



ISCTSC

International Steering Committee
for Travel Survey Conferences

Minutes of the Meeting held at TRB, 01/26/06, Bancroft Room, Hilton Hotel

Present:

Orlando Strambi, Karen Lucas, Lee Giesbrecht, Elaine Murakami, Patrick Bonnel, Carlos Arce, Tony Richardson, Johanna Zmud, Bastian Chlond (for Dirk Zumkeller), Martin Lee-Gosselin, Jimmy Armoogum, Rita Seethaler, Cheryl Stecher, Chester Wilmot.

Apologies:

Werner Brög, Gerd Sammer, Ryuichi Kitamura, Juan de Dios Ortuzar, Arnim Meyburg, Peter Jones, Jean-Loup Madre, Klaas van Zyl, Peter Stopher.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on January 13, 2005 were approved without change.

Costa Rica Conference Proceedings Document:

Cheryl reported that a camera-ready copy of the proceedings have been transmitted to Elsevier.

Elsevier have asked that a glossary be prepared for inclusion in the book. The glossary is under preparation.

Cheryl suggested that the new co-chairs of the committee write the foreword for the book, and they agreed.

Passing of the baton:

Cheryl passed control of the meeting over to the two new co-chairs, Johanna Zmud and Tony Richardson.

Recognition of past chairpersons:

Peter Stopher, Peter Jones, and Cheryl Stecher were recognized for the enormous contribution they made to the affairs of the committee during their tenure as chairs. The committee extended their gratitude and looked forward to their continued contribution as members of the committee. The invaluable contribution of Chester Wilmot as Secretary/Treasurer was also recognized later in the meeting.

Philosophy of new chairs:

The new chairs want to retain the international flavor and diversity of the committee and what it offers at its conferences. The program offered at conferences must cater to the different travel survey practices around the world, and the program must also adapt to changing needs as travel survey practice evolves.

It was also suggested that the format of the next conference be modified to introduce innovative forms of structuring the conference and offering sessions. The Committee and the

Local Organizing Committee (LOC) are to consider this issue, generate ideas, and then present them at the next meeting of the committee. The format of the conference will be decided at the next meeting. The LOC were instructed to proceed with their planning as if the old structure of conference were in effect, to the extent that it affects the venue requirements.

The new chairs proposed a web journal titled the eJournal of Transport Survey Methodology (see attachment). The journal would emphasize methodology and all papers would be peer-reviewed by members drawn from ISCTSC. The journal would also include notes to the editor, discussion on papers, book reviews, etc. Martin proposed (seconded by Lee) to accept the proposal for the journal. The proposal was unanimously accepted. Karen proposed (seconded by Cheryl) that the reviews be conducted double blind. The proposal was accepted. Johanna suggested that papers submitted to the Travel Survey Methods Committee, and not accepted for publication, could serve as initial submissions to the journal if the authors agreed. It was expected that the first publication of the journal would occur later this year. The journal will be published on a website that Tony will establish and operate.

Fundraising

It was agreed that the fundraising activity for the next conference will be conducted in a more organized manner. It was agreed that the ISCTSC would be responsible for international fundraising while the LOC would cover Europe. Carlos volunteered to head the international fundraising for ISCTSC. Chester to supply an example of the letter we have used in soliciting sponsorship in the past. Martin will assist in translating French communications to English when they need to be distributed to the ISCTSC committee.

2008 ISCTSC Conference in France

Patrick reported on the sites reviewed by the LOC (see attached). The committee asked the LOC to investigate the following sites further:

1. Les Balocons du Lac d'Annecy
2. Presqu'île de Giens

Johanna and Carlos will visit the sites when they visit France in August, 2006. The LOC were asked to establish what payments each site would require in advance of the conference, and when these payments would be due. The preferred date for conference is mid May or later, 2008.

Dutch conference in 2008

It was reported that the Dutch Ministry of Transport may organize a conference on recent travel surveys conducted in Holland at approximately the same time as the next ISCTSC conference. Jean-Loup Madre was commissioned to discuss the matter with Werner Brog in an effort to not have the conferences compete with each other.

Financial Report:

Chester provided a financial statement for ISCTSC for fiscal year 2005. The report showed that ISCTSC started the year with \$12,191.05 and ended the year with \$14, 406.63, although \$1,508.30 of this amount was contributions to the Pat van der Reis Scholarship Fund.

