Editorial

These are exciting times for all those involved with T²M. We are shortly to have our first election for Executive Committee officers and to launch our listserv. The latter will enable live discussion among members.

However, I do hope that the newsletter will continue to pass on essential and interesting information. To that extent, the newsletter’s success is dependent upon participation, and I would strongly encourage all members to send items of interest, news snippets, calls for papers, and other relevant (and maybe even irreverent!) material to me:

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DEARBORN – IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO COME!

T²M’s second conference is almost upon us, but it is not too late to register for what promises to be an important and fruitful meeting.

The conference takes place at the University of Michigan-Dearborn between November 4 and 7. Accommodation can be found at the Ritz Carlton, though bookings must be made by October 12 to take advantage of the conference rate.

T²Ms organizers are thrilled that the keynote speaker will be David Harvey (right) a world figure in geography and a leading analyst of contemporary culture. His talk is entitled “The Fetishism of Technology: Causes and Consequences”

More information on the conference can be found at www.t2m.org. A full copy of the provisional timetable can be found inside this newsletter.
Message from the Chair

Gijs Mom

Within less than two months we will meet again at our Second International T²M Conference in Dearborn, organized by Bruce Pietrykowski and his team. We have a similar number of participants to last year, but we would like to have more attendees, so, if you have not yet decided to go, please give it an extra thought and register at www.t2m.org. And for those of you who have already registered: don’t forget to send in your full-text paper before Monday 20 September at the very latest! On that date we will manufacture the CD to be sent to all attendees well before the conference. Since its spring meeting in Paris the provisional Executive Committee (EC) has been working hard to fulfil all the wishes members expressed during the Eindhoven meeting, especially the ‘Motion’, which was accepted near unanimously. Especially, the EC managed:

- to reduce the student fee to € 25, because of the Editorial Board of *The Journal of Transport History*’s lowering of the student subscription rate; I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the Board and its chair, Peter Lyth, for this important gesture;

- to start with a modest Conference Travel Fund for PhD students: a Travel Fund Committee chaired by EC member Larry Shumsky has been installed, and will notify the beneficiaries as soon as possible; for this year’s conference the Travel Fund has been financed by institutional membership fees from the European Center for Mobility Documentation in Eindhoven, the Automotive Heritage Centre at Dearborn, and the Railway Museum in York. Our main sponsor, ACEA in Brussels, also contributed to this fund. For the coming years the EC strives to find other sponsors, as we need the membership money for our regular activities. Any suggestions from the members as to potential sponsors are very welcome, indeed!

- to prepare the Members Meeting in Dearborn (for the exact date, see the Conference Programme).

The preparation of our next Members Meeting involved the drafting of our Statutes, and the organization of the ballot of T²M officers. I wish to thank the members of the Statutes Committee, especially Paul van Heesvelde and Clay McShane, for the hard labour they spent on formulating these Statutes.

At the moment you receive this Newsletter, we will start our listserv for a discussion among our members about the Statutes, and the organization of the ballot of T²M officers. I wish to thank the members of the Statutes Committee, especially Paul van Heesvelde and Clay McShane, for the hard labour they spent on formulating these Statutes.

As an association, we emphasize the importance of young scholars within our organisation, and I call upon PhD candidates among us to step forward and help lead T²M. If you are interested, please send me a short CV and some lines about how you would like T²M to evolve in the future. The deadline for these submissions is Monday, 4 October. Voting will then be open until the end of the month.
Registration Information

To register for the conference (which includes welcome reception, a CD of conference papers, breakfast, lunch, and parallel sessions, with options for special excursions and the banquet), go to www.t2m.org.

Conference Hotel:
We have been able to reserve a block of rooms at a very favorable rate ($110 per night plus tax) at the Ritz Carlton Dearborn for T²M participants. The Ritz Carlton is also the closest hotel to the main conference venue. There will be a shuttle bus running in the early morning and the late afternoon between this hotel and the conference.

In order to take advantage of the T²M Conference rate, you must register no later than October 12, 2004*. After that date the group rate cannot be guaranteed. *Note: The actual deadline is October 12, 2004 at 5 p.m. EDT (US Eastern Daylight Time).

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Campus maps: Maps to and of the campus can be found at: http://www.umd.umich.edu/about/campus.html

Conference Schedule

Thursday, November 4
2 p.m.: Conference Registration Opens
4 p.m.: Keynote Address by David Harvey

Friday, November 5
7:30-8:30 a.m.: Breakfast
8:30-9:45 a.m.: Plenary Session — Commentators: Daniel Little and吉吉Mom
Bruce Seeley: Engineers as Policy Makers? A Comparative View of Expertise and Highway Policy in the U.S. and Europe

10-11:30 a.m.: Sessions 1: Parallel Sessions
Session 1.1: Session Title: Adventures in Urban Traffic Regulation
Chair: David Blanke

Session 1.2: Session Title: Urban Growth: The Places and Spaces of Airline Places
Chair: Drew Whitelegg

