



# ISCTSC

International Steering  
Committee for Travel Survey Conferences

**ANNECY, FRANCE**

**MAY 25-31, 2008**

Since 1970s, survey experts, researchers, and practitioners have been coming together to improve the conduct of transport surveys. Seven extraordinary gatherings have taken place to date:

- > Germany, 1979
- > Australia, 1983
- > United States, 1990
- > England, 1996
- > Germany, 1997
- > South Africa, 2001
- > Costa Rica, 2004

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## 8TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SURVEY METHODS IN TRANSPORT: HARMONIZATION AND DATA

We are excited to announce that registration is now open for the 8th International Conference on Survey Methods in Transport in Annecy, France. A dynamic conference program has been developed to ensure that each participant will return home energized to improve the quality and conduct of transport surveys at home and around the globe.

The 2008 conference, like its predecessors, will take place under the auspices of the International Steering Committee for Travel Survey Conference (ISCTSC), an international association comprised of transport researchers from all five continents (<http://www.isctsc.let.fr/>). Everyone is invited to participate: students, academics, researchers, planners, modelers, survey researchers, consultants, and public servants. This conference offers all the opportunity to learn new skills and ideas, network with new and experienced transport researchers, renew old friendships and make new ones.

**Online registration:**

<http://www.isctsc.let.fr/Next.html>



**Venue:** The ISCTSC conferences by design takes place in unique, remote environments to support thorough discussions and to encourage networking. The 2008 Conference is no exception.



The conference hotel is Les Balcons du Lac d'Annecy, which is located in the French Alps on the shores of Lake Annecy -- the second largest natural lake in France. The hotel is 8km from the town of Annecy, which is also known as the "Venice of the Alps". The old part of Annecy is a maze of narrow streets and waterways that are lined with shops, cafes, bars and restaurants.



While there is much to do and see in the local region, the conference venue is only about 25 miles from Geneva and 50 miles from the Italian border.

## Conference Format:

The 2008 Conference is organized mainly in the form of Plenary meetings (introductory meeting, report of the sessions, closure meeting) and 2 series of workshops working in parallel.

The preliminary conference program is presented on a following page. The workshop topics are below. Workshop descriptions can be found at [www.isctsc.let.fr/2008Conf/workshops.html](http://www.isctsc.let.fr/2008Conf/workshops.html).

Participants will be asked to register for two workshops – one from series A and one from series B.

### Series A

- A1** Surveys for Behavioral Experiments
- A2** Non-response Challenges in GPS-Based Surveys
- A3** Electronic Instrument Design: User Interfaces
- A4** Capturing Travel Behavior Data during Exceptional Events
- A5** Surveys on Urban Freight Transport
- A6** Moving from Cross-Sectional to Continuous Surveying
- A7** Best Practices in Data Fusion
- A8** Understanding Relationships among Transportation Infrastructure, Physical Activity and Health

### Series B

- B1** Data for Public Transit Planning, Marketing and Model Development
- B2** Vehicle-Based Surveys
- B3** Evolving Behavior in the Context of Interest in Environmental Sustainability
- B4** The Collection and Processing of Survey Data using Mobile Technologies
- B5** Data Visualization Techniques
- B6** The Acquisition of Long Distance Freight Data
- B7** Surveying "Hard to Reach" Groups
- B8** Surveys of Tourists and Transients

## Conference Information:

The conference provides many opportunities for discussions of key topics in transport survey methods and the sharing of research. The conference is organized around workshops. The workshops are chaired by an international group of transport researchers. Each workshop also features a Resource Paper that is prepared by a specialist in the field and a Discussant who will give a challenging or unique perspective on the topic. Relevant contributed papers (in response to a Call for Abstracts) may also be presented in the workshops. The workshop discussions form the foundation of the conference program. New to the conference, contributed papers will also be presented in a chaired poster session that provides opportunities for in-depth discussions with researchers. A research update bulletin board is also a new feature of the conference. This bulletin board will be used to highlight research papers by younger participants and research conducted after the Call for Abstracts. Participants are tasked with determining best practices, providing recommendations on how improve the survey quality, and identifying international comparisons and contrasts leading to or supporting data harmonization. Conference papers and workshop syntheses are published for the transportation research community at-large.