Membership:

Patrick will investigate the possibility of recruiting a new nominee to the committee from Eastern Europe.

Preparation of conference ISCTSC France 2008 Minutes of the meeting on December 2, 2005

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Agenda:

1. Presentation of International association ISCTSC Steering Committee for Travel Survey Conferences
2. the preceding conferences Eibsee (Germany, 1997), Kruger (South Africa, 2001), Costa Rica, 2004
3. Distribution of the roles between the local Committee of organization and the steering committee of association
4. Preparation of the conference of spring 2008:
 - Contents and organization;
 - possible places, first selection;
 - budget, contribution of the members of the local committee, requires subsidy.

Next meeting: Thursday February 9, 9h30-11h30 to be confirmed.

1. ISCTSC

ISCTSC (International Steering Committee for Travel Survey Conferences) is an international association which was created in order to continue the cycle of the international conferences on travel survey methods. It was created after the conference of Eibsee (Germany) of 1997. Article 1 of the statutes defines its objectives: "To organize periodic conferences dealing with research subjects relevant to the conduct of transport surveys that support planning, policy, modeling, monitoring, and related issues for urban, rural, regional, intercity, and international person, vehicle, and commodity movements."

It is made up from 15 to 25 members covering the whole of the major world areas by guaranteeing a minimal representation of each area:

North America at least 5

Central and South America at least 1 member

Europe at least 5 members

the Asia-Pacific at least 1 member

Africa at least 1 member

Currently, 7 members are European: 2 French (Patrick Bonnel and Madre Jean-Wolf), 1 English, 2 German, 1 Dutch and 1 Austrian.

The Association is co-chaired by Tony Richardson and Johanna Zmud. Tony Richardson is Director of The Urban Transport Institute (TUTI) which specializes in the design and conduct of travel surveys. In the past, he directed a research center at the University of Melbourne which was at the origin of project VATS. He is a joint author of a reference work on "Transport Survey Methods". Johanna Zmud is a President de NuStats, specialized in the various surveys, and chairs the committee "Travel Survey Methods" of the TRB. Previously, the association was chaired by Peter Stopher, Professor at the University of Sydney, Australia.

The association has developed a website: <http://www.its.usyd.edu.au/isctsc/welcome.asp>

2. Preceding conferences

The conference of 2008 follows in the tradition of the preceding international conferences:

Eibsee, Germany, 1979;
Hungerford Hill, Australia, 1983;
Washington, 1990;
Steeple Aston, England, 1996;
Eibsee, Germany, 1997;
Kruger Park in South Africa, 2001;
Costa Rica, 2004

The conferences of 2001 and 2004 were organized under the aegis of the ISCTSC.

The majority of these conferences gave place to publications:

Ampt, E.S., Richardson, A.J. and Brög, W. (Eds.). (1985). New Survey Methods in Transport, VNU Science Press, Utrecht, The Netherlands.
Ampt, E.S., Richardson, A.J. and Meyburg, A.H. (Eds.). (1992). Selected Readings in Transport Survey Methodology. Eucalyptus Press: Melbourne.
Bonsall P, Ampt L Eds (1997), 4th International Conference on Survey Methods in Transport, Oxford, 9-11 September 1996, published by the University of Leeds.
Jones P, Stopher P Eds (2000), Proceedings of the International Conference Transport surveys raising standard the, May 24-30, 1997, Grainau, Germany, Transportation Research Circular N°E-C008, TRB, Washington.
Stopher P, Jones P Eds (2003), Transport Survey Quality and Innovation, Pergamon, Oxford.
Stopher P, Stecher C Eds (2006) Selected Proceeding of the Costa Rica Conference, publication envisaged in 2006, Elsevier.

3. The local committee of organization and its role

With the occasion of each conference a local committee of organization is created in order to deal with the planning and the organization of the conference. Currently, the composition of the committee is as follows:

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+ INSEE?

