

IAAP - Division 13 Traffic and Transportation Psychology

Report about the four last years of activity

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General plan of actions 2002-2006

- Increase the activity and the membership of IAAP Division 13.
- Finalization of the Proceedings of the last International Conference for Traffic and Transport Psychology, ICTTP2000.
- Realisation of the International Conference for Traffic and Transport Psychology, ICTTP2004, Nottingham, September 04.
- Preparation of the International Conference for Traffic and Transport Psychology, ICTTP2006, 2006.
- Cooperation with EFPA/Task Force Traffic Psychology in order to intensify the efforts for common projects in the field.
- Revision of the web-site of Division 13
- Activation of the e-mail-Conference of Division 13
- Creating a European Chapter of Division 13

Report of main activities 2002-2006

Enlargement of membership:

Since the year 2002 Division 13 has worked for the enlargement of membership especially focussing those countries and continents which have few or no affiliated psychologists. It appears that we need more direct contacts with potential members. Therefore we asked every member of Division 13 to indicate names of psychologists working in the field of transport and traffic. Several letters, based on Prof. Freese's proposal, were sent to all those traffic psychologists who were known as working in this field and who are not IAAP members.

Regional Representatives for the Division could be found for North-) and South America.

ICTTP Conferences:

- The Proceedings of the Second International Conference for Traffic and Transport Psychology, ICTTP2000, Bern 2000, were published by the Organizer (R.D. Huguenin) and the President of the Scientific Committee (T. Rothengatter). Editor: Elsevier, 500p.
- The third International Conference for Traffic and Transport Psychology, ICTTP2004, took place in Nottingham, September 5 to 9, 2004. Geoffrey Underwood, University of Nottingham, was the organizer of this highly successful event in which more than 300 papers and posters were presented. Most of the

papers can be found at <http://www.psychology.nottingham.ac.uk/IAAPdiv13/>. The book of proceedings was edited by G. Underwood (600p. Elsevier), 2005.

- The Fourth International Conference for Traffic and Transport Psychology, ICTTP2008, has been prepared. It will take place in USA, organized by Bryan Porter.

Participation in Conferences concerning Psychology; representation of Traffic and Transport Psychology:

In several conferences regarding Psychology which included at least partly the field of transport and traffic sessions were projected and organized with the support of Division 13, such as

- The 18th Conference of the International Association for People-Environment Studies, IAPS, entitled 'Evaluation in progress' (Linda Steg)
- The International Congress of Psychology, ICP (Kazumi Renge)
- The 45th Congress of the European Regional Science Association (Linda Steg)
- The 9th European Congress of Psychology (Lars Aberg)
- The 2d International Conference on Driver Behaviour and Training (Lisa Dorn)

For the next IAAP Conference, Athens 2006, Division 13 arranged to organize several symposia, lectures and sessions (see attachment 1).

European Chapter for Traffic and Transportation Psychology:

During the General Assembly meeting in Nottingham the Division decided to establish a European Chapter. This step was made although there exists a permanent EFPA-Task Force for Traffic Psychology (see below). As The EFPA Task Force is mainly focussed on professional aspects, especially on driver selection and driver improvement, European psychologists who work in the field of traffic, need also impact on basic traffic psychology, safety concepts and environmental protection – typical problems which are treated at the European level. A first initiative was taken in order to work on courses for (young) psychologists who should be introduced in the field of traffic and transport psychology. A program will be established and the courses could be offered to transport and safety organisations or realised under the auspices of IAAP. Unfortunately the delegate and EC member who was in charge of this program changed her position. In her new role she cannot actively participate in the activities of the IAAP Traffic Psychology Division. Thus, there is a delay regarding this project of the European Chapter and the courses for traffic psychology (or psychological approaches in the field of traffic).

Co-operation with EFPA/Task Force Traffic Psychology:

Many traffic psychologists in Europe are affiliated to the European Federation of Professional Psychologist's Associations. Therefore, the co-operation was intensified between the Division and the existing EFPA-Task Force for Traffic Psychology (R.Huguenin).

Revision of the web-site of Division 13:

The web-site of Division 13 has been extended and revised (P. Chapman). Currently we explore possibilities to make it more interesting to scholars interested in transport and traffic psychology and to provide a platform to exchange information, e.g., by providing information on relevant upcoming conferences, journals, or by listing relevant key publications.

Activation of the e-mail-Conference of Division 13:

Direct communication is necessary and very easy through the iaap-traffic@list.rug.nl. The system has been reactivated (T. Rothengatter).

laap Fellowship:

The EC agreed to nominate Talib Rothengatter as a IAAP Fellow, 2006.

General Assembly (GA) meetings of Division 13:

A GA meeting took place in 2002 (Singapore) and in 2004 (Nottingham). The next will be organized in 2006 in Athens.

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Attachment 1:
Presence of Traffic and Transport Psychology in Athens

Division 13 organized several symposia and sessions during the next 23rd ICAP in Athens, 2006. The contribution of Division 13 is as follows:

- Keynote speaker: Liisa Hakamies-Blomqvist "Ageing and driving: A theoretical and practical challenge"
- State of the art speaker: Geoffrey Underwood "Driving: with due care, and attention"
- Presidential address: Raphael Denis Huguenin "The state of traffic psychology today"
- Symposium I: Convener on "drinking, driving, and aggression" Dwight Hennessy
- Symposium II: Convener on "Best practice to change and maintain behaviour of road-users in measurable/observable ways" Brian Porter
- Symposium III: Convener on "Transportation and the Quality of Urban Life" Tommy Garling and Linda Steg
- Symposium IV: Convener on "Driver attitudes" Talib Rothengatter
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- Session A (6 papers) *Risk and Risk Perception*, Chair: Linda Steg
- Session B (6 papers) *Influence of Vehicles and Equipment on Behaviour* Chair: Raphael D. Huguenin
- Session C (6 papers) *Relation between Behaviour, Road Environment and Infrastructure* Chair: Viola Cavallo
- Session D (8 papers) *Driver's Behaviour and Performance* Chair: Kazumi Renge
- Session E (8 papers) *Traffic Psychological Analysis and Methods* Chair: Ian Glendon
- Session F (6 papers) *Information Processing* Chair: Volker Linneweber

Attachment 2

Division 13

Executive Committee

- Raphael D. Huguenin, President of Division 13 – 2002 to 2006/Europe
- Ian Glendon, President elect/Australia
- John Groeger, past President
- Linda Steg, Accounter
- Peter Chapman, Secretary

Regional Representatives

- Kazumi Renge/Asia
- Remi Kouabenan/Africa
- Fernando Dias/South America
- Bryan Porter/North America