

Sub-Committee ABE60 (5)
Transted Conference Planning Sub-Committee
Monday January 14th 2013
10.15- 12.00
Jay Room, Hilton Hotel, Washington DC

Minutes

Attendance

Members

Tom Rickert Co-Chair ABE60(1),
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Meeting Chair

Ann Frye Co-Chair ABE60(1), Ann Frye
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John Schoon University of
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Transportation, USA

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Inc, Canada

Daniel Blais Transport Canada,
Canada

Claude Marin-Lamellet, IFSTTAR-
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Friends & visitors

Eileen Lu Eden Social Welfare
Foundation, Taiwan

Joe Nien-Tsu Wang Eden Social
Welfare Foundation, Taiwan

Richard Schultze RLS Associates USA

Lilian Salazar, Monterrey Tech.
University, Mexico

Sonal Chaudry, Svayam, India

Catherine Holloway, University
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Rosario Macario Instituto Superior
Tecnico, Lisbon Portugal

Kate Hunter-Zaworski Oregon State
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Filipe Moura, Instituto Superior
Tecnico, Lisbon Portugal

Abha Negi Svayam, India

Nina Frid, Canadian Transportation
Agency, Canada

Anabela Simoes ISG/CIGEST, Portugal

Lalita Sen, Texas Southern University,
USA

Ling Suen, ICSA Inc, Canada

Gerhard Menckhoff, ITDP, USA

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th January 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

2. Feedback from 13th Transed 2012 in New Delhi

Abha Negi gave a presentation on the 13th Transed Conference which had taken place in September 2012 in New Delhi. A copy of the presentation is attached and the complete Final Report from the Conference, in the form of a 67-page bound document, was submitted at the full ABE60 Committee meeting on January 16.

Key facts included:

- The Conference had been attended by 628 delegates from 34 countries including 73 delegates with disabilities;
- Over 400 abstracts had been submitted from 46 countries.
- 110 papers had been presented and ten major themes discussed;
- The dominant theme was on practices and innovation with technology as the second most dominant;
- 13 scholarships were granted;
- 80 young people were engaged as volunteers;
- 40% of the revenue had come from the corporate sector, 13% from Government, 22% from registrations and only 3 % from exhibitors;
- Social media and free advertising had been widely used to promote the event.

In discussion, the following issues were covered:

- Transed has had a significant legacy effect in New Delhi and in India generally with encouraging follow up from Government including a

request for Svayam to run sensitisation workshops for engineers all over the country and a number of requests for access audits.

- It was agreed that the pedestrian environment remained the most challenging problem for India in terms of improving access.
- The biggest problem for the organisers had been in reaching out to the academic community and getting engagement from transport operators and manufacturers.
- The exhibition had involved a lot of hard work and had added little value in real terms. There was felt to be value in exposing manufacturers etc to these issues but it was important to recognise that an exhibition will not generate revenue.

As one of many examples of conference follow up, Tom Rickert noted that Indian participants were planning further work on design and business model modifications to auto-rickshaws to make them more appropriate for paratransit operations for passengers with disabilities in India and beyond.

Report on preparations for 14th Transed, 2015 in Lisbon

Rosario Macario gave a presentation about her Institute, the proposed organisational structure for the Conference and on the location chosen. Copy attached.

Key points included:

- The Institute had a strong background in organising large scale international transport conferences;
- The chosen venue was the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation which was a fully accessible building and located in easy reach of many hotels and metro stations;
- The Conference already had strong support from the Lisbon Municipality, The Gulbenkian Foundation and the Association of Blind and Partially Sighted People in Portugal;
- Contact was also being made with disability organisations across the country to engage their interest;
- The Conference would be held in late July 2015
- The aim would be for the conference to be a mix of academic and policy perspectives;
- Every effort would be made to engage transport providers in the event;
- The overall theme of the Conference would be “access for all”.

3. Options and next steps for Tranded 2018

It was agreed that there should be some flexibility for future organisers about whether to hold the event every two or three years.

It was noted that a request for proposals would be drawn up shortly and circulated widely by the chairs of the sub-committee. A tentative expression of interest had already come from the Eden Foundation in Taiwan and their representatives at our committee confirmed their interest. Expressions of interest had also been received from Malaysia, Jamaica, and Sydney.

It was noted that there was little opportunity for networking between Tranded conferences so that the value of the events was lessened, particularly for PhD students and others with a limited time to develop their interests. It was agreed that Tranded needed to provide a better hub for networking. There also needed to be clearer information on where papers from past Tranded Conferences were available.

Abha Negi offered to use her resources to set up a chatroom and to communicate updates etc through social media. These and other options would be discussed further in ABE60(1).

It was also suggested that Tranded should be promoted through mainstream transport conferences. For example, the forthcoming World Conference on Transport research to be held in Rio in July 2013 would have a session on Tranded. Similarly the International Transport Forum's summit in Leipzig in May 2013 would also include a side event on the outcomes of the New Delhi Tranded.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 12.00.