The distribution of the roles between the local committee and the ISCTSC is defined in the document "Requirements for a proposal for holding international survey methods conference under the auspices of the ISCTSC". The local committee has the full responsibility for the organization of the conference at the local level. It must regularly inform the association which confirms the important choices, like the place, the date of the conference. The local Committee supports the financial responsibility for the organization of the conference and must thus assume the possible deficits (the reserve funds of association can however be requested where necessary). The ISCTSC preserves the scientific organization of the conference (but does not prevent the local committee from being a force of proposal). It also manages the course of the conference in the field of the distribution between the plenary ones, the sessions and times of visit. Lastly, the Association manages the inscriptions with the conference, the participants in the conference carrying out the payment of the expenses of inscription directly at the ISCSTC

4. Preparation of the conference of spring 2008

The local committee has on board the search for a place for the conference. The choice of the place will be then validated by the ISCTSC. It must also draw up a budget for the conference. The local committee assuming the financial responsibility for the conference, it must also seek subsidies and sponsors. A preliminary report on these two aspects must be presented at the time of the annual meeting of the ISCTSC, which is held at the end of the conference of the TRB in January in Washington. Jimmy Armoogum and Patrick Bonnel will take part in this meeting.

The format of the preceding conferences was as follows:

- one day and half of plenary (introductory meeting, report of the sessions, close);
- two series of one 8 hours duration sessions, with 8 sessions sets of themes in parallel;
- one day of tourist visit.

The duration of the conference was 5 days, for which it is necessary to add two meetings of the ISCTSC in beginning and end of conference. The subscription for the conference must thus in general cover the expenses of meals, lodging and meeting for 5/6 days on average per participant.

Even if the contents of the conference are not the domain of the local committee, this one wishes to be active in terms of proposing themes. For this reason, some topics were evoked for the sessions of work:

- surveys into the carriages of goods downtown and at long distance;
- harmonization of the sources and methods (bond with EUROSTAT);
- continuous surveys;
- new technologies: Web, GPS, telephone ...

In addition, the local committee would wish that the conference be able to invite some representatives of the survey institutes that are involved more and more in travel surveys: AFFIMETRIE, SOFRECO TNS-SOFRES, IPSOS, BVA, ISL...

The local committee wishes that this conference be strongly accessible to the countries of Eastern Europe and particularly with those newly entering the European Union, and also with the developing countries, in particular African countries. The cost of the conference is however prohibitive for the majority of these countries. It is thus necessary to find financing specifically to facilitate the attendance of new researchers or practitioners in transport surveys.

The conference will coincide with the completion of European action COST 355 "Changing behaviour towards a more sustainable transport system" (21 country signatories), which contains a large component on survey methods. It is planned to organize the closing meeting of this action at the same conference location so as to facilitate the participation in the survey conference of the new countries entering Europe.

Date of the conference.

The school calendar for 2007/2008 will not be known before Spring 2006. In theory, the school holidays of Spring do not go beyond the end of April (perhaps the first days of May). Easter falls on March 23, 2008. The Ascension falls on May 1. May 8 is a Thursday. It thus seems like the dates possible are one week in April (Sunday April 6 to Friday 11; from the 13 to the 18; from the 20 to 25), but with the risks of the school holidays, or a week of May after the two long week-ends (from Sunday 11 to Friday May 16; 18 to the 23; 25 to 30). It would be however preferable to avoid the last week of May, because action COST finishes in theory on May 26, 2008.

Choice of the place for the conference

The document "Requirements for has proposal for holding international year survey methods conference under the auspices of the ISCTSC", defines principal dimensions having to guide the choice of a place for the conference. They are pointed out below:

- reasonably accessible place for the nonFrench participants;
- place relatively isolated "to limit the escapes" and to support the exchanges between the participants;
- attractive place both for the participants the people who accompany them;
- comprehensive place being able to completely accommodate (lodging, meal (with possibility of fast service) and rooms of conference) at least 100 participants and 50 accompanying;
- place leading to a cost for the whole of the conference of 1500 US\$ maximum;
- place allowing the organization of 8 sessions in parallel and comprising a room allowing to accommodate at least 150 people simultaneously;
- place offering all the functionalities of communication expected for an international conference.

The whole of these constraints very strongly limits the possibilities. The research carried out by the INRETS and the LET leads to two types of possible places:

- large hotel 4 stars or more which offers all the functionalities and services necessary, but at a very high cost generally;
- holiday center equipped to accommodate conferences. Two classes of holiday center were identified corresponding generally to offers of service of the group Pierre and Vacances (level 3 stars in general) or to centers VVF whose services are more variable according to the recency of renovations (around 2 to 3 stars according to centers').

