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## T<sup>2</sup> Committee Update

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## T<sup>2</sup> Committee at RAC 2006

In June I had the pleasure of participating in the 2006 AASHTO Research Advisory Committee (RAC) Annual Meeting. The T<sup>2</sup> Committee was part of the Cultivating Research Collaborations Workshop, which also included the TRB Conduct of Research Committee.

I provided an overview of the Committee and discussed technology transfer and how it can help a research program turn research into innovation. I also lead a group exercise to apply each person's ideas on technology transfer and introduced new T<sup>2</sup> methods and technologies identified by the committee. (Yes, I did mention Podcasts!)

The session concluded with a look at taking research across state lines. I personally found the entire meeting thought provoking and a great opportunity to network with researchers and research managers.

# T<sup>2</sup> Committee Highlights of the International Symposium

## MINUTES OF MID-YEAR MEETING

The minutes of the mid-year meeting held in conjunction with the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium on Technology Transfer in St. Petersburg, Florida July 28 have been posted at [http://sitekreator.com/trbt2/2006\\_midyear\\_meeting.html](http://sitekreator.com/trbt2/2006_midyear_meeting.html).

## T<sup>2</sup> COMMITTEE LOOKS AT THREE “BIG ISSUES”

At the Committee's mid-year meeting at the International Symposium on Transportation Technology Transfer in St. Petersburg, Florida in July, we identified three "big issues" for the committee to tackle in the coming years:

- **SHRP II: Joe Toole**, FHWA, has agreed to head up the Workforce Development group. You can find a draft scope of the group at [http://sitekreator.com/trbt2/workforce\\_development.html](http://sitekreator.com/trbt2/workforce_development.html). Also sign up for the mailing list to get involved.
- **Workforce Development: Pat Lees** wrote a proposed scope of this group, which can be found at [http://sitekreator.com/trbt2/workforce\\_development.html](http://sitekreator.com/trbt2/workforce_development.html). You can also sign up for the e-mail list for this group as well.
- **Assessing T<sup>2</sup> Successes**: This third "big issue" involves determining if the technology is being used, how to measure T<sup>2</sup> efforts and new technologies for T<sup>2</sup>. If you're interested in being a part of this "issue" please let me know.

## SESSION ON NEW TRAINING AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER METHODS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Kathy DesRoches organized a interesting and stimulating session on what's new in technology transfer methods, processes and technologies. Participants in this interactive session saw demonstrations of new and innovative ways organizations are already transferring technology. Check out the handout from the session at <http://sitekreator.com/trbt2/resources.html>.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING SURVEY: TRB WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The T<sup>2</sup> Committee has given our input into the TRB strategic plan. Now it's your turn as individuals to do the same. Your input is requested in developing a new TRB strategic plan. The 15-question survey (link below) requires about 10 minutes to complete and includes questions on demographics, your current involvement with TRB, how you rate the benefits provided by TRB services and products, and your suggestions for future TRB directions and outreach. All questions are strictly optional. **The survey may be submitted any time between now and September 18, 2006.** Thank you in advance for taking the time to provide this valuable input to TRB's strategic planning effort. To participate in the survey go to <http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/admin/strategicplanningsurvey.htm>

## NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

I have resigned my position with APWA effective September 15. A week later I will start classes full time in the Master of Science Degree Program in Library & Information Science in The iSchool at Drexel University. I will continue to be active in the committee. After September 15 I can be reached at (703) 861-7247 or [lhogue@verizon.net](mailto:lhogue@verizon.net). I will be making changes in the committee Web site at [http://sitekreator.com/trbt2/main\\_page.html](http://sitekreator.com/trbt2/main_page.html) and the mailing lists for committee members and friends in the near future. --- Lisa Pogue