

iSMARTi Meeting
TRB 2005 annual conference
January 11, 2005 at Omni Shoreham-Capitol, Washington

MEETING MINUTES
(Prepared by Uddin, January 24, 2005)

Our sincere thanks to TRB for providing iSMARTi group meeting space during TRB annual meeting in January 2005 in Washington, D.C. (Invited Guests only) Cookies and refreshments will be served.

Attendees (iSMARTi 2004 members): Waheed Uddin (USA), Hosin "David" Lee (USA), Gerardo Flintsch (USA), Kanok Boriboonsomsin (USA), Ali Selim (USA), Adem Faik Iyınam (Turkey), Tien F. Fwa (Singapore), Alex Visser (South Africa)

Attendees (Friends): Halil Ceylan (USA), Lucy Phillips (USA), Li Ningyuan (Canada), Ivar Horvli (Norway), Basil Psarianos (Greece), Andreas Loizos (Greece), Pannapa Herabat (Thailand)

15 Persons attended. Tom Papagiannakis (member) could not attend because he went home early for emergency reasons. G.M. Memon (member) left early before the meeting time. Asghar Bhatti (member) could not attend TRB. Paulo Pereira, Joao Merighi, and Rita Fortes provided e-mail reports.

Waheed Uddin welcomed all attendees and briefed them about the motivation to establish iSMARTi in January 2004 around the time of TRB meeting. There are 40 members and many pledges. The iSMARTi secretariat has developed new web pages and draft constitution and bylaws. These are being reviewed by Pereira and Uddin.

Uddin briefed on current technical activities of iSMARTi including the co-sponsorship of January 2005 Environment conference in Abu Dhabi, UAE (29 Jan 29-2 Feb 2005), where he is an invited speaker.

Copies of iSMARTi flyers and flyers of 14-16 March 2005 Recycling conference and 18-20 August 2005 mairepav4 conference were distributed. Both conferences are progressing well. For the Recycling conference 60 papers and presentations have been accepted from 17 countries.

Alex Visser commented on the good technical activities of iSMARTi. Uddin commended Alex's prompt IJP paper reviews and his involvement in paper review for all iSMARTi sponsored conferences.

Hosin Lee briefed on the initial planning of mairpav5 that he is co-chairing with Asghar Bhatti. The conference will be held in Park City, Utah. Its scheduled date needs to be moved to a later date than July 2007 because of the international pavement conference in Athens, Greece, announced by Andreas Loizos.

Ali Selim indicated that he will be attending a couple of conferences in Egypt and North Africa where he intends to promote iSMARTi. He has led the initial effort by ASCE highway pavement committee on the publication of a pavement management guide for low volume roads. It will be useful as a technology transfer activity and a source of revenue if synthesis type reports are produced by iSMARTi standing committees.

Ivar Horvli distributed flyers and presented the BCRA conference program in Trondheim, Norway, 27-29 June 2005.

Tien Fwa announced the 2005 ICPT conference in Seoul, South Korea, 10-12 May 2005.

Andreas Loizos announced the International Pavements conference in Athens, Greece, 20-22 June 2007.

Adem Faik Iyınam (professor of highway engineering at Istanbul Technical University and currently visiting scholar professor at the University of Mississippi) presented a proposal for hosting the first international iSMARTi conference in Istanbul, Turkey, 22-24 July 2006. This is the first proposal and it opens great opportunities in promoting civil infrastructure technology transfer. Professor Fwa indicated that he intends to propose a city in East Asia for the second international iSMARTi conference.

Halil Ceylan is enthusiastic for an active role in iSMARTi activities including the proposed first iSMARTi international conference in July 2007.

Basil Psarianos, Andreas Loizos, Lucy Phillips, Pannapa Herabat, and Li Ningyuan hope to get involved soon in iSMARTi.

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In response to a query, Uddin explained that IJP is published under an entirely separate arrangement, and the publisher provides copies to iSMARTi members through a special arrangement.

A special issue of IJP will be published in September 2005 on "Pavements in British Isles" with Woodside and Woodward as guest editors.

Action Items (all members are requested to get involved):

1. Renew 2005 membership (Euro 40 for all members in good standing or **new** regular members)
2. Promote iSMARTi membership in your region or associations.
3. Standing committee chairs need to take lead in technical initiatives and can get non-members in their committees (with approval from the secretariat)
4. Inform Pereira and Uddin about any regional or international conference that a member or a non-member would like to be co-sponsored and promoted by iSMARTi (no monetary support).
5. Announce by mass e-mail for the special IJP issue on pavements in British Isles (Uddin).
6. Solicit formal proposals for hosting the first international iSMARTi conference (Uddin). Professor Adem Faik Iyınam has been asked to submit his formal proposal to iSMARTi.
7. Provide recognition certificates to Founder and regular members. (Pereira and Uddin)

Next iSMARTi meeting will be held at the 2005 Recycling conference on 16 March right after the conference closing session. We will discuss mairepave4 progress, society constitution, and prospects for the first iSMARTi international conference.

All friends are encouraged to consider 2005 membership (regular member at Euro 40).

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P.S. By the time of distributing this report, Professor Basil Psarianos of National Technical University of Athens in Greece has sent his registration form for Founder member. He is appointed as the Chair of Remote Sensing and Spatial Technologies Committee. Congratulations.