Research was concentrated on three major French areas: Rhone-Alps area and PACA (Provence alpine et Cote d'Azur?) for their tourist potential and of reception and area "Isle de France" because the Regional Council offers subsidies for the organization of international conference. The whole of the possible options are gathered in the spreadsheet attached. A certain number of options were eliminated because of their price or because they do not answer completely the schedule of conditions. The analysis resulted in highlighting the following options:

- **Balconies of the Annecy Lake** (Villages club holidays, Crossroads of the Friendship) <http://www.village-vacances.com>. Information resulting from the Web site: Located on the heights of Sévrier at 8 minutes from Annecy, the residence "the Balconies of the Annecy Lake" proposes to you calms and modernity within a green park of 3.5 ha dominating the lake and its scenery of mountains. 150 rooms for 2 people with telephone and bathroom complete. 13 conference rooms from 15 to 220 people. A emailery (connection WIFI within the principal building). In each room paperboard and telephones. On reservation: overhead projector, videoprojector, video tape recorder. For the activities the extra professional residence is in partnership with a company specialized in the incentive (specialized in this domain) proposing a multitude of activities be (excursion canoe, regatta with veil, rafting, cave exploring ...) like winter (quad of snows, raid rackets biathlon, taken care Savoyard, ski joering). Common parts (bar, reception), rooms of spectacle and seminar equipped WIFI. Possible shuttles in the coach between the station and the village. A request for estimate leads to an estimate of cost of 72k€ for 150 people (120 congressmen + 30 accompanying persons).
- **VVF (Village, Holidays, Family)** <http://www.vvfvacances.fr>. Two places are possible:
 - o **Col du Loup (Wolf's Mountain)** located in the back country of Nice (12 km from the airport of Nice, 6 km from the station of Cagnes on sea and 15 km of station TGV of Antibes) RESIDENCE: 88 rooms and 180 residences made up

of a lounge room and a bed room. Lodging into individual or double with hotel service. CONFERENCE ROOM: 1 room, up to 350 places, included in the fixed price. Rooms of sub-commission: 12 rooms. Complementary material: Video projector, Microphones

- **Peninsula of Giens** located between Toulon and Saint Tropez (10 km from the airport of Toulon Hyères, 12 km from the station of Hyères and 27 km from station TGV of Toulon) VILLAGE: 99 rooms and 262 residences of 2 rooms, in small buildings, distributed in a park of 34 hectares. Lodging into individual or double with hotel service CONFERENCE ROOM: 1 room, up to 400 places, included in the fixed price. Rooms of sub-commission: 9 rooms. Video projector, Micros. A request for estimate leads to an estimate of cost of 77k€ for 150 people (120 congressmen + 30 accompanying) with the Adhesive on Wolf and 84k€ for the Peninsula of Giens.
- **Pierre and Vacances.** Several places are possible
http://seminaires.maeva.com/scripts/offre_seminaires.php?tag_uci =: -
 - **Camargues Residence** 35 hectares in a natural and cultural environment exceptional. 21 conference rooms from 30 to 1000 m² and 360 units of lodging. Multiple, easy and fast accesses. Stations TGV: Arles (10 min), Avignon (35 min). Airports: Nimes (20 min), Marseilles - Marignane (45 min). Lodging hotel or residence.
 - **Residence of Rouret**, Ardeche 17 rooms (20 to 220 m²). Access: 60 km of station TGV of Montélimar and Valence. Lodging hotel or residence. Accessibility constitutes the principal difficulty of this place. –
 - **Mandelieu Residence** 8 km of station TGV of Cannes. 35 km of the international airport of Nice - Riviera. 179 apartments. Plenary room 200 people + conference rooms equipped. A request with estimate leads to an estimate of cost of 130 to 140k€ for 150 people (120 congressmen + 30 accompanying) for each residence.

These options will be presented at the meeting of the ISCTSC during January with the TRB. The local committee has a preference for the least expensive solutions: Balconies of the Anney Lake or VVF. Each one of these options offers many tourist possibilities in the vicinity. On the other hand, the quality of the lodging might not meet the expectation of some of the American participants.

The financial estimate being approximate, it will be necessary to initiate a negotiation to precisely establish the level of service and the corresponding price. Two options of negotiation were evoked. First option: we negotiate it ourselves at the level of our negotiation qualities. Second option: we hire a conference organizer to negotiate and organize it for us. But that requires that a rigorous list of tasks and requirements must be drawn up ASAP. That option probably helps to get better deals, but maybe offers less flexibility with adapting the services, that then risk to be priced at full price. Each one is invited to get information about this second option so that one can make a choice at the time of our next meeting.

