



Canadian Transportation Research Forum



Le Groupe de Recherches sur les Transports au Canada

Conferences

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The papers presented each year at the CTRF Annual Conference are of high quality and represent research and experience from a wide range of industry, government and academic perspectives. CTRF publishes these papers in proceedings for its members and other interested parties including university libraries.

GENERIC CONFERENCE DETAILS

- Springtime – May or early June
- Various locations across Canada, from St. John's to Victoria
- Sunday afternoon to Wednesday afternoon
- Events – President's Reception, Bison Transport Debate, Conference Plenary, Technical Tours, off-site dinner at a local attraction destination, and Awards Luncheon. All provide opportunities to network with transport professionals.
- Speakers at the Monday and Tuesday lunches are often the Federal Minister of Transport and the Provincial Minister of Transportation or sometimes the Provincial Premier or a University President
- Proceedings – copy of all papers at Registration
- Panels – capturing key debates of the day
- Conference Paper Awards – cash awards for the best conference papers (best paper receives the Ron Rice Award)

- English and French papers welcome, some conference sessions have simultaneous interpretation
- Contributions of corporate supporters help to keep delegate fees low
- Companions program consists of separate daytime activities, and evening social events with delegates
- The Annual General Meeting of the membership takes place at the conference. Members elect the board of directors.



BISON TRANSPORT DEBATE

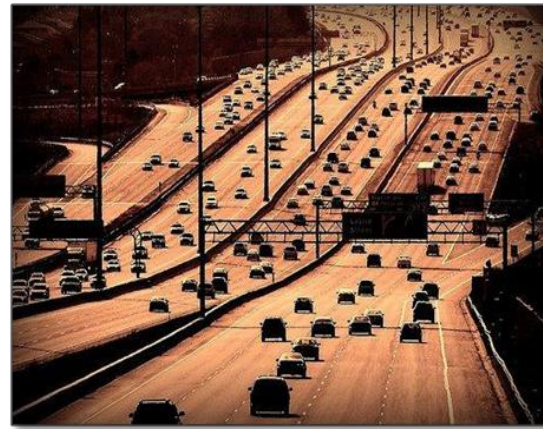
Conducting a debate as part of the CTRF Annual Conference was the brainchild of Dr. Barry Prentice. Barry arranged sponsorship by Bison Transport including the provision of the unique trophy and has often presided at the event. The Debate has evolved since 1996 into one of the most enjoyable and best attended events of the Annual Conference.

A chronology of debate topics and participants is available at www.ctrf.ca

TECHNICAL TOURS

Over the years, technical tours in conjunction with annual and semi-annual conferences have included;

- Confederation Bridge across Northumberland Strait between New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island
- Canadair Aircraft Assembly Facility in Dorval
- Bison Transport truck simulator, Winnipeg
- Motor Coach Industries, Winnipeg
- Ascension à l'intérieur d'un pilier du pont Pierre-Laporte / Ascend the interior of the superstructure of Pierre Laporte Bridge
- Centre de simulation du pilotage maritime / Marine Pilotage Simulation Centre, Québec
- Service aérien gouvernemental - Aéroport International Jean- Lesage, Québec / Government Aviation Services - Jean Lesage International Airport
- Locomotive Simulation Facility - CP Rail / Southern Alberta Institute of Technology



NETWORKING, DINNERS, SOCIALS

Local conference organizers have arranged for an evening out at unique local venues, sometimes with entertainment;

- Dick's Deck, St. John's with Buddy Wasisname and the Other Fellers
- New Glasgow Lobster Suppers, PEI, fiddle music by Richard Wood et al
- Kings Landing Historical Settlement, New Brunswick
- Historic Wainwright Hotel, Calgary Heritage Park
- Dinner cruises on various ships in Montreal, Quebec City, Winnipeg and Vancouver
- Improv entertainment by Fuse Works at Liuna Station, Hamilton

AWARDS LUNCHEON

This conference wrap up event allows us to recognize the best papers presented at the conference. This is also where our scholarship winners are announced. Traditionally, up to seven scholarships each worth \$4000 are awarded.

COMPANIONS PROGRAM

A few of the eclectic elements of the Companions Programs have been:

- Fish cooking and wine tasting in St. John's
- Go-karting in Winnipeg
- Charlottetown walkabout with the Confederation Players
- Fredericton walking tour with the Calithumpians
- Truffle making in Fredericton
- Shopping at the West Edmonton Mall



A list of locations and venues of past conferences is available at www.ctrf.ca

Semi-Annual Conference

CTRF often convenes a one-day semi-annual conference in the Fall, in a different region of the country from the annual conferences of that year and the next year. While the annual conference has a theme, papers and panels can range widely across the spectrum with several parallel sessions on various topics. The semi-annual is usually focused on one topical issue. CTRF has collaborated with other associations in the organization of joint Fall meetings. The University of Manitoba Transport Institute (UMTI), the Van Horne Institute, the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT), the Canadian Institute of Traffic and Transportation (CITT), and the Transportation Research Forum (TRF) are examples of such groups.

CANADIAN JOURNAL OF TRANSPORTATION

The Canadian Journal of Transportation is a refereed scientific journal linked closely with the goals of CTRF.

The best papers at the CTRF Annual Conference are further refereed for inclusion in the Journal if the authors so wish. However, any author may submit a paper for inclusion – for further details see the Journal website.

<http://journals.hil.unb.ca/index.php/CJT>