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Annual report

The TGRG's achievements in 2001 were manifold and in part were the result of groundwork laid in 2000. Individual members continued to publish their research in high-quality journals such as *Area, Environment and Planning A* and the *Journal of Transport Geography*, and the latter continued to thrive as an outlet for learned works within the sub-discipline. The second of the TGRG's Transport and Mobility book series, *Training in Logistics and the Freight Transport Industry: the ADAPT-FIT Project in Southern Italy*, edited by Alfonso Morvillo and Gennaro Ferrara, was also published.

With respect to Group activities, the RGS-IBG Conference in Plymouth in January hosted a full-day TGRG session which featured the inaugural Brian Hoyle Lecture in Transport Geography, delivered by Professor John Adams of UCL. Papers presented at the TGRG session attracted a considerable amount of national media coverage, including articles in *The Times*, *The Guardian* and *The Daily Telegraph* and discussions on BBC Radio Five Live. Five members of the TGRG presented papers at the joint TGRG/Transportation Specialty Group (TSG) session at the 97th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers (AAG) in New York in February/March. A further joint session is being held at the AAG's 98th Annual Meeting in 2002.

The TGRG's officers were responsible for organising two one-day conferences in 2001. In March, Brian Graham arranged *Policy Directions in UK Air Transport: the Next 10 Years*, which was attended by over 100 delegates representing a wide range of academic and practitioner bodies. Iain Docherty and Jon Shaw convened *Prospects for Transport in the New Parliament* in September. This event was attended by around 50 delegates and speakers included Professor Stephen Glaister, of Imperial College, and Professor David Begg, Chairman of the Commission for Integrated Transport. Drs Docherty and Shaw also secured a contract from Blackwell to publish an edited book related to the proceedings of this conference as part of the RGS-IBG Book Series. Entitled *A New Deal for Transport? The UK's Struggle with the Sustainable Transport Agenda*, the volume will be published by summer 2003.

The Group's international links were consolidated in 2001. Not only were transatlantic ties strengthened following the TGRG/TSG joint session at the Annual Meeting of the AAG, but formal links were also established with the Transport Working Group (*AK Verkehr*) of the German Geographical Society after Jon Shaw attended its Annual Meeting in May. The *AK Verkehr*'s Chair, Professor Matthias Gather, made a reciprocal visit to the TGRG's *Prospects for Transport in the New Parliament* conference and arrangements are now being made for a joint TGRG/*AK Verkehr* session at the RGS-IBG Annual Conference in 2003.

2001 was the last year of Brian Graham's term as Chair of the TGRG and the Committee, on behalf of the Group as a whole, would very much like to record its sincere thanks and appreciation for his efforts over the past three years. Under Professor Graham's chairmanship, the TGRG accomplished a great deal, including the forging of international research links, the establishment of the TGRG Book Series and the staging of high-profile conference events. Work on a survey of Transport Geography teaching in UK universities and the production of an official website for the Group was also initiated. Professor Graham has agreed to assume the role of TGRG Treasurer – thereby retaining Officer status – and his position of Chair has been filled by Jon Shaw. Former Treasurer Iain Docherty takes over from Dr Shaw as Secretary.

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