MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

The 79th Transportation Short Course, October 11-12 on the Texas A&M University Campus, was a fantastic event. The sessions and speakers were excellent. The visit by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to announce a $3 million project award to TTI was an extra bonus!

The 79th Short Course broke previous attendance records. A total of 2,504 people registered this year. I always get a special feeling when I see Rudder Auditorium filled for the Opening Session. It is great to be part of an outstanding transportation community in Texas.

A special thanks to all the SPP&E and TTI staff who helped make the 79th Short Course a success. As noted under Staff Activities, SPP&Eer’s acted as session coordinators and assisted with registration. A number of SPP&Eer’s also helped with the Galloway Golf Tournament on Sunday afternoon.

Next year will be the 80th time transportation professionals will gather at TAMU for the Short Course. Think of all the changes in transportation that have occurred over the past 80 years and the role research has played in enhancing safety, efficiency, effectiveness, and mobility.

Thanks!

Katie

Stephen Johnson, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) presented a $3 million check to TTI/Texas A&M Research Foundation at a press event on October 11 in the Rudder Complex. The award was made to a TTI project selected for funding through EPA’s new SmartWay Transport Partnership, which focuses on reducing truck engine idling emissions. Joe Zietsman is the Principal Investigator on TTI’s project, Truck Engine Idle Reduction Technology Demonstration Program.

Pictured in the above photo from the left are: EPA Administrator Stephen Johnson; Congressmen Chet Edwards; TCEQ Commissioner Ralph Marquez; TTI Director Herb Richardson; TxDOT Commissioner Ted Houghton, FHWA Texas Division Administrator Dan Reagan; Texas A&M University Vice President and Provost David Prior; and Texas A&M University System Chancellor Robert McTeer.
Welcome!

Melissa Marreno has joined the Environmental Management Program as a Research Associate. Melissa has a BA in Political Science and History from Northwestern University. She worked in the Arts History Department at Northwestern and played on the women’s varsity tennis team. She will be assisting with technical writing, literature reviews, background research, and proposal preparation.

Welcome Melissa!

Staff Activities

Numerous SPP&Eer’s helped out with the Transportation Short Course, October 11-12. Bill Stockton, John Overman, Ginger Goodin, Montie Wade, Brian Bochner, and Katie Turnbull were session coordinators. Bonnie Duke helped with registration. Pam Rowe, Mary Levine, Nancy Stratta, David Pearson, Ed Hard, Bill Stockton, and Katie Turnbull assisted with registration, putting contest, and other activities associated with the Sunday Galloway Golf Tournament.

Ginger Goodin, Katie Turnbull, and Carlos Lopez, TxDOT, were featured speakers at the Traffic, Tolling, and Trans-Texas Corridor Roundtable sponsored by the Herbert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and the Center for Transportation Studies at the University of Minnesota on October 17.

Congressman Joe Barton visited the TTI Arlington Office on October 12. Scott Cooner and Bill Frawley provided an overview of the Arlington Office research projects to the Congressman. Herb Richardson and Sue James also participated in the meeting.

Birthdays

November
Eun Sug Park 11/7
Dennis Perkinson 11/13
Bill Stockton 11/21
Jennifer Barry 11/22

December
Jason Crawford 12/5
Erlinda Snodgrass 12/5
Joan Hudson 12/9
Poonam Wiles 12/17
David Staas 12/21
John Overman 12/23
Kimberley May 12/30
Heather Ford 12/30
Juan Carlos Villa 12/30

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 7-10 – Fall TxDOT RMC Meetings, Corpus Christi
November 24-25 – Thanksgiving Holiday
December 7 – All TTI Day, Brazos Center, Bryan, TX
December 23-30 – Winter Break
January 16, 2006 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 22-26, 2006 – TRB Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.