After several rounds of intensive discussion among all the members of the COTA Board of Directors, COTA has decided to change the name of the “International Conference of Chinese Transportation Professionals” (ICCTP) to “COTA International Conference of Transportation Professionals” (CICTP). The new name will be effective at the conference in summer 2012. Meanwhile, its Chinese name will be changed into “COTA国际交通科技年会” (previously“交通运输领域华人学者国际会议”). The 11th ICCTP was jointly hosted by COTA and Southeast University, August 14-17, 2011, in Nanjing, China. The 12th ICCTP is named as CICTP 2012 that will be jointly hosted by COTA and Beihang University, August 3-6, 2012, in Beijing, China.”

First T&DI Congress Held in Chicago

The ASCE First T&DI Congress was held in Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza, Chicago, Illinois, March 13-16, 2011. COTA representative, Dr. Zhanping You attended and spoke in the congress. In the Opening Plenary Session of the Congress, T&DI leadership highly praised COTA's effort in transportation engineering research and practice in China. And the leadership of T&DI will work closely with CO-AT in future collaboration.
2nd COTA-World Bank China Transport Forum

The China Transport Forum is a joint event that is organized by COTA (previously NACOTA) and the World Bank during the annual COTA China conferences. The purposes of the Forum are to (i) highlight critical challenges and opportunities in China’s transport development and (ii) share and discuss international and China’s experience (including the experiences of the World Bank funded projects in China) among COTA members, invited government officials, researchers, educators and practitioners from China.

Following a resounding successful 1st COTA-World Bank China Transport Forum held in last year’s ICCTP conference in Beijing, which was focused on sustainable urban transport development in China, the 2nd China Transport Forum was held in Nanjing on August 17, 2011, as part of the ICCTP 2011 Conference. The 2nd forum focused on road safety in China. It featured real-world experience in China and other countries for improving road safety as well as an ongoing road safety initiative in China funded by the World Bank. The forum provided both an invited speaker’s session and a panel discussion session for in-depth discussion on the topic. To make the forum more suitable to the China’s road safety practice, the World Bank invited world-class road safety law enforcement experts in addition to the bank transport experts and consultants to present to the forum. COTA also assembled a strong team of domestic road safety experts across both research and practice domains from many related national, provincial and local institutions. Please check the conference program to find details and updates of the forum.

COTA-世界银行中国交通论坛是由华人海外交通协会（前中国旅美交通协会）与世界银行在COTA年度中国大会（ICCTP）上共同主办的定期论坛。论坛的主要目的是(i) 探讨当前中国交通领域发展的突出挑战和契机(ii) 与中国交通界同行，特邀相关政府官员及COTA会员们共同分享中国和国际交通领域当前发展的经验（特别是世行在中国交通项目的实地经验）。

在去年ICCTP北京会议成功举办第一届COTA-世界银行中国交通论坛重点探讨城市交通之后，第二届COTA-世界银行中国交通论坛将在2011年国际华人交通大会期间于2011年八月十七日在南京举行。本届论坛将着重探讨中国目前日益严重和紧迫的道路安全问题。论坛将由特邀世行及国际国内嘉宾介绍和讨论当前国内外改善道路交通安全的实践经验以及世行正在中国实施的道路安全战略合作项目。为更加符合中国的道路交通管理情况，世行特邀了享誉国际交通安全执法和管理领域的前国际高级警官参加论坛和我们共享他们丰富的高水平国际经验。COTA也组织了在国内道路交通安全领域长期工作的科研和管理部门的专家，共同探讨符合中国国情的道路交通安全改善措施。有关论坛详情，请参看即将公布的会议议程。
第一次 CICTP 2012（原 ICCTP）筹备会议在北航交通学院举行

