

ICTH 2019 Programme Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 14 November 2018

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.



International Conference on Transport & Health
Smart Cities. Disruptive Mobility. Healthy People.

Pullman Melbourne on the Park
Melbourne, Australia
4-8 November 2019

Consensus of Theme: Smart Cities. Disruptive Mobility. Healthy People

Note the logo represents ICTH 2019 partners. *Should we come up with a creative graphic banner that represents the conference theme?*

Alistair inquired on what was the meaning of 'smart cities.' As a result, the following is a brief write up (Taken from a AV/CV proposal submission). *Edit at will.* Please use Track Changes. The summary will be used as a description of ICTH 2019.

ICTH Summary

Disruptive technologies are advancing at an increasingly rapid pace. This means that the rate of change that society is experiencing is not just accelerating, but that the acceleration is accelerating. This phenomenon has already had a noticeable impact on mobility and is a key driving force behind the Smart City concept.

It is anticipated that there will be transformational changes to transport service capabilities within the short time that it will take to plan, design and implement the conventional infrastructure project. That being said, state and local agencies must be flexible enough to accommodate the changes expected in technology over the next few years. In particular, the probability that fully autonomous self-driving vehicle will become commercially available by 2020. This alone, would be a game changer, and directly impact transport services delivery and the quality of life within affected communities. A look forward today will ensure that the demands of a diverse and growing population are met, thereby making local communities an attractive place to live, work and play.

Innovation and advances in disruptive technologies require a degree of future-proofing to anticipate and develop methods to minimize stresses through strategic planning and sustainable activities to ensure the value of the transportation system. ICTH 2019 aims to provide valuable insights into the health impacts of technological disruptions in transport and urban design, performance tools and the potential return on investment of a dynamic transport system.

Abstract Categories

Pursuant to our discussion, Melanie Crane has drafted the following main categories with examples of the abstracts that would come under each broad heading of transport and health. Email suggestions received as of 17 November have been incorporated.

Transport and Health Behaviour

- Active travel
- Disruptive mobility & cultural shifts
- Methods, performance measures & outcomes
- Public education/public involvement
- Social marketing & other behavioural interventions

Technologies for Smart Cities

- Autonomous/connected vehicle technologies
- Transport Network Companies (TNC); Uber, Lyft and others
- Technologies to assist active travel (i.e., Wayfinding apps, etc)
- Infrastructure adaptations & technologies
- Electric vehicles (including e-bikes)
- Renewable energies

Transport and Health Impacts of Cities

- Road safety danger reduction & injury
- Health/environmental impact assessments
- Air quality & pollution
- Noise & water pollution
- Climate change
- Community severance
- Mental health

Planning for Smart Cities

- Urban/rural planning
- Complete/healthy streets
- Aging populations
- Disability assisted mobility (paratransit)
- Planning & infrastructure challenges
- Built environment density, distance
- Monitoring & evaluation
- Safe routes to school
- Work/school travel plans

Sustainable Urban Transformation

- Green/natural space (biodiversity)
- Environment/social justice/inequities
- Transport economics
- Infrastructure for transport beyond the private car (i.e., walking/cycling)

Keynote Suggestions – 3 Needed

Jenny Mindell has extended an invitation to [Billie Giles-Corti](#) University of Melbourne

Alistair Woodward Suggests:

- [Janette Sadik-Khan](#) – urban and transport planner, in charge of transport in New York, Bloomberg Associates
- [Ralph Sims](#) – engineer, international leader on sustainable energy, led the transport chapter of the last IPCC assessment report, Massey University New Zealand

Jennifer Kent Suggests:

- [Mimi Sheller](#) has done some fantastic work on understanding contemporary attachments to private car use and transitions away from car dependence. It's my research area so I could be biased, but regardless of the promises of AVs, I still see VKT by cars as one of the key requirements for a healthier transport system. Understanding the complexity of cultural, political, structural barriers to less car use might be helpful for those doing more "scientific" research in this space. I'm happy to help approach her if it would be useful.

Stephen Greaves Suggests:

- [Dr. Elliot Fishman](#), Director, Transport Innovation, Institute for Sensible Transport. Dr. Fishman has agreed to host a Hot Topic Workshop. However, he has done some really impressive work. We might want to consider him as a keynote.

Please check around for other keynotes of interest. We should make our final decisions at the February 2019 meeting or before so that speakers have ample time to coordinate their schedules. We will also need to decide on a nominal stipend, travel and lodging expenses. Sponsors needed!

Social Programme

Liang Ma has volunteered to research the bicycle Tours and check on the cost of using the University of Melbourne photographer. Bike docks available throughout the city however a helmet is required.



Karyn Warsow has information from Monique Bayer, Walk Melbourne
Prices are \$85-\$109 AUD and include all taxes.
We are negotiating the price per person

Four walking and tasting tours of Melbourne available.

- Coffee Lovers Walk
- Dumpling Discovery Walk
- Foodie Indulgence Walk (most popular with international guests and includes up to 8 tastings.)
- Rooftop Bars Walk

Each tour offers at least four tastings over three hours and includes guided commentary by a passionate local. We could offer delegates separate sign up times throughout the conference.

Melbourne Tourism Bureau – Caroline Vézeau

- No cost for services
- Checking with the Victoria Racing Club on Melbourne Cup tickets/hospitality suite
- Print services – ICTH programme
- Checking on grant applications with the City of Melbourne
- Updated Sponsor Prospectus sent 17 November for dissemination

Sponsor Recruitment

Deposit Required to hold the Pullman Hotel venue - \$10, 000 AUD due January 2019

The FINAL Sponsor Prospectus is attached to the email with these minutes and available on the conference website at: <https://www.tphlink.com/ictth-2019---melbourne.html>

Please begin work on securing sponsors so that the planning is much more efficient. If you have any brilliant ideas to attract sponsors, please let the team know through an email.

Old Business

Training Seminars - *Action Needed*

ICTH is looking to offer dynamic training seminars on key performance metrics and programmes involving transport and health. ICTH 2018 seminars included HIA, community severance, propensity to cycle. Complex Program Evaluation – Mel Crane

- 3-4 rooms available
- Training seminars are at least two (2) hours long
- The Committee will need to recruit instructors.

Payment is offered to session instructors at 50% of the registration fee of \$75 AUD per session

Hot Topic Workshops - *Action Needed*

Lookout for exciting, innovative, out-of-the-box learning experiences to bring to ICTH delegates. Hot Topic Workshops will run in parallel with abstract sessions. Workshops are meant to be hands on and interactive. Each workshop will be 1.5 – 2 hours depending on the topic.