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### CICTP 2016

The 16th COTA International Conference of Transportation Professionals (CICTP2016) was successfully held during July 6-9, 2016, in Shanghai, China, jointly organized by Chinese Overseas Transportation Association (COTA) and Shanghai Maritime University (SMU). In addition, substantial support was received from various professional organizations internationally, including American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC), Transportation Research Board (TRB) of the US National Academies.

The conference was chaired by Dr. Youfang Huang, President and Professor of Shanghai Maritime University, Dr. Yafeng Yin, Immediate Former President of COTA and Professor of University of Florida. Dr. Xin Shi, Vice President and Professor of Shanghai Maritime University, Dr. Wei Yan, Vice President and Professor of Shanghai Maritime University, Dr. Yu Zhang, President of COTA and Associate Professor of University of South Florida served as Executive Chairs. Dr. Ying-en Ge, Professor and Dean of College of Transport and Communications of Shanghai Maritime University, and Dr. Xiaokun Wang, COTA Chair of Academic Affairs and Assistant Professor of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute co-chaired the Organizing Committee. Dr. Henry Liu, Professor of University of Michigan chaired Academic Committee.



As one of the largest transportation conference in China, CICTP2016 received a large number of high-quality technical contributions; among the more than 500 submissions, a total of 216 full papers were accepted for publication in the proceedings. More than 700 participants domestically and internationally. The Executive and Organizing Committees have invited more than 20 international prestigious experts and scholars to deliver talks.

# CICTP2016—Opening Ceremony

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On the morning of July 7, 2016, the opening ceremony was held in the Auditorium at Shanghai Maritime University. Dr. Youfang Huang, Professor and President of Shanghai Maritime University and Dr. Yu Zhang, President of COTA gave welcome remarks, respectively.



Dr. Youfang Huang and Dr. Yu Zhang's welcome remarks

Dr. Yuhe Cai, President of China Communications News, Dr. Jose Holguin-Veras, Professor of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Dr. Zuoyi Liu, National Natural Science Foundation of China, Dr. James R. Sayer, Director of University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute and Dr. Michael Walton, Professor of University of Texas at Austin delivered conference addresses.



Dr. Wei Yan



Dr. Jose Holguin-Veras



Dr. Zuoyi Liu



Dr. James R. Sayer



Dr. Michael Walton

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CICTP2016, the largest transportation conference in China, has attracted more than 700 participants domestically and internationally, who come from mainland China, the United States of America, United Arab Emirates, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Greece, Singapore, Australia, United Kingdom, Germany, Korea, Belgium, Switzerland and New Zealand. Nearly thirty conference sessions such as plenary, spotlight, honored invited, and technical sessions, as well as special forums are organized this year. The Executive and Organizing Committees of CICTP2016 have invited more than 20 internationally recognized, prestigious experts and scholars to deliver talks in keynote and plenary sessions. These invitees will share their insights, thoughts, visions and experiences on a variety of current practices and state-of-the-art research topics. More than 30 other internationally well-recognized researchers and engineers are also invited to present their recent research findings at COTA invited sessions.

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In the plenary sessions, the following internationally renowned researchers delivered excellent presentations on cutting-edge topics related to transportation research, education, and technology transfer:

Dr. Carlos Daganzo, Professor at the University of California Berkeley, USA

Dr. Youfang Huang, Professor and President, Shanghai Maritime University, China

Dr. Hai Yang, Professor at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Dr. Dongyuan Yang, Professor, Tongji University

Dr. S.C. Wong, Professor, The University of Hong Kong

Dr. Henry Liu, Professor, University of Michigan

Dr. Huapu Lu, Professor, Tsinghua University

Dr. Bin Ran, Professor, Southeast University, University of Wisconsin

Dr. James R. Sayer, Director, University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute

Dr. Jose Holguín-Veras, Professor, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Dr. Qiang Meng, Professor, National University of Singapore