第十二届 COTA 国际交通科技年会（CICTP）暨国际科技成果展示（原 “交通领域国际学者大会—ICCTP 2012”）筹备会于6月10日上午在北京航空航天大学工程训练中心西配楼501会议室举行。作为 CICTP 2012 筹备委员会主要成员，北航交通科学与工程学院、交通部公路科学研究院和北京理工大学的十二位教授和工程师参加了该筹备会。同时，美国辛辛那提大学魏恒教授、美国马里兰州交通厅陶瑞华博士莅临指导。王云鹏院长首先就大会筹备工作做了详细介绍，交通运输部公路科学研究院熊奕宁工程师随后汇报了大会技术展览规划。之后，魏恒教授和陶瑞华博士对大会的论文征集、论文评审、会议主题和展览等提出了建议。CICTP 2012 将首次同时举办以学术科技成果为主的展览会，并将考虑增加“研究生科技创新”板块，大家还从技术展览的形式、参展量、参观形式等方面进行了讨论。最后，筹备小组成员与魏教授、陶博士就大会工作进行了交流与讨论，并预祝 CICTP 2012 会议圆满成功。此外，专设的 CICTP 2012 国际会议秘书处已挂牌成立（下图中的 ICCTP2012 标牌将于近期更新名称）。

筹备会一角

CICTP 2012 (formerly ICCTP 2012) 专设秘书处

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Collaboration between COTA and Reason Foundation Launched

Dr. Samuel R. Staley, Director, urban & land use policy and China mobility project of the Reason Foundation was invited by Dr. Heng Wei, vice president of COTA to visit the beautiful campus of The University of Cincinnati on May 6, 2011. The primary purpose of this visit was to continue their discussion in 2011 TRB Annual Meeting regarding potential collaborations between COTA and Reason Foundation. On this visit they had a wonderful conversation and the discussion went through very efficiently and productively. They agreed to get the collaboration started from the ICCTP 2011 in Nanjing. A special Reason Foundation Forum will be organized and held as part of the ICCTP 2011 program. Several presentations will be delivered at this special forum about China transportation development issues, experiences and lessons learned from the US, based on the results of several projects that have been supported by the Reason Foundation. The Reason Foundation will offer a generous sponsorship to the ICCTP 2011. On behalf of COTA and ICCTP 2011 Executive and Organizing Committee, Dr. Heng Wei expressed their sincere thanks for the Reason Foundation’s support for and active participation in the ICCTP2011. The agreement reached at the meeting was discussed by the CODA Board and approved by Dr. Yinhai Wang, president of COTA.

The Reason Foundation was founded in 1978 and is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (http://www.reason.org). The Reason Foundation advances a free society by developing, applying, and promoting libertarian principles, including individual liberty, free markets, and the rule of law. The Reason Foundation produces respected public policy research on a variety of issues and publishes the critically-acclaimed Reason magazine. Together, their top-tier think tank and political and cultural magazine reach a diverse, influential audience, advancing the values of choice, individual freedom and limited government.
Revising COTA ByLaw in Progress

Last modification of the COTA ByLaw took place long time ago. It has been recognized that the old version of ByLaw has become incompatible with COTA’s continuation of growth and development, in particular since COTA became an influential transportation professional association internationally in recent years. Under such a circumstance, a special taskforce was established and pointed by COTA president, Dr. Yinhai Wang to bear the obligation for revising the ByLaw. The initial effort was led by Dr. Hongchao Liu and Kyle Liang. A substantial stride was made from the taskforce meeting that was held on June 4, 2011, in Hampton Inn & Suites near Washington-Dulles International Airport. At this meeting, several taskforce members, including Dr. Yafeng Yin, Dr. Clara Fang, Mr. Ken Yang, Mr. Jason Wang and Dr, Heng Wei met together to have intensive discussions on the ByLaw issues. This meeting was organized and coordinated by Dr. Heng Wei and Dr. Yinhai Wang. As a result, significant changes were identified, and then after several rounds of internal reviews and modifications, the final review version was generated. It is currently under review of the Board of Directors and expected to be released soon for seeking comments from all the COTA members. The new ByLaw will become effective and implemented immediately after it is officially approved by the COTA Board of Directors and Advisory Board.

