

ANNOUNCEMENT

“DAWG” FORUM ON PAVEMENT PERFORMANCE DATA ANALYSIS TO BE CONDUCTED IN SÃO PAULO AS PART OF “ICTI”

The Transportation Research Board's Data Analysis Working Group --- the DAWG --- will conduct a forum on pavement performance data analysis in conjunction with the 2nd International Conference on Transport Infrastructures (ICTI) that will be held in São Paulo, Brazil, on August 4-6, 2010. All attendees of ICTI are welcome to also attend the DAWG forum.

Please include the DAWG Forum in your plans for attending ICTI

The purpose of the DAWG forum is to foster international discussion of methods of analysis of pavement performance data. Presentations at DAWG forums address the technical interests of professionals engaged in highway research and engineering design, maintenance, and rehabilitation. Other professionals who would find DAWG forums informative are those who are engaged in collecting, processing, and analyzing pavement performance data and developing insights into pavement behavior. Presentations address active and incomplete investigations concerning new techniques for extracting and analyzing data, and preliminary results of recent applications of these techniques. Topics such as model building, sensitivity analysis, and cause-and-effect relationships linking structural response to pavement distress are especially popular.

The atmosphere at a DAWG forum is informal to encourage presenters to describe their current incomplete work and respond to frank questions, comments, and suggestions for improvement. The agenda is prepared in advance from responses to a call for abstracts. Abstracts are reviewed solely for conformity with DAWG guidelines, and as many abstracts as time permits are placed on the agenda. Presentations are not subjected to prior technical review. Distribution of presentation materials is not required, presentations are not published, and comments by forum attendees are not recorded.

DAWG forums are held in conjunction with major highway pavement conferences. Recent conferences that hosted DAWG forums include the 6th International Conference on Maintenance and Rehabilitation of Pavements and Technical Control (Torino, Italy, 2009), the 3rd European Pavement and Asset Management Conference (Coimbra, Portugal, 2008), the International Conference on Advanced Characterisation of Pavement and Soil Engineering Materials (Athens, Greece, 2007), the GeoShanghai International Conference (Shanghai, China, 2006), and the 7th International Conference on the Bearing Capacity of Roads, Railways and Airfields (Trondheim, Norway, 2005).

DAWG forums are open, and all attendees enjoy equal status. There is no registration requirement or fee. DAWG forums can be held before, during, or after the hosting conference, so ICTI attendees should check the schedule and make suitable travel arrangements to include attending the DAWG forum.

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