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RGS-IBG Annual Conference 2000

The first Royal Geographical Society-Institute of British Geographers conference of the new millennium was held at the University of Sussex between 4 and 7 January 2000. The TGRG was involved in two one-day sessions, which were well attended and produced a wide-ranging and stimulating array of papers on a variety of transport related issues. The first was organised jointly with the Planning and Environment Research Group (PERG) by Dr Julian Hine (Napier University) and Rachel Goodman (Staffordshire University). Dealing with 'Planning for sustainable and integrated transport systems in the new millennium', this session attracted papers dealing with such diverse topics as policies for cycling, green commuting, the links between transport and planning issues, and transport and social inclusion. The second session, 'Transport, internationalisation and globalisation', was convened by Clive Charlton (University of Plymouth) and Brian Graham (University of Ulster). It included papers on energy, shipping, air transport and rail strategies in a wide variety of spatial contexts. Full reports on both sessions will appear in a subsequent issue of the *Journal of Transport Geography*.

Future TGRG plans

Postgraduate seminar

The Fourth Biennial TGRG Postgraduate Seminar will be held on Wednesday, 13 September 2000 at the Royal Geographical Society, 1 Kensington Gore, London. This event is designed to offer a forum for young researchers in transport geography and related disciplines, at which they can present papers on their research topics and engage in discussion both with experienced researchers and other postgraduates. The TGRG awards a prize of one year's subscription to the *Journal of Transport Geography* for the best paper as decided by a small panel of referees. Details can be obtained from the Seminar Organiser, Professor Brian Graham at the address below.

RGS-IBG conferences 2001 (University of Plymouth) and 2002 (The Queen's University, Belfast)

Reflecting one of the general themes of the conference itself, 'Risk and Innovation', the TGRG will be organising a one-day session at the 2001 Plymouth RGS on 'Innovation and risk in transport'. This is being convened by Dr Jon Shaw (University of Aberdeen) and Dr Clive Charlton (University of Plymouth). Offers of papers and abstracts are required no later than 31 July; intending contributors should contact one of the co-convenors (j.shaw@abdn.ac.uk or ccharlton@plymouth.ac.uk). Initial proposals for Belfast 2002 include a session on the theme of transport, peripherality and small states.

American Geographers conference, New York City, 27 February–3 March 2002

The TGRG hopes to arrange a joint session with the AAG Transport Geographers at this conference. Any interested participants should contact Professor Brian Graham as soon as possible. The TGRG is prepared to contribute towards the conference fees incurred by postgraduates and other young researchers in transport geography who wish to deliver a paper at this conference.

Publications

Four issues of the *Journal of Transport Geography* (vol. 7) were produced in 1999, containing a wide variety of papers from all over the world; approximately 50% of submitted papers are from the UK and USA. The delay from receipt of an accepted paper to publication averages just over one year. The citation rate of the *Journal* is high and an application has been submitted for inclusion in the Social Science Citation Index. TGRG members are reminded to urge their libraries to subscribe to the *Journal* if it is not already purchased; individual subscriptions are available to TGRG members at discounted rates.

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The first of two special transport related theme issues of the 'This Changing World' section of *Geography* appeared in Vol 85 (1) (January 2000); the second will be published in July 2000. Written by TGRG members and edited by José Smith (University of Salford), these 10 papers provide a comprehensive overview and commentary on the myriad issues arising from the 1998 UK Government White Paper, *A New Deal for Transport*.

The Brian Hoyle Lecture in Transport Geography

Following the example of the AAG Transport Geography Speciality Group, which is associated with the annual Douglas K. Fleming Lecture in Transportation Geography delivered by a distinguished researcher at each AAG Conference, the TGRG has decided to establish a sponsored guest lecture to be delivered at the annual RGS-IBG Conference. This series is named in honour of the distinguished British geographer, Dr Brian Hoyle, who has been instrumental in establishing transport geography as a viable sub-discipline in the UK and has just retired from the University of Southampton. The inaugural lecture will be given by Professor John Adams (University College London) at the 2001 Plymouth RGS-IBG.

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