

DAWG Forum on Pavement Performance Data Analysis

ANNOUNCEMENT

A "DAWG" Forum on Pavement Performance Data Analysis
will be conducted in Coimbra, Portugal, on July 8, 2008
at the 3rd European Conference on Pavement and Asset Management (EPAM3)

The Transportation Research Board's Data Analysis Working Group --- the DAWG --- will conduct a forum on pavement performance data analysis in Coimbra, Portugal, on July 8, 2008, in conjunction with the 3rd European Conference on Pavement and Asset Management (EPAM3). All attendees of EPAM3 who are interested in the analysis of pavement performance data are welcome to attend the DAWG forum.

PLEASE INCLUDE THE DAWG FORUM IN YOUR PLANS FOR ATTENDING EPAM3

The purpose of the DAWG forum is to foster international discussion of methods of analysis of pavement performance data. Presentations at DAWG forums address the technical interests of professionals engaged in highway research and engineering design, maintenance, and rehabilitation. Other professionals who would find DAWG forums informative are those who are engaged in collecting, processing, and analyzing pavement performance data and developing insights into pavement behavior. Presentations address active and incomplete investigations concerning new techniques for extracting and analyzing data, and preliminary results of recent applications of these techniques. Topics such as model building, sensitivity analysis, and cause-and-effect relationships linking structural response to pavement distress are especially popular.

The atmosphere at a DAWG forum is informal to encourage presenters to describe their current incomplete work and respond to frank questions, comments, and suggestions for improvement. The agenda is prepared in advance from responses to a call for abstracts. Abstracts are reviewed solely for conformity with DAWG guidelines, and as many abstracts as time permits are placed on the agenda. Presentations are not subjected to prior technical review. Distribution of presentation materials is not required, presentations are not published, and comments by forum attendees are not recorded.

DAWG forums are held in conjunction with major highway pavement conferences. Recent conferences that hosted DAWG forums include the International Conference on Advanced Characterisation of Pavement and Soil Engineering Materials (Athens, Greece, 2007), the GeoShanghai International Conference (Shanghai, China, 2006), the 7th International Conference on the Bearing Capacity of Roads, Railways and Airfields (Trondheim, Norway, 2005).

DAWG forums are open, and all attendees enjoy equal status. There is no registration requirement or fee. DAWG forums can be held before, during, or after the hosting

conference, so conference attendees should check the schedule and make suitable travel arrangements to include attending the DAWG forum.

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