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The Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in San Francisco in April provided, as always, an excellent opportunity for TGRG members to liaise with North American colleagues and discuss recent developments in the sub-discipline. The ongoing need for transport geography to integrate more with the human geography mainstream was a recurring theme, although encouraging progress is being made on this front. Recent and forthcoming essays (Hall et al., 2006; MacKinnon et al., 2008, in press) have sought to integrate transport and economic geography, for example, and a new monograph assessing the impacts of devolved government on transport policy in the UK (MacKinnon et al., 2007, in press) seeks to bring together key ideas in political and transport geography. Of course, the 'mobility turn' in the broader social sciences continues to orientate many scholars towards transport issues and, as noted in the TGRG Page before, this is a development which transport geographers will do well to exploit. At the AAG a jointly sponsored session with the Transportation Geography Specialty Group contained papers on a range of aspects relating to transport and governance, with empirical and theoretical discussion arising from case studies in the United States, Scandinavia, the United Kingdom and Mexico.

The Annual Conference of the Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers) provides the next significant forum for TGRG members to meet with colleagues from the rest of Europe and beyond. This year, the TGRG is involved in two sessions: the first, *Youth, Mobility and Transport*, is co-sponsored with the Geographies of Children, Youth and Families Working Group and contains papers on topics from automobility aspirations to the mobile lives of young sex workers in Ethiopia. Also in this session is a paper on what young people think and do about sustainable travel behaviour in relation to climate change, and this provides a link with the second session, *Transport and Sustainability*. This session is our main business at this year's Annual Conference and is divided into four sections containing no fewer than 20 papers. We are pleased to welcome colleagues from Germany, The Netherlands, The Czech Republic, and Malta as well as from universities around the UK; papers cover a diverse range of topics connected with social, economic and environmental aspects of sustainability, from the geographies of sustainable goods flow to spatial road accident data. Also included are important contributions to the debate about the acceptability and the future of sustainable transport by David Banister, of Oxford University's Centre for the Environment.

For the 2008 AAG Annual Meeting in Boston the TGRG, together with the *Arbeitskreis Verkehr* of the German Geographical Society, will be sponsoring a session on 'transport meets mobilities' with the aim of bringing together key protagonists of transport geography and the new mobilities paradigm. Our hope is that this session will continue to build links between transport geographers and scholars in other disciplines across the social sciences with an interest in the significance of movement in human endeavour.

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