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TGRG: Links between the TGRG and the Transportation Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers

The last few years have seen increasing collaboration between the TGRG and its counterpart organization, the Transportation Geography Specialty Group (TGSG) of the Association of American Geographers (AAG). The American group has very similar aims and structures to the British group, but is somewhat larger. Its organizing committee is chaired by Andrew Goetz, Department of Geography, University of Denver. Like the TGRG, it exists to promote research in Transport Geography and recognizes the importance of encouraging postgraduate research. It produces a newsletter 'TGSGlobe' which carries news of both the group's and individuals' activities. The current editor is Ronald Sheck, Centre for Urban Transportation Research, University of Florida.

Transport sessions at the AAG Annual Conference

Several special sessions on transport topics have been organized for the Annual AAG meeting in Boston to be held between March 25–29. Two sessions have been jointly organized by the TGSG and the TGRG. Ron Sheck of the University of South Florida and José Smith of the University of Salford, UK have organized the two joint USA–UK sessions. Other sessions have been organized by Frank Southworth, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and Jean-Paul Rodrigue, Bishop's University. Topics of the special sessions include: *Urban Transit and Transportation issues; Urban Transportation and Social Justice; Modelling Intelligent Transportation Systems; The New Geography of Transport Terminals*. An urban transit field trip has also been organized as part of the conference programme by Ron Sheck and Keith Ratner, Department of Geography, University of Denver. Boston has one of the most extensive public transport systems in North America. A combination of motor bus, trolley bus, light rail, heavy rail, commuter rail and ferry boat services provide intermodal linkages througout the metropolitan area. The field trip will be an opportunity to visit several key intermodal facilities and examine transit-land use relationships.

Publications

Collaboration between the TGRG and the TGSG also extends to textbooks, two of which are scheduled for publication in 1998. A group of 6 American and 13 British authors have prepared an up-dated and extended second edition of *'Modern Transport Geography'*, which first appeared in 1992. Brian Hoyle, University of Southampton and Richard Knowles, University of Salford, have undertaken the major task of editing the various contributions and the text will be published by Wiley. The text takes a thematic approach with chapter headings on policy and control, environment, urban and rural transport, transport for recreation and transport and development. It also covers all the major transport modes, including air transport, freight transfer and multimodal systems. Meanwhile, William Black, University of Indiana, and Steven Cassidy, University of Nottingham, have been collaborating to produce *'Sustainable Transport: Challenges, Progress and Potentials'*, to be published by Wiley in late 1998. Incorporating sections on the principles of sustainable transport, alternative technologies for sustainable transport, and policy approaches, it aims to provide an authoritative text on the technological and policy solutions required for a sustainable transport environment.

Postgraduate prizes

The 1998 TGSG prize for the best postgraduate dissertation in Transport Geography will be awarded at the AGM of the group in Boston at the Association of American Geographers' Annual Conference. Unfortunately, the winner was not known when the Journal went to press.

Journal offer

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