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Annual ITE Toronto Section Spring Luncheon Friday April 11, 2008, at Noon – York Reception Centre

NEW DATE!

Please note that the date of our Annual Spring Luncheon has changed to **Friday, April 11**. The luncheon will be held at the York Reception Centre, 1100 Millwood Road (northeast corner of Millwood/Overlea).

The Toronto Section Executive is pleased to announce that our guest speaker will be **Mr. Rob Maclsaac, Chair of Metrolinx**. As the first Chair of Metrolinx, Mr. Maclsaac is responsible for leading a Board of Directors to plan, prioritize and integrate transportation systems across the Greater Toronto Area and Hamilton.

Metrolinx is in the process of developing a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area. As part of this process, seven “Green Papers” are being released, covering 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 presentation will highlight the ongoing development of the RTP, including the extensive consultation program.

To **register**, please contact our **Activities Coordinator**, Mehrak Hakimi, at mehrak.hakimi@uma.aecom.com, or (905) 238-0007 ext. 8308, by **noon on Wednesday, April 9**. 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

Logo Contest for ITE Toronto Section Website

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You still have a few more days to show off your creative artistic talents! 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.

The submission date has been extended to April 18, 2008. Please send your entries to the attention of Ahsun Lee (alee@LEA.ca). The submissions will be judged by the ITE Toronto Section Executive.

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

Reminder to Students: CITE Scholarship Application Due Sunday, March 30, 2008

Please refer to the attached notice for details about several CITE Scholarship applications, which are due Sunday, March 30, 2008.

Victoria 2008 CITE/Quad Conference April 26-30, 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. See www.citebc.ca for details. Detailed Technical and Social Programs are also available at the website.

Analytical Transportation Planning: 5-Day Workshop Using Emme 3 April 21-25, 2008

Please see attached brochure or visit www.itetoronto.ca/pd.html for more info.

Recap of ITE Toronto Section Breakfast/Panel Discussion “Modelling for GTA: Where We Are and Where We Need to Be”



The Toronto Section held its first Breakfast/Panel Discussion on February 26, 2008 on the topic of “Modelling in the GTA: Where We Are and Where We Need to Be.” The event – which was free for ITE members – was an unqualified success, featuring a capacity crowd and a lively discussion on demand modelling in the GTA. On behalf of the

Toronto Section, the Executive would like to express its appreciation to Moderator Ali Mekky, of Ministry of Transportation of Ontario, and all of our expert panellists: Eric Miller of the University of Toronto, Joanna Kervin of the City of Toronto, Loy Cheah of the Regional Municipality of York, Arthur Tai of Ministry of Transportation of Ontario, and Bruce Mori of IBI Group.

Recap of ITE Thirteenth Annual Joint Toronto/Hamilton Section Student Presentation Competition and Job Fair

The Thirteenth Annual ITE Toronto and Hamilton Sections Joint Student Presentation Competition and Job Fair was held on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at Mohawk College. This year’s representatives at the job fair included MMM Group, LEA Consulting Ltd., BA Group, Synectics, and iTRANS Consulting. We thank all the companies who came out and participated in the job fair and attended the student presentation.

This year, the student presenters represented Mohawk College, University of Waterloo, University of Toronto, and Ryerson University. Topics included Railways in Canada, Artisan Village Traffic Impact Study, Concrete Pavement for Canadian Highways, Obtaining Traffic Conditions by Tracking Cell Phones, Assessing Effectiveness of Accident Black Spot Safety Improvements, and Development of In-vehicle Collision Warning System for Turning Vehicles at Intersections.

Thanks to increased sponsorship through CITE, each presenter receives a prize in both graduate and undergraduate categories. First Place receives \$250; second place receives \$100; and third place receives \$50. The 2008 winner in the graduate category was Pedram Izadpanah from University of Waterloo for his presentation on *Obtaining Traffic Conditions by Tracking Cell Phones*. The winner in the undergraduate category was Bernard James from Ryerson University for his presentation on *Concrete Pavement for Canadian Highways*. The 2008 winners will be entered into a national draw for the chance to attend the Annual CITE Conference. We would also like to congratulate other presenters, James Francis from McMaster University, Matthew Prosser from Mohawk College, Essam Dabbour from Ryerson University, and Farhad Shahla from University of Toronto. All the presenters have been invited to the Toronto Section Spring Luncheon on April 11, as guests of the section.



Job Fair

Both the Toronto and Hamilton sections would like to thank the schools and students for their entries and congratulate all of the participants on their outstanding efforts. Also, special thanks to Mohawk College for all their help in making this event a success.



Presenters: left to right – Bernard James, James Francis, Farhad Shahla, Pedram Izadpanah, Matthew Prosser, and Essam Dabbour

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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