

## Special Events & Networking

Exciting opportunities await you at the 15th World Congress on ITS. Don't miss out on these great networking events. For those events requiring a ticket, you may purchase them when you register for the World Congress or if you have already registered you can update your registration.

{slide=Opening Reception & Ceremony}

Sunday, November 16, 2008

Opening Reception: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Opening Ceremony: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Special Events Hall - Jacob K. Javits Convention Center

No Cost/No Ticket Required

Sponsored by:

Special Presentation by Professor Bharat Balasubramanian, Vice President, Research & Advanced Engineering Electrics/Electronics, Information Technology, Processes, Mercedes Benz

New York City is known for its diverse culture, its role as financial capital of the world and, of course, its wide range of transportation pathways. In New York, people and goods are in constant motion. With this in mind we celebrate the vibrance of motion in the city that never sleeps by taking the ITS community on a journey through the streets of New York with transportation as the backdrop.

Using video, music, dance, and acrobatics, this Opening Ceremony will welcome you with both content and flair. From the moment you enter, you will know that this is a new kind of Opening Ceremony.

And, of course, the final destination on the evening's journey will be unforgettable! Straight from the fabled playhouses of Broadway, a dazzling musical revue will captivate you! Performers from past and current Broadway musicals will perform your favorite hits.

This cultural and multimedia journey through the streets of New York will bring you to your feet clapping for more!

Shuttle service will be provided from the Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers and Sheraton Manhattan to the Convention Center.

NOTE: Simultaneous translation of English to Japanese and Japanese to English will be provided during the Opening Ceremony.

{/slide} {slide=Welcome Reception in the Exhibit Hall}

Monday, November 17, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Exhibit Hall - Jacob K. Javits Convention Center

No Cost/No Ticket Required

All delegates are invited to a reception inside the exhibit hall! Enjoy an exclusive opportunity as a World Congress delegate to connect with colleagues, do business and mingle with friends in a casual atmosphere. There is no cost to attend this reception.

No one under the age of 18 will be allowed in the exhibit hall during this or any other time during the World Congress.

{/slide} {slide=IBEC Working Group Reception}

Tuesday, November 18, 5:30 p.m. &ndash; 7:30 p.m.

Sheraton New York & Towers, Conference RoomD

No Cost/No Ticket Required

Join members of the International Benefits, Evaluation and Costs Working Group for an evening of networking over light refreshments. There is no cost to attend this reception.

{/slide} {slide=Grand Central Terminal Reception}

Tuesday, November 18, 6:00 p.m. &ndash; 9:00 p.m.

Vanderbilt Avenue, 42nd Street, New York, NY

\$100/Ticket Required

Hosted by: Intelligent Transportation Society of Connecticut

For 95 years Grand Central Terminal has served as the gateway to New England for train travelers. Come join co-hosts, Connecticut Department of Transportation and the Intelligent Transportation Society of Connecticut, for a networking reception on the northeast balcony overlooking the terminal's fabulous Main Concourse. Enjoy the hustle and bustle of New York City's oldest and most preeminent transportation hub. Gaze up at the wonderful cerulean blue oil and gold leaf astronomical mural by French Artist Paul Helleu that depicts 2,500 stars and the constellations in a Mediterranean sky. Look below at the concourse's Tennessee marble floor where more than 100,000 daily commuters cross en route to and from their trains below. Tickets can be purchased when you register for the World Congress or at registration.

{/slide} {slide=International Reception at New York Transit Museum}

Tuesday, November 18, 5:30 p.m. &ndash; 8:00 p.m.

Corner of Boerum Place and Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn Heights, NY

\$100/Tickets Required

Hosted By: Intelligent Transportation Society of New York

The New York Transit Museum is the largest museum in the United States devoted to urban public transportation history. Housed in the historic 1936 IND subway station in Brooklyn, the museum explores the development of the greater New York Metropolitan region through exhibits dealing with the cultural, social, and technological history of public transportation.

Come network with transportation leaders and fellow World Congress attendees at this unique, entertaining, and informative event featuring historical exhibits of vintage transit equipment and rolling stock, friendly and knowledgeable Museum guides&mdash;many of whom are former transit system employees with stories to share&mdash;and, of course, old-fashioned New York City hospitality! Tickets can be purchased when you register for the World Congress or at registration.

{/slide} {slide=Night in Times Square at ESPN Zone}

Wednesday, November 19, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Times Square ESPN Zone

\$75/Tickets Required

Join your fellow 15th World Congress delegates for a truly special evening that is sure to be a hit when we take over the

ESPN Zone! Located in the heart of Times Square, the ESPN Zone is a world where sport is king. You'll enjoy a tasty menu featuring generous portions of expertly prepared American grill food, an arena of interactive games and attractions and an unparalleled sports viewing experience. Tickets can be purchased when you register for the World Congress or at registration.

Limited shuttle service will be provided from the Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers and the ESPN Zone is within walking distance of other conference hotels.

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