“By-law revision is the greatest deal for COTA. We hope the new by-law will set up a solid foundation for COTA’s continuation of growth and development.” --- Yinhai Wang, President of COTA

Members Who Attended the Special Task Force Meeting on June 4, 2011
(from left to right: Heng Wei, Yafeng Yin, Clara Fang, Ken Yang, and Jason Wang)
COTA EUROPE Launched in Stockholm

The golden summer in Stockholm witnessed the launch of the Chinese Overseas Transportation Association (COTA) - Europe on June 29th 2011. It was the sixth International Symposium on Highway Capacity and Quality of Services (ISHC 2011) that gathered COTA general president Yinhai Wang, Ning Wu (Germany), Ronghui Liu (UK), Qi Yang (Caliper), Jian Rong (BJUT), Zong Tian (US), Scott Washburn (US) and Xiaoliang Ma (Sweden) in a joint dinner meeting. The meeting led to the formal establishment of COTA-Europe with an initial leadership group: Ning Wu, Professor at Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany, serves as the president of COTA-Europe; Ronghui Liu, Associate professor at the University of Leeds, UK, serves as the vice president of COTA-Europe; Xiaoliang Ma, Assistant Professor at the Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden, serves as the secretary of COTA-Europe. COTA president Yinhai Wang decided to announce the exciting news to all COTA members and other Chinese colleagues. COTA-Europe president Ning Wu had his first speech to all COTA members and friends.

Dear Chinese countrymen, dear colleagues, dear foreign friends, dear president of the Chinese Overseas Transportation Association, Dr. WANG Yinhai:

Today we have the great opportunity to gather here in Stockholm and launch the European branch of the COTA. As a long time member of the COTA, I am very pleased to be appointed as the first present of the COTA-Europe. Together with the new vice president, Dr. LIU Ronghui and the new sectary Dr. MA Xiaoliang we will try to follow the best tradition of COTA and develop our organization in Europe for strengthening the links between China and the overseas Chinese people, in particular the Chinese transportation professionals in Europe as well between all overseas Chinese transportation professionals themselves. Our mission is challenging but also promising. The first duty of our new team is to promote the mission of COTA and acquire new members within the Chinese transportation professional in Europe. With the support of the COTA-International, I am very confident that the new team will fully comply with its duty.
The 11th International Conference of Chinese Transportation Professionals (ICCTP 2011) will be held at the International Conference Hotel Nanjing, Nanjing, China from August 14 to 17, 2011. The conference is jointly organized by the Chinese Overseas Transportation Association (COTA) and Southeast University, in sponsorship with the Transportation and Development Institute (T&DI) of American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), and National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC).

The ICCTP series is one of two major conferences that COTA organizes every year (the other is a winter symposium series held in conjunction with the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting every January in Washington D.C.). ICCTP is held in China every summer and is a premier gathering for Chinese transportation professionals worldwide and for international professionals who are interested in contributing to or gaining a deeper understanding of the transportation development in China. Over the past ten years, ICCTP has convened in seven different cities, including Wuhan, Dalian, Xi’an, Shanghai, Chengdu, Harbin and Beijing. Through consistent efforts by COTA and its partnering universities, ICCTP has gradually built up its reputation as one of the most influential academic conferences in China. ICCTP 2011 is the eleventh conference in the series and continues to offer an excellent platform for transportation professionals to discuss critical transportation issues, share experience in transportation research and development, and exchange ideas for future transportation studies.

Led by Dr. Yafeng Yin at University of Florida and Dr. Jian Lu at Southeast University, the organization and preparation of the conference have progressed smoothly. The proceedings is now in production by ASCE and the conference program is being finalized.

The proceedings contains 434 contributions selected for presentation in ICCTP2011, following a rigorous two-stage review process, firstly of abstracts and then of full papers. Special thanks are due to all area editors and English editing chairs, who have done an excellent and diligent job in organizing the reviews and the English editing work. Our particular appreciation is extended to the referees who have contributed their considerable time and effort to review about 1,000 abstracts and 550 full papers. Their task was essential in ensuring the high quality of the conference.

We also wish to thank all of the people directly involved in the conference organization and publication of the proceedings. They have given generously of their time and expertise to make it a successful conference. We look forward to seeing you in Nanjing.

Article provided by Dr. Yafeng Yin, Chair of the Organizing and Executive Committee, ICCTP2011, Assistant Professor of Civil and Coastal Engineering, University of Florida.
第11届 “交通运输领域华人学者国际会议” (ICCTP 2011)

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第十二届COTA国际交通科技年会征文通知

(2012年8月3-6日，中国·北京)