## Registration:

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The Registration Fee includes all costs (i.e., conference registration, conference activities, and accommodations). It is a comprehensive and fixed package that covers all lodging, meals, and social events from evening dinner on Sunday, May 25 to lunch on Saturday, May 31.

ISCTSC wishes to make the conference series as internationally inclusive as possible. Participants from certain countries in which funds for participating in the Annecy conference may be very difficult to obtain may apply to the conference organizers for a reduced registration/accommodation fee. The amount of assistance available will depend on demonstrated need, and the availability of funds kindly offered by sponsors for this purpose. Priority for such assistance will be given to authors of accepted abstracts.

		<b>Early payment (until February 14)</b>	<b>Late payment (starts February 15)</b>
<b>Delegate</b>	<b>Single room</b>	<b>€1050</b>	<b>€1200</b>
<b>Delegate</b>	<b>Sharing a room with another person (delegate or not)</b>	<b>€850</b>	<b>€1000</b>
<b>Accompanying persons</b>	<b>(4 years and over)</b>	<b>€550 each</b>	<b>€700 each</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>(under 4 years)</b>	<b>no charge</b>	

### SPONSORS

- > DRAST, French Ministry of Transport (<http://www.recherche-innovation.equipement.gouv.fr>)
- > Ecole Nationale des Travaux Publics de l'Etat (ENTPE, <http://www.entpe.fr>)
- > Institut National de la Recherche sur les Transports et leur Sécurité (INRETS, <http://www.inrets.fr>)
- > Laboratoire d'Economie des Transports (LET, <http://www.let.fr>)
- > NuStats (<http://www.nustats.com/>)
- > PTV AG (<http://www.ptv.de>)
- > SESP, French Ministry of Transport (<http://www.statistiques.equipement.gouv.fr>)
- > The Urban Transport Institute (TUTI, <http://www.tuti.com.au>)

## PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAM

New for this conference is the opportunity to attend, at no additional cost, the final meeting of the European COST Action 355. COST, that stands for cooperation in scientific and technological research is an intergovernmental framework that has coordinated nationally funded research in Europe since 1971. COST Action 355: "Changing Behavior Towards a More Sustainable Transportation System" is analyzing conditions that could reverse the growth in unsustainable transport demand by changing the behaviors of travelers, shippers, and carriers. The final meeting of COST Action 355 will be held in conjunction with the 2008 conference. Among other topics of this final meeting is a focus on National Travel Surveys.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday/ ISCTSC	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>09:00</b>	Arrival for ISCTSC/ COST conference participants	9h00 - 12h30 COST Action 355	9h00 - 12h30 COST Action 355	9h00-13h00 Workshops A: Session 2	9h00-11h00 Reports: Workshops A	9h00-13h00 Workshops B: Session 2	9h00-11h30 Reports: Workshops B + Final Plenary
<b>10:00</b>					11h00-13h00 Workshops B: Session 1		11h30-13h00 Meeting of ISCTSC, Local Organizing Committee, and Workshop Chairs
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<b>14:00</b>							
<b>15:00</b>	16h00- 18h00 Meeting of ISCTSC, Local Organizing Committee, and Workshop Chairs	14h00 - 17h00 COST Action 355	14h00-17h00 ISCTSC Plenary Session - Introduction + keynote speakers	14h30-16h30 Poster Session		15h00-17h00 Workshops B: Session 3	
<b>16:00</b>			17h30-19h30 Workshops A: Session 1	17h00-19h00 Workshops A: Session 3			
<b>17:00</b>					Walking in Alps, followed by Typical Evening "Savoie" Dinner and Song	Special Event: Old Annecy visit & Dinner	
<b>18:00</b>	18h30- 19h30 Arrival Cocktails at Balcons du Lac d'Annecy	17h30-19h30 Annecy City Hall Reception					
<b>19:00</b>							
<b>20:00</b>							
<b>21:00</b>	19h30- 21h00 Dinner	20h00-21h30 Dinner	20h00-21h30 Dinner	Special Event: Dinner on the Lake			