Report of the 2nd Conference of Transportation Research Group of India

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The 2nd Conference of Transportation Group of India (2nd CTRG) was held in Jaypee Palace Hotel, Agra from December 12 to December 15, 2013. More than 200 transportation planners, engineers, academics and students attended the conference. The attendees were from the following countries (in alphabetical order): (i) Australia (ii) Canada (iii) France (iv) Germany (v) India (vi) Iran (vii) Italy (viii) Japan (ix) Serbia (x) Spain (xi) Sudan (xii) UK and (xiii) USA.

The four-day long conference included eight tutorials, eight keynote lectures, five workshops and thirty-five technical sessions. In these sessions about 125 papers by authors from around ten countries were presented. These papers had been selected from about 250, through a two-stage, double-blind review process overseen by a ten-member international scientific committee. The details of the sessions are available on the conference website: `http://www.trgindia.org/trg_conference_2013`.

The papers covered almost all aspects of transportation and are a part of the proceedings published by Elsevier as Volume 104 in its series Procedia - Social and Behavioral Sciences. All the papers are in open access mode and can be downloaded free of cost by everybody. The proceedings can be accessed through sciencedirect:
`http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/18770428/104`.

On the first day of the conference there were 8 tutorials that were attended by close to hundred (most of them students) delegates. The details of the tutorials can be obtained from the conference website. The conference also had eight keynote speakers covering a wide range of topics like traveller behaviour, swarm intelligence in transportation, key challenges in the Indian road infrastructure sector, etc. The titles of the keynote lectures are available in the detailed schedule posted on the conference website.[1] During the second half of the last day five workshops on various topics were organized. The details of the workshops can be obtained from the conference website.

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[1]Owing to last minute travel related issues one keynote lecture from the nine initially announced was cancelled. For the same reason one tutorial was also conducted by an expert other than that announced.