## **Editor's Corner**

## International Association of Chinese Infrastructure Professionals (IACIP)

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The International Association of Chinese Infrastructure Professionals (IACIP) is a US registered non-profit professional organization with its members working or studying in the fields of Civil Infrastructure and Systems (CIS) and related areas who are interested in CIS development and related issues. A group of such professionals met during the Transportation Research Board (TRB) 89th Annual Meeting at Washington DC, January 2010 and had a consensus to establish the IACIP. The group discussed the needs for such an organization and the potentials for its development. This organization will provide such a forum and platform that each participant can have a better opportunity to collaborate with others in corresponding professional areas. Therefore, IACIP, through its members, will gather and disseminate information for Civil Infrastructure professionals and aims to facilitate the advancement of knowledge and technology in the areas of Civil Infrastructure and Systems through education, technology transfer, and research at an international level. The vision of IACIP is to be one of the leading professional organizations in Civil Infrastructural Engineering worldwide.

IACIP is an association governed by its Board of Directors and has the officials of president, vice presidents, chairs of six committees, and secretary. The following are the founding board members (in alphabetical order):

Fang, Yinwu, Virginia Department of Transportation Huang, Baoshan, University of Tennessee Han, Jie, University of Kansas Lin, Guoming, WPC Inc-Terrocon Company Shen, Shihui, Washington State University Tao, Mingjiang, Worcester Polytechnic Institute Wang, Linbing, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Wang, Kelvin, University of Arkansas Wu, Chung, Virginia Department of Transportation Xiao, Ming, California State University-Fresno Yu, Xiong, Case Western Reserve University Zhang, "Doc" Zhongjie, Louisiana Department of Transportation/Louisiana Transportation Research Center Zhang, Xiong, University of Alaska-Fairbanks Zhang, Zhanmin, University of Texas at Austin The membership of the association includes members, student members, honorary members, and organization/corporate Members. More detailed information on IACIP is available at request.

IACIP has and will continue to cooperate with other professional organizations and host, sponsor, and promotes activities and events that meet our organizations goals and objectives. One such example is co-sponsoring the International Journal of Pavement Research and Technology (bi-monthly journal, EI-indexed, SCI-index pending), Publication No.: ISSN 1997-1400 (on-line) 1996-6814 (print) published by Chinese Society of Pavement Engineering (Official website for the journal: <u>http://www.ijprt.org.tw</u>).

IACIP has planned several activities for year 2011 that include the inauguration of IACIP and joined workshop with the Research Institute of Highways of China during the TRB 90th Annual Meeting at Washington DC, January 2011. The workshop, organized by Dr. Linbing Wang, consists of presentation and discussion sessions with the theme on US-China Collaborations in Transportation Infrastructure Research and Education, which is also co-sponsored by several TRB committees. IACIP will also have workshops in China such as symposiums at Nanchang HangKong University (organized by Dr. BaoShang Huang). More detailed information on these events and other planned activities in future years will be available later through notices. IACIP is a member-supported organization and we welcome all individuals who agree with our goal and mission and are interested in IACIP to join us. We also welcome institutes and organizations that are willing to join or work with IACIP. Working together, we will fulfill our dream together and help the advance of science and technology and promote their implementation.