Budget

A very approximate budget was drawn up on the basis of 150 congressman + accompanying, taking into account of the expenses of lodging, catering, the conference, secretariat related to the conference, transport starting from the airport or station TGV nearest and to visit for one day. This budget was estimated at 250 to 300k€. Taking into account the maximum amount for the expenses of subscription and the will of the local committee to open the conference with the participants of the old countries of Eastern Europe and of developing country, in particular of Africa, it is necessary to obtain a financing of at least half of this budget. For that, we hope for a financing (about 50 k€) of the following organizations which contributed to the organization of the 3 last conferences:

- US Department of Transport;
- US NUStat consulting;

- Ministry for transport, the Netherlands;
- Research center on the methods of investigations, Australia;
- Socialdata, Germany;
- Like several organizations of the country having accomodated the preceding conferences.

We will also request a financing of the following organizations:

- ADEME;
- ECMT (European Conference of the Ministers for Transport);
- Club of the secretaries-general of the Ministries for transport of Northern Europe;
- European Commission and/or Eurostat;
- DGEMP, Ministry for finances;
- ECTRI (European Association of the institutes of research in transport);
- ENTPE and Laboratoire of Economics of the Transport;
- INRETS (National Institute of Research on Transport and their Safety);
- INSEE; • Ministry for transport (DRAST and program Strategy and Research).

Lastly, we will seek sponsors (consulting, institutes of survey...) for specific financings (such as small gift of welcome in France, satchels...). The expected total financing is about 150 to 200K€.

Emmanuel Raoul contacts the Club of the secretaries-general of the Ministries for transport of Northern Europe which joins together France, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium +??. A first document of presentation of the conference was drawn up (herewith). It will be supplemented at the conclusion of the meeting of the TRB and the next meeting of the local committee. A distribution of the contacts to be taken will be defined in this occasion.

It will be necessary to have a specific bank account for the conference. The LET proposes to lodge this account within association ARTUR.

Enclosures:

Syntheses of the possible places

Role of the local Committee of organization (document likely to evolve/move)

Summary of the organization of the conference (on the basis of conference preceding)

Statute of the ISCTSC

First note of presentation of the conference.

International Conference on Travel Survey Methods France, Spring 2008

Since the end of the Seventies, the interest on the improvement of the quality of the collection of the data on mobility went growing. It arose from a series of international conferences on survey methods (in Germany 1979 and 1997, Australia 1983, United States 1990, Great Britain 1996, South Africa 2001 and Costa Rica 2004). France is charged to organize the edition 2008.

This Conference is organized under the aegis of the ISCTSC (International Steering Committee for Travel Survey Conference, <http://www.its.usyd.edu.au/isctsc/welcome.asp>). This association gathers 25 members representing the 5 continents (including 7 European members: 2 French, 1 English, 2 German, 1 Dutch and 1 Austrian). It is made up of academics, researchers, consultants and representatives of Ministries or national statistical institutes. It was established with the objective to support knowledge and experience sharing at the international level in the field of the transport survey methods. It organizes for an international conference every 3 or 4 years. This conference through a series of themes aims at a capitalization of the state of the art and practice in order to increase the quality of the investigations of mobility.

To organize the next international conference in Spring 2008, a national committee was set up gathering a certain number of organizations involved in methodologies of investigations for transport:

- Patrick Bonnel of the LET-ENTPE (Laboratory of Economics of the Transport - National School of Public works of the State), copresident;
- Madre Jean-Wolf of the INRETS (National Institute of Research on Transport and their Safety), copresident;
- Jimmy Armoogum, INRETS (National Institute of Research on Transport and their Safety);
- Brown Gerard, DRAST (Direction of Research and the Scientific and Technical Businesses - Ministry for Transport, the equipment, Tourism and the Sea);
- Mary Crass, ECMT (European Conference of the Ministers for Transport);
- Marie-Odile Gascon, CERTU (Center of Studies on the Grid systems and Town planning);
- Emmanuel Raoul, Head of department, SESP (Service Economy, Statistics and Futurology - Ministry for Transport, the equipment, Tourism and the Sea);
- XX, INSEE (National Institute of the Statistics and the Economic surveys).

Format of the Conference. In order to support thorough discussions, the Conference is organized over one week in a withdrawn place, mainly in the form of 2 series of workshops functioning in parallel. The traditional topics go from the sample designs, failures to reply (total or partial), with the temporal aspects (panels and permanent investigations) and with new technologies (followed satellite of mobility, inquires by Internet...). In 2004, an interest in safety and a concern for developing survey methods for goods transport and tourism appeared to be developing.

