

Chair's report for the year 2003

The TEG continued its series of meetings on topical subjects in the field of transport economics. The programme for 2003 was as follows:

January	The Croydon Tramlink Impact Study (Mary Thomas, Faber Maunsell and Neil Georgeson, TfL)
February	Improving decision-making for major urban rail projects (Roger Allport, Halcrow)
March	Strategies for low cost airlines (Simon Smith, SDG, presented by Dick Dunmore)
April	Recent developments in the modelling of peak spreading (John Polak, Imperial College London)
May	'Oyster' and 'Pre-Pay' (Malcolm Fairhurst, TfL)
June	Multi-modal studies and the 10-year Plan (Geoff Copley, Faber Maunsell)
October	Congestion charging – is it working? (Michèle Dix, TfL) (joint meeting with ICE, London Association)
November	Current appraisal issues from an SRA perspective (Bob Stannard, SRA)
December	Pricing runway use in the peak and off-peak (David Starkie, Economics-Plus Ltd/RPI Oxford)

The meetings, except the joint meeting with the ICE, have been held in the Chadwick Building at UCL. Attendance at meetings continued at a high level, averaging 28, with a range of 14 to 45 compared with an average of 27 the previous year (range 19 to 43), excluding the joint meetings. The policy of sending out e-mails to remind members has continued and seems to be appreciated by members.

I would like to thank the other members of the committee for their help and support over the year. Emily Bulman built on the previous efforts by Peter Gordon to ensure that we now have an operational website (<http://www.transecongroup.org.uk/>). After a number of years Don Box handed over his responsibilities as Membership Secretary and Treasurer to Gregory Marchant. Don took over as Vice-chair of the Group. Rebecca Graham took over from Joanna Hase as Administrative Assistant and helps to ensure smooth running of the Group's affairs.

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