



Toronto Section News

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ITE Toronto Section Breakfast/Panel Discussion “Modelling for GTA: Where We Are and Where We Need to Be” Tuesday February 26, 2008, 7:30 AM – Delta Markham

ITE Toronto Section is very pleased to invite ITE members to its first Breakfast/Panel Discussion event in appreciation for their support. This event will take place on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 from 7:30–9:00 a.m. in the Truffle room of the Delta Markham at 50 East Valhalla Drive in Markham. Panelists include Ali Mekky of MTO, Eric Miller of the University of Toronto, Joanna Kervin of the City of Toronto, and Bruce Mori of IBI Group. The cost is **free for ITE members** and \$ 20.00 for non members. **Please register** by noon on Friday, February 22, by contacting Mehrak Hakimi at (905) 470-2010 Ext. 207 or mehrak.hakimi@uma.aecom.com.

Annual ITE Toronto Section Spring Luncheon Friday April 18, 2008, at Noon – York Reception Centre

Our Annual Spring Luncheon will be held on Friday, April 18, 2007, at noon at the York Reception Centre, 1100 Millwood Road (northeast corner of Millwood/Overlea). Details to follow in our next newsletter on the speaker.



To register, please contact our **Activities Coordinator** Mehrak Hakimi at mehrak.hakimi@uma.aecom.com, or (905) 470-2010 ext. 207, by Friday, April 4th. The cost for the event is \$30 for ITE members and \$35 for non-members. Payment can be made at the door by cash or cheque (made out to ITE Toronto Section) and receipts will be issued at that time. Please be sure to let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

ITE Thirteenth Annual Joint Toronto/Hamilton Section Student Presentation Competition and Job Fair Wednesday March 5, 2008 – Mohawk College, Hamilton

The Thirteenth Annual ITE Joint Toronto/Hamilton Section Student Presentation Competition will be held on Wednesday March 5, 2008, at Mohawk College in Hamilton. A Student Job Fair exhibition, open to all students in the transportation field, will be held prior to the presentations.

Over the past several years, this joint event between the Toronto and Hamilton sections has been attracting high quality presenters and interesting topics, and has allowed professionals to learn about current research efforts while fostering student participation in the Institute.

A **Call for Abstracts** is included with this newsletter for students interested in participating in the competition. **The abstracts are due by Friday, February 22, 2008.** The competition is open to all Mohawk College, McMaster University, University of Toronto, Ryerson University, and University of Waterloo students. Interested students are invited to submit a short abstract of not more than 400 words on any topic related to transportation, describing their proposed presentation (see attached call for abstracts). Based on the abstract submissions, three graduate and three undergraduate students will be invited to make a 10 to 15 minute presentation.

Thanks to CITE, prize sponsorship has increased this year from previous years. A prize of \$250 will be awarded for 1st place, \$100 for 2nd place, and \$50 for 3rd place in each of the two categories, and all presentation participants will be provided with an invitation to this year's ITE Toronto Spring Luncheon. In 2007 the graduate category winner was Sean Nix from Ryerson University for his presentation on *Smart Growth and Travel Behaviour in Toronto*. The undergraduate category winner was Jeramie Lewis from Mohawk College for his presentation on *Traffic Calming in the City of Kitchener*.

The job fair (5:45 to 7:00 PM) and competition (7:00 to 9:00 PM) will take place in Room i131, i wing, Mohawk College.

Employers interested in participating in the Job Fair should contact Phil Weber at (416) 703-2612 ext. 228 or pweber@ourston.ca.

Logo Contest for ITE Toronto Section Website

It's time to get your creative juices flowing! The ITE Toronto Section Executive is looking for a logo to use on all Section material including the soon to be launched ITE Toronto Section website! In addition, it is anticipated that the new logo will help establish a brand for the Section as we strive to arrange and promote more events for Section members.

Design and submit a logo for consideration and if your design is chosen, you will win \$250. Your design should be appropriate for use in a wide range of promotional materials including signs, brochures and letterhead.

Submissions should be sent to Ahsun Lee (alee@LEA.ca) no later than March 31st, 2008 for consideration. The submissions will be judged by the ITE Toronto Section.

If you have any questions about the Logo Contest, please contact Ahsun at (905) 470-0015 ext. 277 or alee@LEA.ca.