Session 1.3: Session Title: Gender, Race, and Mobility History
Chair: Georgina Hickey

Session 1.4: Session Title: Transportation and the Public Realm: A Kaleidoscope of Light, Noise, and Bustle
Chair: Jonathan Smith

Session 1.5: Session Title: Case Studies of Transport Systems
Chair: James Robson

Session 1.6: Session Title: Methodological Issues in Mobility History
Chair: Jonathan Smith

4 p.m.: Lunch

11:45-1 p.m.: Sessions 2: Parallel Sessions
Session 2.1: Session Title: Historical Reactions to Automobility
Chair: Emily Hickey

Session 2.2: Session Title: Cultural Impact of Transport
Chair: Drew Whitling

Session 2.3: Session Title: Methodological Issues in Mobility History
Chair: Jonathan Smith

Session 2.4: Session Title: Visualizing Automobility Through Art and Resources
Chair: William Proctor

12:45-1 p.m.: Lunch

Tuesday, November 2
3:30-4:45 p.m.: Special Excursions and the Banquet

Note: Special excursions and the banquet, which include the welcome reception, a CD of conference papers, breakfast, lunch, and parallel sessions, with options for special excursions and the banquet, go to www.t2m.org.
NEWS

T²M or T⁴M? (from Gijs Mom)

During my opening speech at our last Eindhoven conference I had included in my Power Point presentation a slide with the above question, the T-square standing for transport and traffic, and the extra two T’s representing travel and tourism. During the last Paris meeting of the Executive Committee I was given the assignment to start negotiations with the International Commission for the History of Travel and Tourism (ICHTT) about a possible future cooperation. As a first expression of this cooperation a common conference could be organized, an endeavor which could help us explore and define the common interests between the two fields of Mobility History and the History of Tourism. I wouldn’t have written this message if I had not already received some indications from the tourism group of a strong interest in such negotiations.

Close cooperation (or even a merger) between our two organisations could help us reach our goals quickly and elegantly. We, as an association, do not yet have the critical mass to organize an annual conference without a certain financial risk to the local organizer, a situation we should strive to avoid as soon as possible in order to reach a state of stability and continuity. Also, the subscription base of The Journal of Transport History could be expanded substantially which could open the road to an extra, annual third issue, providing a more frequent platform for our scholarly debates.

At the moment you receive this Newsletter the meeting with the tourism group has yet to take place. In Dearborn, at the Members Meeting, I hope to report to all of you, and bring good news about our next conference, either T²M or T⁴M. Whatever happens, it is very likely that our next conference will be held in good old England.

Sharing Accommodation for T²M

One possibility for conference participants wanting to cut the cost of accommodation is to share a room. Markus Nöhl is looking for someone to do just this and can be contacted at m.noehl@gmx.de

Listserv up and running in a few days

Our T²M listserv will be launched between now and a few days. Editor of the listserv will be Clay McShane, who’s working hard getting the listserv ready as soon as possible. The ECMD will provide the technical support for the listserv.

In a few days all members of T²M will receive an announcement by e-mail that the listserv is online and details how to subscribe to the listserv.
CALLS FOR PAPERS

The editors of TRANSIT at the University of California, Berkeley invite submissions for the inaugural issue of the multidisciplinary, web-based journal TRANSIT, to be published February 15, 2005.

OPEN CALL FOR PAPERS
We welcome submissions relating to the critical inquiry of travel, migration, and multiculturalism in the German-speaking world spanning all time periods and media. TRANSIT covers the work of all those who have experienced the irresolvable tension between home and dislocation—whether explorers, adventurers, refugees, or exiles. We invite critical work, in English or German, from all areas in which movement and transition are major forces.

CALL FOR PAPERS
Special Topic: Migration, Culture, and the Nation State
In recent years mass migrations have challenged and dramatically changed nation states around the globe. The German-speaking world in particular epitomizes the tensions ascribed to immigration. Millions of immigrants, "guest workers", and asylum seekers have become residents of German-speaking countries in the last fifty years alone. Increasingly, their presence calls into question the concept of a national community based on ancestral lineage and cultural heritage. For some, the presence of so many foreign-born residents spells the end of German culture. For others, a multiethnic nation evokes a long tradition of cosmopolitan openness. Is multiculturalism the key to resolving current issues of national identity in Europe?

TRANSIT invites English or German language submissions that explore the following questions:

Why has multiculturalism become such a contested concept today? How are political, social, and cultural borders negotiated in a rapidly changing Europe? How can the extensive German debates surrounding nationalism, ethnicity, and mobility contribute to current international debates?

Papers should be submitted as a Microsoft Word email attachment by Nov. 1, 2004.

Please send submissions and inquiries to transit@berkeley.edu.

This issue is presented in conjunction with the international conference Goodbye Germany? Migration, Culture, and the Nation State to be held 28-30 October 2004 at UC Berkeley.