Expected products and outcomes. This conference favors discussion more than the presentation of papers. It starts with introductory communications giving a description of the state of knowledge at the international level, and then structures the discussions around 16 sessions of themes (with about 10 hours allowed for discussion), each one by a small group of about 20 participants. These discussions lead to the production of knowledge in the form of written syntheses which are gathered with the introductory communications in a work published by an international editor. The outcome of these discussions of the recommendations is not only an improvement of the quality of the investigations, but also the international comparisons aiming at outlining a harmonization of the data. The series of works initiated at the time of the conference of 1983 thus constitutes a collection of reference on the methods of investigations in transport.

This conference will proceed just after the French national transport survey. It will be the occasion to show our know-how on the matter, not only on the level of the major technological innovations (an individual follow-up of mobility by satellite) but also of the important aspect of social issues (road safety, handicap, history...), while keeping it also at an international level of expertise. This event will coincide with the completion of European action COST 355 "Changing behaviour towards a more sustainable transport system" (21 country signatories), which comprises a component of survey methods. The organization of the closing meeting of this action at the same place as the conference will facilitate the participation in the conference of the new countries entering Europe. In addition, the organization of an international conference is always accompanied by beneficial tourist repercussions to the national economy. Lastly, the local committee decided to make a particular effort to seek financing allowing a significant presence of representatives of the countries of Africa and Eastern Europe in order to reinforce the bonds between the French teams of research and these countries.

Budget. A first contact with the facilities which can accommodate about 150 congressmen (+ accompanying persons) makes it possible to draw up a budget of about 250 to 300 K€ including/covering the expenses of lodging for 6 days, the local transport charges, the organization of the conference (with in particular two series of 8 sessions in parallel) and the one day organization of visit of the local tourist inheritance. On the basis of positive experiment of the Conference of 2001 in South Africa, the local committee of organization and the members of the ISCTSC sincerely hope the arrival in a number of the representatives of the emergent countries (new entering Europe, country of Africa, country of Latin America, country of Asia...). It thus becomes necessary to find a complementary financial source in order to subsidize a (large) part of their cost.

Financing. We hope for a financing (about 50 k€) of the following organizations which contributed to the organization of the 3 last conferences:

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Proposal for the establishment of an
**eJournal of Transport
Survey Methodology**

For several years, I have thought that there is a lack of a forum for publication of quality papers on Transport Survey Methods. TRB publishes a few per year (but space is always tight in the TRB publication schedule) and a couple appear in various journals from time to time (but others are often rejected because they are not technical enough, and don't contain the required quota of equations!). I proposed a few years ago that Transportation Research might consider a new series devoted to data and survey methods issues, but it received a lukewarm reception from the editor and died a quiet death.

I therefore thought I would submit the following proposal to ISCTSC. I propose that instead of, or perhaps in addition to, putting together a conference book following each conference (which always takes some years to produce and never receives very wide circulation), ISCTSC supports the creation of a web-based eJournal of Transport Survey Methodology (eJTSM). This journal could periodically contain papers from the ISCTSC conference, but in between conferences it could also be a forum for publication of papers that are submitted and reviewed. It could also take papers from the TRB Meeting (and other conferences) that are presented, but not selected for publication. I would expect quarterly issues of about 5 papers per issue. Being web-based would substantially reduce costs, and at the same time increase availability, especially to students and those in developing nations. I would not envisage any subscription fee, in order to maximise availability of the papers. It could have a similar format to the web-site recently launched for the Richardson/Ampt/Meyburg survey methods book. The co-editors of the journal would be Johanna Zmud and Tony Richardson (at least while they are ISCTSC co-chairs, and perhaps thereafter if they wanted to continue). Members of the ISCTSC Steering Committee would serve as the Editorial Board for eJTSM.

Having the ISCTSC as professional backers of the journal should give it professional and academic credibility (at least equal to the conference proceedings), which would be necessary if we were going to encourage academics to submit papers. TUTI would be happy to host the website and make an initial financial contribution to get things started.

I think it would be a good way to maintain a continuing and accessible presence for the profession, but would be glad to hear any comments/suggestions you might have on the idea.

I submit this proposal to the ISCTSC Committee for consideration.

Tony Richardson
Co-Chair, ISCTSC