Greetings!

Hello and welcome to the September issue of the Transportation Tidbits Newsletter! This monthly newsletter is put together by NDSU Transportation and Logistics staff for graduate students and those working in the transportation field. In this issue of the newsletter you will find updates on graduate school news and recent/upcoming happenings in the transportation field. This issue also includes a variety of upcoming transportation conferences, workshops, and webinars. Please feel free to let us know if you have any questions or comments. Enjoy!

**Important Dates for NDSU Students**

- **9/1:** Holiday- Labor Day (no classes, offices closed)
- **9/2:** Last day for Campus Connection Wait Lists to run
- **9/3:** Last day to Add classes via Campus Connection
- **9/3:** Last day for no-record Drop of classes

**Transportation researcher presents on linear referencing systems**

Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute associate research fellow EunSu Lee demonstrated his research in linear referencing systems and methods at the recent Summer Pine to Prairie Geographic Information System User Group meeting. The Aug. 6 event was hosted and sponsored by West Central Initiative in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

Lee's presentation, "Linear Referencing Systems and Management: Applications," focused on advanced applications such as crash analysis and record keeping, road inventory and asset management.

The group meets four times throughout the year for workshops and networking intended to facilitate interaction between Geographic Information System users in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.
Information about the group and its meeting schedule can be found at [https://www.facebook.com/P2PGIS](https://www.facebook.com/P2PGIS).

NDSU is recognized as one of the nation’s top 108 public and private universities by the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education.

**Webinars**

- There are many upcoming [webinars](#) available on the TRB website including:
  - **September 3** - Advancing the Use of Long-Span Culvert Structures as Highway Buried Bridges
  - **September 9** - Local Methods for Modeling, Economic Evaluation, Justification and Use of the Value of Travel Time Reliability in Transportation Decision Making (L35)
  - **September 10** - Evaluating and Improving Airport Environmental Sustainability Practices
  - **September 16** - Incorporating Reliability Performance Measures in Operations and Planning Modeling Tools (L04)
  - **September 17** - Calibration Methods and Tools
  - **September 18** - Sustainability Assessment of Pavement Systems
  - **September 23** - Climate Change, Extreme Weather Events and the Highway System
  - **September 24** - The Benefits of a Bigger Geotechnical Toolbox: Case Histories
  - **September 29** - Analytical Travel Forecasting Approaches for Project Level Planning and Design
  - **September 30** - Techniques to Fingerprint Construction Materials in the Field (R06B)

**Upcoming Conferences**

- **Pavement Evaluation 2014**
  - September 15-18, 2014
  - Blacksburg, Virginia

- **Conference on Transportation and Federal Lands: Enhancing Access, Mobility, Sustainability, and Connections**
  - September 15-17, 2014
  - Washington, D.C.

- **Sixth Biennial Northeast Transportation and Wildlife Conference**
  - September 21-24, 2014
  - Burlington, Vermont

**Recent News Updates**

- **Now for General Aviation: NextGen!**
- **DOT earns A+ for Small Business support**
• **Second International Conference on Access Management**  
  o September 25-27, 2014  
  o Shanghai, China

• **European Transport Conference**  
  o September 29-October 1, 2014  
  o Frankfurt, Germany

• **21st National Conference on Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation: Setting Our Course for the Future**  
  o October 26-29, 2014  
  o Monterey, California

• **Shaping the New Future of Paratransit: An International Conference on Demand Responsive Transit**  
  o October 29-31, 2014  
  o Monterey, California

• **3rd International Conference on Connected Vehicles and Expo (ICCVE 2014)**  
  o November 3-7, 2014  
  o Vienna, Austria

• **2014 National Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) Conference**  
  o December 4-5, 2014  
  o Miami, Florida

• **8th University Transportation Center Spotlight Conference on the Role of Freight Transportation in Economic Competitiveness**  
  o December 10-11, 2014  
  o Washington, D.C.

**Workshops/ Meetings**

• **International Symposium on Pavement Life Cycle Assessment 2014**  
  o October 14-16, 2014  
  o Davis, California

• **2015 TRB 94th Annual Meeting**  
  o January 11-15, 2015  
  o Washington, D.C.
New Student Bios

Raghavan Srinivasan is currently a PhD student in the Transportation and Logistics program. Originally from Navi Mumbai, India, Srinivasan attended the University of Mumbai where he earned his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering in 2006. Later he attended North Dakota State University where he received his master's degree in Industrial Engineering and Management in May 2011. While earning his master's degree Srinivasan worked as a Research Associate within the Industrial and Manufacturing department. He also worked as a Teaching Assistant for Total Quality Management and Workstation Design courses at NDSU. In 2010 Srinivasan was a member of the Executive Council and Student Affairs for the NDSU Graduate Student Association. While seeking his PhD, Srinivasan's research interests have been focused on sustainable supply chain systems. His future goals are to work within the transportation and supply chain industry and develop sustainable systems for all.

Colin Mulloy is pursuing his Graduate Certificate in Transportation and Urban Systems at North Dakota State University. He previously attended Ohio University where he received his Bachelor of Specialized Studies in Business Operations and Public Policy. He continued his schooling at the University of Akron and earned a Certificate in Project Management and later attended The Institutes where he received his Associate in Risk Management. Mulloy grew up in Cleveland, Ohio and has always enjoyed following Cleveland sports and spending time with his dog Kaliber. He has been awarded the FEMA Professional Development Series, Louisiana Emergency Manager-Transportation, and the CTAA Certified Safety and Security Officer. Mulloy became interested in the transportation field at a young age with a deep family connection to transportation and transit safety. His grandfather was one of the founding fathers of the United Transportation Union and appointed by President Bill Clinton to AMTRAK Board of Directors.

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