Dr. Pitu Mirchandani, Professor, Arizona State University

Dr. Jiuh-Biing Sheu, Professor, National Taiwan University

Dr. Michael Walton, Professor, University of Texas at Austin

Dr. Chandra R. Bhat, Professor, University of Texas at Austin

Dr. Avishai Ceder, Professor, University of Auckland

Dr. Yafeng Yin, Professor, University of Florida

Dr. Juan de Dios Ortuzar, Professor, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Dr. Ram M. Pendyala, Professor, Arizona State University

Dr. Kay W. Axhausen, Professor, ETH Zurich

Dr. Michel Bierlaire, Professor, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)

Dr. Zhong-ren Peng, Professor, University of Florida

Dr. Yin Hai Wang, Professor, University of Washington

Dr. Zhihua Zhou, Assistant Professor, East China University of Political Science & Law



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A series of special forums were also hosted during CICTP2016 focusing on issues that are of great interest to audiences of various backgrounds.

In the Dean Forum for Transportation Schools on July 6, 2016. More than 20 universities attended this forum. Dr. Ying-en Ge, Professor and Dean of College of Transport and Communications at Shanghai Maritime University moderated the forum.



Another highlights of the CICTP2016 was the Meeting with Editors in Chief Session on July 8, Dr. Kay Axhausen, EIC of Transportation, Dr. Jiu-Biing Sheu, EIC of Transportation Research Part E: Logistics and Transportation Review, Dr. Juan de Dios Ortuzar, EIC of Transportation Research Part A: Policy and Practice, Dr. Yafeng Yin, EIC of Transportation Part C: Emerging Technologies, and Mr. Chris Pringle, Executive Publisher of Transportation Journals Elsevier, discussed with the participants issues related to preparation and publication of research manuscripts.



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In the COTA–World Bank China Transport Forum, Mr. Jason Wang, Appalachian Regional Commission, Dr. Binyam Reja, China Transport Cluster Leader, Mr. Auturo Ardila Gomez, Lead Transport Economist of World Bank and Dr. Yuhe Cai, President of China Communications News moderated the forum.



Mr. Jason Wang



Dr. Yuhe Cai



Dr. Binyam Rejs



Mr. Jose Luis Irigoyen

Other special forums include the Smart-City-Driven Traffic Information Technology and Control Engineering Discipline Development Forum, and Transportation Practitioner Forum.



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The closing ceremony and farewell luncheon was held on July 9, followed by an award ceremony including the presentations of COTA Outstanding Leadership Award to Dr. Ying-en Ge, Best Paper Awards, Best Area Editor Awards as well as Best English Editor Awards, and a handover ceremony from the CICTP2016 organizers to the CICTP2017 organizers.



The next CICTP conference will be held in Shanghai from July 7-9, 2017, and will be hosted by Tongji University.

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As the hosts and organizer of CICTP 2017, Tongji and COTA invite submissions of both research and practical articles. The best-paper awards and other professional awards will be granted to the authors of excellent papers or institutes / enterprises which have made outstanding contributions to the development of transportation systems. The conference will address issues in the following areas:



- Aviation Management
- Intelligent Transportation System (ITS)
- Logistics and Freight Transportation
- Rail & Transit Operations and Management
- Traffic Safety, Security and Emergencies
- Transportation Policy, Planning and Modeling
- Big Data Application in Transportation
- Infrastructure Maintenance and Preservation
- Multimodal Transportation
- Road Traffic Operation and Management
- Transportation Energy and Environment



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The conference proceedings will be published by ASCE and will be indexed via EI Compendex. Selected papers will be invited to submit to SCI-indexed journals or to be compiled into journal special issues. Those journals include: Journal of Central South University, ASCE Journal of Transportation Engineering, ASCE Journal of Urban Planning and Development, IET Intelligent Transportation Systems Journal, Journal of Intelligent Transportation Systems, Transportation Research Part C and Transportation Research Part D.

The online abstract submission opens via the CICTP2017 conference website at <https://cmt.research.microsoft.com/CICTP2017/>.



The full submission deadline is December 15, 2016, and more information can be found via <http://www.cota-home.org/cictp/CICTP2017.html>.

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