Call for Papers: ITEA Annual Conference and ITEA Annual School 2024

ITEA is pleased to announce that the ITEA Annual Conference in Honor of Richard Arnott and the ITEA Annual School on Transportation Economics for 2024 will be hosted by the Institute for Transport Studies (ITS), University of Leeds, UK. The ITEA Annual School will be held on June 24-26, 2024. The ITEA Annual Conference will be held on June 26-28, 2024. The 2024 Conference is dedicated to the memory of Richard Arnott, a prominent transportation scholar who passed away last year.

Professor Andrew Smith is the chair of the local organizing committee. He and his colleagues are committed to organizing a vibrant and successful conference.

The aim of the **ITEA Annual School** is to provide young researchers as well as practitioners with a high-quality introduction to academic research on transportation economics, including many recent advances in the field. The School's program consists of a series of lectures and tutorials conducted by some of the most prominent researchers in transportation economics. In addition, the students are given the opportunity to present their own work at the Conference.

The aim of the **ITEA Annual Conference** is to promote scientific excellence in the field of transportation economics and to provide a forum for scientific exchange. Research presented at the conference covers both theory and empirical work, including all transport modes and a wide range of research methodologies. In addition to dedication of the conference to Richard Arnott, the program will include a special session covering topics related to Professor Arnott's research contributions.

In addition, the program will include a session hosted by the Special Interest Group E2 of the World Conference on Transportation Research Society (WCTRS). That group's focus is Transport Pricing and Economic Regulation, and the topic of the session will be "Competition in the Railway Industry." Submission of papers on this topic is encouraged.

■ Prizes

Two prizes will be awarded at the *ITEA Annual Conference*: the **Best Paper by a Junior Researcher** and the **Best Overall Paper**.

- → Eligibility requirements for the **Best Paper by a Junior Researcher** prize:
 - The presenter must be the junior researcher.
 - The junior researcher cannot have received his/her PhD more than four calendar years ago.
 - Coauthors may be senior scholars, but they cannot belong to the Scientific Committee.
 - In case of <u>coauthored papers with senior researchers</u>, the junior researcher is requested to accompany his/her paper with a statement explaining his/her precise contribution.
 - When submitting a paper, the junior researcher must declare on the title page of the paper that he/she is a junior researcher and that he/she wants to be considered for the prize.
 - A person who declares himself/herself to be a junior researcher remains eligible to win the **Best Overall Paper** prize that year.
 - No person who has won the **Best Paper by a Junior Researcher** prize can win it again, but he/she is eligible to win the **Best Overall Paper** prize in the future.
 - The Scientific Committee may decide not to award the **Best Paper by a Junior Researcher** prize in a given year.

- → Eligibility requirements for the **Best Overall Paper** prize:
 - Neither the presenter nor any coauthor can belong to the Scientific Committee.
 - A member of the Executive Committee or School Committee not belonging to the Scientific Committee can be presenter or coauthor of a paper winning the **Best Overall Paper** prize.
 - When submitting a paper, the presenter must declare on the title page of the paper that he/she wants to be considered for the prize.
 - Previous winners of the **Best Overall Paper** prize are eligible to win it again.
 - The Scientific Committee may decide not to award the Best Overall Paper prize in a given year.

■ Key dates

January 10, 2024 Extended abstract submission starts.

February 25, 2024 Extended abstract submission deadline.

April 13, 2024 Notification of extended abstract acceptance (qualified to present at ITEA 2024).

May 7, 2024 Deadline for early-bird registration, which is required for an accepted paper to secure a place on the program. Also the deadline for full paper upload for those papers to be considered for paper prizes.

■ Submissions

The call for papers ends **February 25, 2024**. You are invited to submit an extended abstract (2-4 pages or 400-1000 words) containing title, author(s), research question, methodology, expected results and references through *Conference Maker* at http://editorialexpress.com/conference/ITEA2024.

■ Any questions?

For further information, please send an e-mail to Jan Brueckner at jkbrueck@uci.edu or Andrew Smith at A.S.J.Smith@its.leeds.ac.uk.

Please, feel free to forward this e-mail to any potentially interested researchers.

We look forward to seeing you in June 2024.

With kind regards,

Maria Börjesson, President of ITEA Andrew Smith, Chair of the Local Organizing Committee Stefanie Peer, Chair of the School Committee Jan Brueckner, Chair of the Scientific Committee