops:** we are co-sponsoring two doctoral student workshops, 103 [Transportation Operations and Traffic Control](#) on Sunday 9:00AM - 12:00PM Marriott, and 181 [Transportation Modeling](#) on Sunday 1:30 - 5:30PM Hilton
5. **Lectern Sessions:**
 - 213 [Urban Networks](#) Monday 8:00 - 9:45 AM Marriott
 - 666 [Car Following](#) Tuesday 7:30 - 9:30 PM Marriott
 - 828 [Simulation and Calibration](#) Thursday 8:00 - 9:45 AM Marriott
 - 841 [Macroscopic Models and Freeway Networks](#) Thursday 10:15 AM - 12:00 PM Marriott
6. **Special Lectern Sessions:**
 - 769 [Calibration of Traffic Simulation Models](#) (top papers from our special call for papers), Wednesday 2:30 - 4:00 PM, Marriott
 - 807 [Operation of Buses on Highways or Exclusive Lanes](#) (top papers from special call for papers), Wednesday 4:30 - 6:00 PM, Marriott
7. **Poster Sessions:**
 - 497 [Traffic Flow Theory and Characteristics Part 1](#), Tuesday 8:30 - 10:15 AM Marriott
 - 726 [Traffic Flow Theory and Characteristics Part 2](#), Wednesday 8:30 - 10:15 AM Marriott
8. **Special Poster Sessions:**
 - 398 [Calibration of Traffic Models](#) (response to special call for papers), Monday 4:15 - 6:00 PM, Marriott.
 - 404: [Innovations in Traffic Flow Theory and Characteristics, and Highway Capacity and Quality of Service](#) (papers from Summer Meeting in Fort Lauderdale), Monday 4:15 - 6:00 PM, Marriott.
9. We are co-sponsoring a session on [Transport Data Program Development: International Best Practices](#), Wednesday 2:30-4:00 PM Hilton.
10. Don't forget to visit our website <http://www.tft.pdx.edu> and "Like" us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AHB45/likes>

Special thanks to all paper reviews, call-for-papers organizers, paper review coordinators, subcommittee chairs, members and friends for the incredible job in putting this meeting together - I look forward to seeing you in Washington, and in the meantime, safe travels and best wishes,

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