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TGRG page

1. Transport Geography Research Group (TGRG) committee

The TGRG Committee has established a new JISC-based mailing list with an associated newsletter, launched in August 2010.

2. Hay Award

The 2010 Alan Hay Award for Contributions to Transport Geography has been awarded to Professor Richard Knowles FRGS, Editor of this journal and Professor of Transport Geography at the University of Salford. He is a founder member of TGRG and its predecessor the Transport Geography Study Group of the Institute of British Geographers, which he chaired from 1987 to 1990. This Award is richly deserved. Professor Knowles, educated at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, has pursued a career dedicated to academia and transport geography. He is a member of Salford University's Senate, a former member of its University Council, Director of Studies for Geography and a member of Salford University's Urban Change Research Centre. He became a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society in 1995 and is also a member of the Geographical Association. Professor Knowles was elected President and Chair of the International Geographical Union's research Commission on Transport and Geography in 2009.

Currently, Professor Knowles is also Co-Editor of the Transport and Mobility research monograph series published by Ashgate and an Editorial Board Member for Geographical Review of Japan (English Edition) appointed by the Association of Japanese Geographers. In 2004 he was the first European recipient of the Association of American Geographers Edward Ullman Award for significant contributions to Transportation Geography, and in 2005 he was the first European geographer to be selected by the University of Washington to deliver the Fleming Lecture in Transportation Geography.

His research divides into two principal areas. One focuses on examining the effects of transport policy changes, particularly deregulation, privatization and franchising, on modal switch, patronage, market domination and subsidies in different geographical contexts. The second is focused on analysing the transport and spatial development impacts of new transport infrastructure and technology in urban rail transit, fixed link tunnels and bridges and in the differential collapse in time/space and cost/space at global, regional and local scales. Professor Knowles has edited key books in the sub-discipline including *Modern Transport Geography* (Hoyle and Knowles, 1992, 1998) and *Transport Geographies: Mobilities, Flows and Spaces* (Knowles et al., 2008) and authored and co-authored numerous papers in international peer-reviewed journals, books, book chapters and reports.

3. TGRG active at Association of American Geographers' 2010 Annual Meeting, Washington, DC

Professor Jon Shaw of the University of Plymouth, along with colleague Jennie Middleton, co-convened a significant session aimed at improving dialogue between academics working on the 'mobilities turn' across the range of social sciences and traditional transport geography, "Common concerns? Rethinking the transport/mobilities divide". This session built on a panel session held at the Annual AAG Meeting in 2008, and aimed to explore more opportunities for 'boundary crossing', whilst recognising that differing approaches are never fully reconcilable. The session included conceptual and/or empirical/methodological contributions that provide opportunities for discussing common concerns across these fields of research. The differing approaches to the study of movement have developed in parallel as they have been pursued by different types of academics interested in different aspects of movement and speaking in different terms. In addition to Professor Shaw, there were papers from a number of European researchers as well as Professor Mimi Sheller of Drexel University, a key figure from the mobilities research agenda. Abstracts for the three sessions are available through http://communicate.aag.org/eseries/callforpapers/program/SearchAction.cfm.

4. Higher worldwide impact factor for journal of transport geography

Thomson Reuters has just released their Journal Citation Reports 2010 detailing the 2009 Impact Factor for leading research journals in all disciplines.

In the Transportation category, the *Journal of Transport Geography*, edited by TGRG Committee member Professor Richard Knowles, is ranked 9th worldwide of all transportation research journals with a 2009 Impact Factor of 1.421 (2008 Impact Factor = 1.271). In the Geography category it is ranked 22nd out of 61 Geography research journals. In both categories the *Journal of Transport Geography* is the highest ranked journal included for the first time in Thomson Reuters' Citation Reports in 2008 or 2009.

Professor Richard Knowles says "I am delighted that the *Journal of Transport Geography* has achieved an even higher Impact Factor on the second occasion it has been included in Thomson Reuter's international Journal Citation Reports. The 669 citations of *Journal of Transport Geography* papers in 2009 and a high Impact Factor score of 1.421 show the high esteem in which the journal is held in the international transport and geography research communities."

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