A) MEMBERSHIP

At the end of 2020, membership of the IGU Transport and Geography Commission (T&GC) totalled 435 members from 59 countries. Membership includes attendees and participants at T&GC sessions held at IGU Santiago 2011, IGC Cologne 2012, IGU Kyoto 2013, IGU Krakow 2014, IGU Moscow 2015, IGC Beijing 2016, IGU Quebec City 2018 and RGS London 2019, as well as Steering Committee members and self-requests from various colleagues.

Breakdown of Transport and Geography Commission members by country:

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* Including one (or more) member(s) representing two countries

Steering Committee 2020–2024

The new IGU T&GC Steering Committee was supposed to be elected at the 2020 International Geographical Congress (IGC) Meeting in Istanbul, Turkey. Since this meeting was postponed to 2021, we proceeded to online votes. Results are as follows (# means new function within the Steering Committee and * means new member from 2020).
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We are also very keen to welcome two honorary members as a warm thank you for their deep involvement in the life of our Commission over the past decade.

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B) MEETINGS

2020 was not only a sad year in health, social and economic perspectives, but also in academic terms with the postponement of many conferences, including the IGC. As a result, no scientific event took place under our auspices in 2020. However, two exciting events are taking place in 2021.

Future meetings in 2021

i) Online workshop on “Visualising Transport Geography” & Business meeting in March 2021 (exact date TBC)

While we still trust face-to-face meetings are key and favour social interactions, the still ongoing health crisis and related uncertainties have encouraged us to organise an online workshop and a business meeting at the same time. This will help to keep the link with our members.

The topic will be “Visualising Transport Geography”. It echoes a new section initiated by Frédéric Dobruszkès (Commission’s chair) and Benjamin Steck (U. of Le Havre, France) within the Journal of Transport Geography. The series is made up of short contributions around one single visualisation (usually a map, but not always). The six first authors who have submitted a contribution to this series (and who could be published in the forthcoming weeks or months) would present their work.

Then a commission’s business meeting will take place to avoid a longer gap since the last meeting.

ii) International Geographical Congress (IGC) Istanbul, Turkey (16-20 August 2021)

In view of the 2020 IGC, active members of the IGU T&GC Steering Committee and colleagues had convened seven themed sessions and planned a trans-Bosphorus multi-modal urban transport field trip in Istanbul (see Table below).

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The call of abstracts was a great success considering we received no less than 88 abstracts. Four of them were rejected (and thus automatically converted into posters) and 84 accepted. Among the latter, 69 fitted well with one of the six first themes while the 15 remaining abstracts did not. As a result, new sessions themes have been added as follows:

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<td>7. Long-distance travel issues (replaces the original session #7) (4 abstracts)</td>
<td>Frédéric Dobruszkes</td>
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Field trip:
8. Multi-Modal urban transport in trans-Bosphorus Istanbul

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8. Transport and the environment (4 abstracts)  Maria Attard

9. Transport-driven spatial and economic effects (3 abstracts)  Tay Koo

10. General session (4 abstracts)  Richard Knowles

All the decisions taken in 2020 have been recorded and maintained in view of the 2021 IGC. In addition, the call for abstracts has been reopened by the conference team. At the time of writing, the number of potential extra submissions was not known yet.

C) NETWORKING

The mission of the IGU Transport and Geography Commission is to share and disseminate transport geography research at a global level in conjunction with national research groups and other IGU Commissions. Our research focuses on transport, mobilities and spatial change and relates to geographic theory. It involves the analysis of transport policies, processes and behaviours that influence the movement of people, goods and information. This research includes all modes of transport, at local, regional and global scales. Environmental, welfare and energy questions, and social, economic and governance dimensions are also addressed. Dissemination of the Commission’s work includes books, research journal papers and journal Special Issues.

As a result, the Commission liaises other transport research groups and other IGU Commissions including:

- the Transportation Geography Specialty Group (TGSG) of the American Association of Geographers
- the Hong Kong Society for Transportation Studies (HKSTS)
- the Transport Geography Research Group (TGRG) of the Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers)
- AK Mobilitat und Verkehr (Germany)
- NECTAR (Network on European Communications and Transport Activity Research)
- EUGEO (Association of Geographical Societies in Europe).
- IGU Commission on Urban Geography

T&GC Steering Committee members and many ordinary Commission members have strong international links, joint research and publications with many other geographers and transport researchers.

D) PUBLICATIONS

Several papers presented at the last IGU Transport and Geography Commission conference sessions have been published in academic journals, although not within specific issues.
Given the amount of papers to be presented within the 2021 IGC, there is great potential for initiating journal special issues in the aftermath. The Chair of this Commission will pay specific attention to encourage session conveners in this way.

In the meantime, our new Secretary Chia-Lin CHEN built, designed and launched a T&GC website, which we had been lacking for a while. The homepage is made up of selected pictures sent by our members. Please view the result at [https://igu-transport.org/](https://igu-transport.org/)

E) ARCHIVAL CONTRIBUTIONS

[For the record]

F) PRODUCTIVE USE OF PREVIOUS IGU GRANT LIKE SUPPORTING YOUNG SCHOLARS, PUBLICATIONS AND SEMINARS FROM LOW INCOME COUNTRIES

In 2020 once again, we offered up to three travel grants of maximum US$800 per candidate. Preference is given to (1) scholars from least developed/developing/emerging countries and (2) young or emerging scholars (up to five years after receiving PhD Awards).

Two candidates were awarded:

- Abdulkadir MUHAMMAD, Associate professor, Kano University of Science and Technology, Kano, Nigeria, matching with criterion #1.
- Amparo MOYANO, Associate professor, University of Castilla-La Mancha, Ciudad Real, Spain, matching with criterion #2.

These grants are maintained in view of the 2021 IGC. If the on-site scheme is eventually confirmed, we will be happy to reopen our call and to offer more travel grants.

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