北京航空航天大学、交通部公路科学研究院（国家智能交通系统工程技术研究中心）、海外华人交通协会（Chinese Overseas Transportation Association，简称COTA）和美国土木工程师协会（ASCE）将联合举办第十二届“COTA国际交通科技年会”（COTA International Conference of Transportation Professionals，简称CICTP2012），其前身为“交通运输领域华人学者国际会议”(ICCTP)。会议将关注中国综合交通运输发展的现状与未来，探讨城市交通发展和智能化过程中所遇到的各种问题，交流国际发展经验和先进技术。除技术论文宣讲之外，会议还设置由国际上卓有成就的知名学者专家参与的主旨论坛、特别主题论坛、世界银行交通发展论坛、美国大学交通研究中心特邀论坛、中国大学交通学院院长论坛、海外华人交通协会青年学者与学生专业发展论坛等。优秀论文作者将与国际知名学者按照领域划分安排在同一讲坛宣读论文，共同分享论文成果。第一届中国交通科技学术成果展览暨研究生交通运输科技创新展览也同期举行。CICTP是海外华人交通协会创立，并与中国承办单位和美国土木工程师协会共同主办的交通领域国际学者盛会。作为2012年的承办单位，北京航空航天大学、交通运输部公路科学研究院（国家智能交通系统工程技术研究中心）与海外华人交通协会共同诚挚邀请世界各地在交通运输领域工作的学者与专业人士参加此盛大聚会。

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便捷、安全、经济、高效的综合交通运输

Convenient, Safe, Cost-Effective and Efficient Multimodal Transportation

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11. 交通基础设施建造与养护

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Dear COTA members and friends:

On behalf of the Chinese Overseas Transportation Association (COTA) board of directors, I would like to appreciate your firm support to COTA business and wish you a very happy and fruitful Rabbit Year!

The most important event over the past year was that North America Chinese Transportation Association (NACOTA) changed its name to COTA to reflect the increasing global influence of our organization. COTA has over 2000 members and friends worldwide. Dropping the regional constraint, i.e. North America, is the first step to make COTA a truly globalized transportation organization. COTA’s new website (www.cota-home.org) has been built up and in operation. COTA has also hired our first employee, Ms. Huina Wang, who will work part time to support the COTA board for regular operations.

Collaboration between COTA and the Transportation and Development Institute (T&DI) of American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) has been further enhanced. COTA was a co-sponsor of the first conference of ASCE T&DI. COTA and T&DI have reached the agreement in treating each other’s membership equally when attending each other’s conferences.

COTA continues its success in organizing both the summer conference and winter symposium. The 14th Annual COTA/WCTA Technical Symposium on Transportation Operations and Planning in Mega-Regions was successfully held in Washington DC by COTA and Washington D.C. Chinese Transportation Association (WCTA) in January 2011. Professor Lei Zhang was the executive co-chair of the symposium at the COTA side. He did a terrific job to ensure the success of this symposium. This symposium attracted many high level speakers, including those from top research institutes and consulting firms in both China and the US.

An important highlight of this symposium is the Government Forum, in which government representatives introduced government functions, resources, and procedures that are helpful for transportation professionals to bid government projects. At the end of the symposium, a special memorial event was held to celebrate the life of Professor Fang Zhao, previous president of NACOTA, who passed away in December of
2010.

The 10th International Conference of Chinese Transportation Professionals (ICCTP 2010) jointly hosted by COTA and Beijing University of Technology (BJUT) set a new record of attendance --approximately 800 people attended ICCTP 2010. It is for the first time in COTA history to have a complete English track from the beginning to the end of the conference. Internationally recognized scholars, including Professor Michael Walton, member of the National Academy of Engineering in the US, Professor Markos Papageorgiou, chief editor for Transportation Research Part C, etc. delivered keynote speeches at the plenary session. Additionally, Mr. Ede Ljiasz, Sector Manager for Sustainable Development in China and Mongolia of World Bank and Ms. Marsha Anderson Bomar, president of ASCE T&DI gave important talks at the opening ceremony. Many well-recognized transportation professionals in China, including Professor Xiaoming Liu, Professor Wei Wang, Professor Haijun Huang, Mr. Xiaojing Wang, Mr. Lin Ma, etc. made great speeches at the conference. The 2010 Dean’s Forum of Transportation Colleges in China was held concurrent with ICCTP 2010. Deans from over thirty institutes in China participated in the forum and discussed important issues on transportation research and education. World Bank and COTA jointly hosted the First COTA-World Bank Forum on Urban Public Transportation during ICCTP 2010. Credit for the great success of the forum goes first and foremost to Mr. Jun Wang, who dedicated a lot to the forum organization. Under his persistent endeavors, World Bank is on its way to host its second forum on traffic safety during ICCTP 2011 in Nanjing.

