

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2002

The TEG continued its series of meetings on topical subjects in the field of transport economics. The programme for 2002 was as follows:

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| January | The proposed Congestion Charging Scheme in London – integrating theory into practice (Michèle Dix, Transport for London) (joint meeting with ICE, London Association) |
| February | Rail privatisation (Michael Schabas, GB Rail) |
| March | Transport in Shanghai (Roland Niblett, Colin Buchanan and Partners) |
| April | PPP for the Underground – tackling the right problem with the wrong solution (Tony Travers, Greater London Group, London School of Economics) |
| May | The modern trolleybus – the economist's tram? Role, economics and regulation (Robert Cochrane, Independent Consultant and Visiting Professor, Imperial College). |
| June | Slot allocation and airport charging (Robin Pratt, Steer Davies Gleave) |
| October | Regional transport strategy for South East England (Martin Tugwell, South East Regional Assembly) |
| November | Regulatory options for the bus and coach industry (Peter White, Transport Studies Group, University of Westminster) |
| December | SERAS (South East and East of England Regional Air Services) study (Reg Evans, Halcrow) |

All the meetings were well attended. The joint meeting with the ICE attracted an audience of 73, and the meetings addressed by Michael Schabas and Tony Travers attracted audiences of over 40, which seems very satisfactory for an organisation with a membership of about 135. The policy of sending out e-mail reminders a few days ahead of each meeting has been continued. The meetings have been held in the Centre for Transport Studies at UCL, which seems to meet the needs of the Group.

I would like to express my thanks to the other members of the Committee for their help and support over the year. I would particularly like to thank

Don Box and Peter Collins who are retiring from their roles as Membership Secretary and Treasurer, and Vice Chair and Secretary, respectively, after many years of service. I would also like to express my appreciation of the excellent administrative assistance that the TEG has received from Joanna Hase for a number of years, and wish her well in her new home in New Zealand.

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