Highlights

• Despite the global meltdown and limited number of travel scholarships, 628 delegates from 34 countries from across the world attended the conference.

• TRANSED 2012 succeeded in attracting a huge number of delegates with various disabilities to participate in the conference proceedings and other activities. Out of the total 628 registrations, 73 delegates reported having a disability:
  • 34 had mobility impairment (27 manual wheelchair users, 7 electric wheelchair users)
  • 24 had hearing and speech impairment
  • 6 were ambulant mobility impaired
  • 13 had vision impairment

• The Secretariat was able to strike strategic partnerships with several like-minded organizations to garner media/publicity support, which was estimated to be approximately INR 2 crores equivalent to USD 400,000.

• A total of 80 volunteers were recruited to support the TRANSED 2012 Secretariat in streamlining the conference activities, respond to the need of the conference delegates and provide general assistance.

• The TRANSED 2012 Secretariat also arranged for five low-floor air-conditioned accessible buses that were pressed into service for transferring the conference delegates during the technical tours in collaboration with the Ministry of Transport, Government of Delhi. Besides these five buses, two dedicated accessible vans with a carrying capacity of five wheelchair users each also were also organized to meet the last minute requirements.

• The conference was able to sensitize the representatives from various State Governments, civic agencies, local authorities, regulatory bodies, and other stakeholders towards the need and ways of incorporating accessibility in public infrastructure, transportation systems, tourism value chain as well as urban and rural scapes.

• The delegates after having returned to their respective countries/cities have started putting into action the lessons learnt at the conference. As a result, Svayam has received an official request from the district collector of Nanded, a rural district of Maharashtra to help them make the Govt. offices and Gurudwara accessible to all. Another delegate from Ethiopia has shared that the conference information is being used for promoting transport accessibility in Ethiopia.

• To make the participation economically viable for the delegates, first time ever in the history of TRANSED conferences, the host offered complimentary lunch on all four days coupled with two official dinners.

• The delegate registration fee was highly subsidized not only for the domestic delegates but also for the international delegates. A super saver scheme was offered like never before at almost one-third of the full registration fee to the delegates that generated huge response.
• Each delegate was given a USB/Flash drive with the conference kit that contained detailed information about the conference, its various committees, soft copy of the abstracts and papers, soft copy of the programme guide alongside the hard copy.

• It was ensured that the conference website (www.transed2012.in) complied with the WCAG norms. An additional effort was taken to provide WCAG 2.0 level accessibility by developing a parallel website for the conference with a link on the home page of the main website. This initiative was welcomed and widely appreciated by the stakeholders making it accessible for the visually impaired.

• The Secretariat granted scholarships to as many as 13 conference delegates including one full scholarship. The effort was made to extend all local hospitality including boarding and lodging, waivers in the conference registration fee, pre-conference technical tours, workshops and gala dinner.

• All submitted abstracts, papers and presentations made at the conference are available on the TRANSED 2012 website.
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a) History of TRANSED Conferences

Founded in the 1970’s by Professor Norman Ashford University of Loughborough and Professor William Bell University of Florida, the International Conference on Mobility and Transport for Elderly and Disabled People has been held twelve times in ten countries. From its roots as a small, specialized meeting among a handful of researchers, the conference today attracts between 200 and 600 delegates from up to 40 nations on six continents. Conference proceedings are a standard reference for researchers, planners and operators alike, and are referenced in the TRB Transport Research Information System TRIS. Professionals and consumers throughout the world recognize the TRANSED series conferences as the key forum for scientific and philosophical advances in the pursuit of mobility and access for elderly and disabled people.

From the outset, the TRANSED series of conferences have been held primarily to serve the needs of transport professionals; including researchers, policy makers, planners, administrators and operators. The main objectives of the conference remains the exchange and dissemination of knowledge and experience for the development of transport services and systems that meet the needs of people who have mobility impairments.

Governance

Since 1986, the conferences have been organized by host nations/organizations under the auspices of the Sub-Committee on International Activities (AEB60-1) of the Committee on Accessible Transportation and Mobility (AEB60) of the US Transportation Research Board (US TRB). This Committee contains representatives from the organizations that have hosted the previous conferences. It now acts as a Co-sponsor for all future TRANSED Conferences. The role of the Committee is to provide support, advice and guidance on procedural and organizational aspects of the conference.

Organizational Structure

• International Steering Committee
• International Scientific Committee
• Organizing Committee

Chronology of TRANSED Conferences

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Location</th>
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<td>1981</td>
<td>Cambridge, England</td>
<td>Title “Mobility for Elderly and Handicapped Persons”. No specific theme. Content included methodology, concepts, technology and software, as well as operational experience in the field and evaluation.</td>
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<td>1984</td>
<td>Orlando, Florida</td>
<td>Title “Mobility and Transport for Elderly and Handicapped Persons”. No specific theme. Content covered policy, transportation systems modifications, legal rights of disabled people, international air travel and specialized transportation in developing countries.</td>
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<td>1986</td>
<td>Vancouver, Canada</td>
<td>Theme: “Mobility in the Global Village”</td>
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<td>Lyon, France</td>
<td>COMOTRED used for this conference, Theme: “From Human Rights to a Better Quality of Life”.</td>
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<td>1995</td>
<td>Reading, England</td>
<td>Theme: “Ideas into Actions”</td>
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<td>1998</td>
<td>Perth Australia</td>
<td>Theme: “Setting the Pace”.</td>
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<td>2001</td>
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<td>Theme: “Towards Safety, Independence and Security”.</td>
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<td>2004</td>
<td>Hamamatsu, Japan</td>
<td>Theme: “Accessible Transportation and Road Design: Strategies for Success”.</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>Hong Kong, China</td>
<td>Theme: Sustainable Transport and Travel for All. Website: <a href="http://www.transed2010.hk">http://www.transed2010.hk</a></td>
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b) TRANSED 2012 Registration Fee Structure and Process

