January 4, 2018

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

We hope you will join us at the upcoming TRB Annual Meeting in Washington, DC January 7-11, 2018 (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, Monday, January 8, 2018 1:30 PM-5:30 PM, Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom Salon 9.
   
   Draft Agenda: Please review the agenda and let me know if you have anything to add or modify.

2. **SimSub Meeting** AHB45(1): Please support the efforts of the Joint Subcommittee on Simulation by participating in our meeting on Monday 7:30 PM-9:30 PM Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom Salon 10.

3. **Crowd Flow Dynamics, Modeling and Management Subcommittee Meeting** AHB45(2): The crowd/ped subcommittee will be meeting on Monday 6:00 PM-7:30 PM, Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom Salon 6.

4. **Traffic Flow Modeling for Connected and Automated Vehicles** AHB45(3): The CAV subcommittee will be meeting on Tuesday 6:00 PM-7:30 PM, Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom Salon 9.

5. **Task Force on System Simulation** AHB80T: Tuesday 8:00 AM-12:00 PM, Marriott Marquis, Shaw (By invitation).

6. **Workshops**: This year we are sponsoring or co-sponsoring three workshops and one doctoral student workshop:
   
   1. **Workshop 130 Data-Driven Simulation to Support Decision Making in the 21st Century: Barriers and Potential Benefits**: Sunday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, Convention Center, 101. Join us for the annual workshop sponsored by SimSub and get there early since there will be a big crowd.
   
   2. **Workshop 176 Data Collection, Experiments, and Instrumentation in Connected Multimodal Transportation Systems**: Sunday 1:30 PM-4:30 PM, Convention Center, 101. Join us for the annual CAV subcommittee workshop and support our young subcommittee.
   
   3. **Workshop 880 ITS for Crowd Management: Recent Advances in Data and Models**: Thursday 8:00 AM-12:00 PM, Convention Center, 101. Join us for the new workshop hosted by Crowd subcommittee.

   4. **Doctoral Student Workshop 195 Transportation Modeling**: Sunday 1:30 PM-5:00 PM, Convention Center, 146B.

7. **Lectern Sessions**: We have five lectern sessions this year:
   
   1. **221 Macroscopic Modeling for Traffic Estimation and Control**: Monday 8:00-9:45 AM, Convention Center, 101
   
   2. **283 Microscopic Vehicle-Level Modeling**: Monday 10:15-12:00 PM, Convention Center, 101

   3. **687 Advancing Theory and Application of Large-Scale Urban Traffic Network Models**: Tuesday 3:45-5:30 PM, Convention Center, 102A

   4. **847 Crowd and Pedestrian Dynamics: Empirical Analyses, Modeling, Simulation, and Management**: Wednesday 2:30-4:00 PM, Convention Center, 101

   5. **869 Connected Multimodal Transportation System Modeling and Simulation**: Wednesday 4:30 - 6:00 PM, Convention Center, 101

8. **Poster Sessions**: We are sponsoring three poster sessions—please attend and meet the authors:
   
   1. **522 Traffic Flow Theory and Characteristics, Part 1**: Tuesday 8:00-9:45 AM, Convention Center, Hall E

   2. **573 Traffic Flow Theory and Characteristics, Part 2**: Tuesday 10:15-12:00 PM, Convention Center, Hall E

   3. **775 Traffic Flow Theory and Characteristics, Part 3**: Wednesday 8:00-9:45 AM, Convention Center, Hall E

   4. **832 Traffic Flow Theory and Characteristics, Part 4**: Wednesday 10:15-12:00 PM, Convention Center, Hall E


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. Please feel free to contact me if you have any suggestions or questions. I look forward to seeing you in Washington, best wishes,

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