Victoria 2008 CITE/Quad Conference Early Registration ends March 15, 2008

Registration is now available on-line for the CITE District Annual Meeting and QUAD Conference 2008, to be held in Victoria, BC, April 26 to April 30, 2008. The (discounted) Early Registration deadline is March 15, 2008. (See www.citebc.ca for details.)

Detailed Technical and Social Programs are also available at the website.

Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan Green Papers Request for Comments

Metrolinx (formerly the GTTA) is releasing seven "Green Papers" as part of their Regional Transportation Plan for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton areas. The first paper was released in late 2007; the second and third papers were recently released. The Papers will cover the following topics:

1. Towards Sustainable Transportation
2. Mobility Hubs
3. Active Transportation
4. Transportation Demand Management
5. Moving Goods and Services
6. Highways and Roads
7. Transit

The Toronto Section will be commenting on the Papers and would like input from our membership as part of the review. If you are interested in reviewing one or several of the papers and providing comments to be included in our review, please contact Julia Salvini (jsalvini@rogers.com).

For more information on the Regional Transportation Plan and the Green Papers, you can visit the Metrolinx website at www.metrolinx.com.

Recap of the 2007 ITE Toronto Section Annual General Meeting and Christmas Luncheon, Friday November 23, 2007

The 2007 ITE Christmas Luncheon was held on Friday, November 23, 2007 at the Toronto Cricket and Skating



Club. Our guest speaker was Mr. Greg Ashbee, Manager – Rail Expansion Program at GO Transit. Mr. Ashbee provided an overview of the GO Transit Rail Improvement Program (GO TRIP) and the status of the \$1 billion dollar rail infrastructure expansion program.

Other special guests at the lunch included ITE International President Alf Guebert and CITE President Bruce Belmore who provided us with updates on both the International and National levels.

Thanks to LEA Consulting Ltd. who donated tickets for the David Copperfield show in support of our annual fund raising raffle. This year, \$380 was donated to the John Vardon Memorial Scholarship fund.

Mahrak Hakimi, of UMA Engineering was introduced as the new Activities Coordinator for the ITE Toronto Section. Welcome Mehrak!

A Career in Transportation



Through the Ryerson Chapter of CSCE, we were again invited on February 7th to present to Civil Engineering students about our careers. Your local section representatives, Tim Lawson with the Toronto Transit Commission and David Argue with iTRANS Consulting, gave an overview of potential careers within the transportation field, their work and project experience, potential employers, and what employers are looking for when hiring. It was an excellent afternoon where potential transportation engineers were able to hear from fellow professionals on a range of civil engineering disciplines.

ITE Contact Information

If you or one of your colleagues are not receiving the monthly ITE Journal, the quarterly CITE Transportation Talk, periodic web communication correspondence from CITE, and/or the ITE Toronto Section Newsletters... then the contact information we have may not be up to date in our respective databases. ITE International, CITE and the ITE Toronto Section maintain separate membership databases. Every effort is made to keep the three databases “in agreement”; however, there are instances where changes in membership have not been instituted across the databases.



For **ITE Journal, Invoicing and other ITE international correspondence**, your current contact information can be viewed and changed at www.ite.org under the “my profile” tab on the left side. It provides information on what your login and password are based on your ITE membership number and name.

For **Transportation Talk and the Web Communications Centre** distribution list, your current contact information can be viewed and changed at www.cite7.org and by logging onto the Web Communications Centre on the bottom left.



If you have forgotten your CITE login and password, you can have this information e-mailed to you. Instructions are provided on the CITE web site by clicking the “*Need help with Orchestra?*” link.

For **ITE Toronto Section Newsletters**, your current contact information can be checked with our **Membership Coordinator** Mark Jamieson at jamieson@bagroup.com. The ITE Toronto Section distributes their correspondence solely by e-mail. If you are receiving the Toronto Section newsletters, your e-mail contact information is correct and there is no need to confirm mailing address information.

Do You...

- Have any interesting transportation-related articles or photos that you would like to see in our newsletter? Send them electronically to our **Communications Coordinator** Ahsun Lee at alee@LEA.ca.
- Have any questions for the ITE Toronto Section? Contact our **President** Tim Lawson or **Vice-President** Julia Salvini.
- Want to learn about Job Posting opportunities offered by the ITE Toronto Section and CITE? Contact our **Membership Coordinator** Mark Jamieson.

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