The details on registration fee structure are as follows:

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<th>Category</th>
<th>“Super Saver” Payment on or before Feb 29, 2012 (per person)</th>
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* Indian Sub-continent would include delegates from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka

* Registration fee for Attendant/Caregiver for PWD will include entry to all sessions, including gala dinner, except post conference optional tours - which are paid tours for the delegates.

**Cancellation Policy**

All cancellations must be made in writing and received by the Registration Desk, TRANSED 2012 Conference at transed2012@in.kuoni.com with a copy to secretariat@transed2012.in & transed2012.india@gmail.com as per below applicable schedule:

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<th>Cancellation Policy</th>
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<td>On or before March 31, 2012</td>
<td>Full refund after deducting Administration fee INR 2000</td>
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<td>April 01, 2012 – May 31, 2012</td>
<td>50% of the registration fee</td>
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<td>After May 31, 2012</td>
<td>No Refund</td>
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- All refunds will be made one month after the conference.
- A substitution will be granted on the same category (eg. member to member) if written notice and a substitute registration are received via email only.
- Substitution is not permissible for part of the conference duration.
- Substitution requests should reach by e-mail latest by September 10, 2012.
c) **Method of Judgment of Award for Best Paper**

**Aim**
Select 4 best papers from all presented papers through a two stage process.

**Method of Judgment:**
A two stage-process is envisaged:

- **Stage I:** Screen 20 abstract (for papers) finalist from the list based on reviews received from the International Scientific Committee for their abstracts.
- **Stage II:** Three Judges appointed by the Scientific Committee would read the final written papers and attend the presentation and assign percentage scores ranging from 0% to 100% (from Poor to Excellent).

**Criteria**
- 20% of marks for Clarity and Comprehensibility of the paper
- 20% of marks for Relevance to the theme and the field
- 20% of marks for Reliability of research methodology and accuracy of results
- 20% of marks for Importance of findings or value of the proposed technology or system
- 20% of marks for Significance to the advancement of transport mobility and accessibility.

**Process**
- The Scientific Committee Chair will appoint a Head Judge.
- The Scientific Committee Chair will appoint three judges to perform the evaluation.
- The Head Judge will collect all judge’s score and tabulate results, or in the case of ties, re-evaluate and decide on selection.
- An Award Certificate with a gift will be presented to the recipient at the award ceremony; the time and date to be announced later.
- Photos will be taken of each award recipient and as a group during the award ceremony. A copy will be given to the recipient as souvenir and one for TRANSED 2012 file.

d) **Method of Judgment of Award for Best Poster**

**Aim**
To select 4 best posters from all presented posters.

**Method of Judgement**
A two stage process is envisaged:

- **Stage I:** Screening for pre-qualification of 20 poster finalists, based on the reviews their abstracts received from the International Scientific Committee.
- **Stage II:** Three Judges appointed by the Scientific Committee would read the final written papers and attend the poster presentation for on-site evaluation and assign scores.
On-site Evaluation Criteria and Scores

The three Judges will examine the 20 posters on site and evaluate them according to the following criteria:

1. Presentation: layout (attractiveness, legibility, creativity)
2. Content: innovative ideas and value of subject matter
3. Presenter’s ability to convey the message.

For each criteria, the scoring varies from 10 (excellent, relevant, important results, has succinctly identified important points) to 1 (erroneous, irrelevant, out of date, local interest only). 10 is maximum, and 5 is average. Maximum total of 30 scores for the three criteria combined. Each evaluator will be instructed to give as distinct score levels as possible.

Process

• The Scientific Committee Chair will appoint a Head Judge.
• Three (3) designated members by the Scientific Committee will act as the judges. They will first pre-screen the poster abstracts and select a batch of twenty (20) finalists based on the initial reviews received from the International Scientific Committee.
• The results of the selected finalists will be reviewed and confirmed by the Head Judge.
• The same three (3) judges will perform the on-site evaluation.
• To avoid potential conflict of interest, no person will be appointed as judge if he is also an author/co-author of an abstract for poster.
• The Head Judge will collect all judges’ score and tabulate results; in the case of ties, review and decide on the winner(s).
• An Award Certificate with a gift will be presented to the recipient at the award ceremony; the time and date to be announced later.
• Photos will be taken of each award recipient and as a group during the award ceremony. A copy will be given to the recipient as souvenir and one for TRANSED 2012 file.
Glimpses of TRB Committee ABE(60) Meeting held after conclusion of TRANSED 2012 Conference