A total of 890 submissions were received from authors of seven countries and regions, including Mainland China, Taiwan, the United States, Canada, Germany, Singapore, and Korea. To ensure the quality of the ICCTP 2010 proceedings, rigorous technical evaluation and English editing efforts were made. As a result, only 443 papers were accepted for publication. All the papers published in the ASCE-sponsored ICCTP 2010 proceedings have been included in the EI database. As the executive chairs of ICCTP 2010, Professors Heng Wei and JianRong made tremendous efforts to ensure the success of ICCTP 2010. Their outstanding contributions were one of the keys for ICCTP 2010's success.

These accomplishments achieved in the Tiger’s Year continue COTA’s great success over the past years. Thanks to Professor Ping Yi, immediate past president of COTA, and other advisor board members for their timely advices and supports. I would like to take the opportunity to thank members of COTA board for their dedications and hard work. Of course, supports from all COTA members and friends are essential for all the accomplishments COTA have achieved to date and hence are highly appreciated.

One new board member, Mr. Jianming Ma, was elected this January. Mr. Ma works for Texas Department of Transportation (TDOT). He will bring his expertise in traffic safety and knowledge in state DOT operations to COTA board.

COTA board added a new task force called Industry Partnership Development. Since Professor Fang Zhao passed away, Mr. Kyle Liang will be the new lead for the Special Issues Task Force. Other organizational structure remains the same as last year. Details are as follows:

COTA Headquarter:
President: Yinhai Wang
Vice President: Heng Wei and Hongchao Liu  
Secretary: Lei Zhang  
Treasurer: Clara Fang  
Academic Affairs Officer: Yafeng Yin  
Membership and PR Officer: Yu Zhang  
Newsletter Editor: Zhanping You  
Information Officer: Ken Yang  
Student Representative: Qinyi Shi

The task forces and committees set up by last board have been carried over to the current board, but with minor modifications as follows:

Academic Affairs Committee:  
Mission: handle academic affairs of NACOTA business  
Chair: Yafeng Yin  
Members: Heng Wei, Ping Yi, Zhanping You, and Yinhai Wang

Fundraising Committee:  
Mission: handle the planning and operation of the fund raising activities  
Chair: Heng Wei  
Members: Clara Fang, Ken Yang, Jun Wang, Yu Zhang, and Kyle Liang

Pavement Committee:  
Mission: academic research and engineering practice exchange in pavement  
Chair: Linbing Wang

Bylaw Revision Task Force:  
Mission: review bylaws and recommend for changes  
Chair: Hongchao Liu

Members: Kyle Liang, Jason Wang, Heng Wei, Clara Fang, Yinhai Wang, and Yafeng Yin

Industry Partnership Task Force:  
Mission: set up connections with industry partners  
Chair: Hongchao Liu  
Members: Jianming Ma, Ken Yang, Heng Wei, Jason Wang, and Kyle Liang.

Special Issue Task Force:
Mission: handle the important issues raised by COTA members
Chair: Kyle Liang
Members: Clara Fang, Xiaoduan Sun, Yujiang Zhang, Ping Yi, and Eva Lerner-Lam

COTA board shall continuously lead COTA toward the four organizational objectives: (1) promote transportation development in China by providing technologies and expertise through its members; (2) strengthen the links between oversea transportation professionals and students and their counterparts in China; (3) promote networking among Chinese overseas transportation professionals and students; and (4) disseminate information on transportation developments and major events in China to COTA members and partners globally. Special efforts shall be made to (1) promote the academic reputation of COTA through enhancing the quality of the COTA winter symposium and summer conference; (2) update and revise COTA by-law and relevant rules to make its organizational system more complete and effective; (3) improve services to all COTA members; and (4) set up strong connections with peer organizations, such as Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), ASCE, and IEEE.

As always, your comments are needed to improve our work and your supports are essential to accomplish our organization goals. Feel free to send your opinions, critiques, and/or suggestions to me or any directors on the board. COTA is our own organization. Let us work together to bring it up to the next level of success.

Sincerely yours,

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