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T²M Membership

T²M's mission is the establishment of a collegial association of scholars, practitioners and concerned citizens to encourage and promote an understanding of the historical interaction between transport, traffic and the mobility of people, material objects and ideas. The Association invites participation by anyone sharing an interest in its activities.

Membership of T²M ensures a vital connection with like-minded individuals and institutions around the world. Benefits include a print subscription to the *Journal of Transport History*, discounted registration at the annual meetings, and a quarterly electronic newsletter. From 2009 a yearbook will be part of the membership benefits, with the goal of providing an annual overview of the field's scholarship.

For further information on T²M's programmes and activities, please visit the association's web site at <http://www.t2m.org> or contact the T²M Secretariat. The ECMD (European Centre for Mobility Documentation) is the T²M Secretariat:
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Transport – the physical movement of people and their material possessions, and the associated spread of ideas – is among the most basic of human activities. No society that has ever existed has managed to do without some means of getting around, whether by foot, animal power or, increasingly, by mechanical means. Indeed, many of us now find that moving around – mobility – is becoming more and more central to our lives.

But whilst all of us recognize that transport reflects and shapes human life at the most fundamental level, its history is only beginning to attract the attention it deserves. How many history textbooks devote more than a few paragraphs to transport? Yet anyone stuck in a traffic jam or delayed by a late-running plane knows that the textbooks are leaving out a key aspect of the story. How did people get around in the past? Why did they use some modes of transport and not others? Were yesteryear's methods necessarily worse (or better) than today's? How do decisions made in the past shape the patterns of traffic and mobility we experience today? Here lie some of the issues and questions that historians of transport, traffic and mobility try to answer and interpret for diverse audiences, in public forums and classrooms, in books, scholarly and popular, exhibitions and the media.

The Association

The International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic and Mobility (T²M) was founded in 2003 to stimulate and support studies of the movement of people, things and ideas in all periods and societies in the past. This includes the historical linkages between transport in relation to social and cultural factors – with politics and public policy, labour and business, science, tourism, the arts, and the environments. These studies have been particularly concerned with explaining that transport is neither inert nor self-propelled by its own internal logic. Rather, the critical determinant is human choice.

T²M is incorporated as a non-profit, interdisciplinary educational organization. Our executive secretary's office is located at the Technical University of Eindhoven in The Netherlands. The Association provides an international forum through the biannual *Journal of Transport History* (published by Manchester University Press in the UK), through its Newsletter and email list, through its annual meetings in Europe, North America and elsewhere, and through the coming annual publication. It also supports travel to meetings by new researchers; awards for scholarly essays (the John Scholes Prize and the Cornelis Lely Prize) and oral presentations (the Barker and Robbins Prize); and collaborative educational efforts with other educational organizations.

T²M Endowment Campaign

T²M is seeking funding to enable us to undertake initiatives such as establishing a permanent secretariat, founding further awards and expanding travel grants for doctoral students and T²M members from less-affluent countries. We are particularly keen to secure structural funding, for a period of three years or more, for the following purposes:

- A third issue annually of the *Journal of Transport History* (€6500 per issue)
- Intercontinental travel stipends of €500 each (target, 10 stipends per year)
- Intracontinental travel stipends of €250 per stipend (target, 20 stipends per year)
- An annual prize for the best scholarly publication on the history of transport, traffic and mobility (€1000, including travel costs to the annual meeting for the winner)
- A biennial award for the best thesis or dissertation on the history of transport, traffic and mobility (€500 per award)
- Secretarial and other fixed annual costs of €6000 annually.
- Summer schools
- Thematically based special interest groups

The Association currently receives long-term financial support from the European Centre for Mobility Documentation and the Transport History Research Trust.