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Reminder:

Drew Roark, PE, PTOE
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This year, for our Annual Banquet on December 12, 2006 at the Doubletree Hotel on Cypress Street in Tampa, we have been given a tentative confirmation that her Honor, the **Mayor of Tampa, Mrs. Pam Iorio**, will be attending and will be our featured speaker! TBITE is very excited to have such a distinguished speaker grace us with her attendance. Please mark your calendars and begin preparing your thoughts and questions for Mayor Iorio. We will keep all of you posted with any changes or updates with regards to the Annual Banquet.

President's Message

Rosana Correa, P.E., PTOE
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TBITE Board has many things planned for the remaining year that we hope all members will enjoy. First, the next TBITE quarterly meeting will be a joint meeting with TBAG on August 24, 2006 at FDOT D7 office. We are planning to have a great meeting with some interesting topics, so we hope all of you can make it. TBITE will have another quarterly meeting in October at Landry's Restaurant and the Annual Banquet on December 12, 2006. Also, mark your calendar for the Transportation Supersession on September 28, 2006 and TRANSPO 2006 on November 27-30, 2006 in Palm Harbor. I would like to thank Pete Yauch (Pinellas County Public Works) for a great meeting last May. There are a lot of good meetings planned in the transportation area from TBITE and other organizations (hopefully the hurricanes will stay away). Remember, TBITE Board is always looking to bring great events to our members. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact one of the board members. Regards, and stay safe during this hurricane season.

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FSITE Meeting - Ft. Lauderdale

Rosana Correa, P.E., PTOE

Florida Section ITE Summer Meeting was held at the Sheraton Yankee Trader hotel in Ft. Lauderdale from June 14-16, 2006. The theme of the meeting was “Training the Young Transportation Professional” and over 100 members registered. On Wednesday Ed Kant started the afternoon



Ed Kant speaks at the Wednesday Workshop

workshop with “So You Are Doing a Presentation”, where he provided very good tips for PowerPoint and things to do and not do in a presentation. Then Pradeep Sarvareddy continued the workshop with “Traffic Data Collection: Techniques, Need and Presentation”, where he covered the different traffic data collection techniques and devices from “a to z” and all the things that can affect a traffic count. After the workshop ended, the vendor’s exhibition room was opened and attendees took a look at various traffic control and ITS equipment and interacted ***Continues on page 3...***

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FSITE Meeting (continued)

with the vendors' representatives.



Pete Yauch during the introduction on Wednesday

On Thursday there were several good sessions including “Mentoring Programs for the 21st Century,” where representatives from three companies shared their mentoring programs for undergraduate and graduate students to become part of the consultant world. In the “Multi-Model Designing for all Users” session, Chris Swenson talked about the Variable Toll Pricing in Lee County; Yongqiang Wu from FDOT Central Office talked about the status of the FSUTMS transition from TRANPLAN to Cube Voyager and he expects that by the end of July, 13 of the 26 models will be complete. In the afternoon, engineering track “Highway Design Hot Topics”, Javier Rodriguez (FDOT D6) talked about the



Javier Rodriguez presenting on Miami ramp metering project

ramp metering project in the Miami area and presented a video of the new Transportation Management Center located in Miami. Pete Yauch talked about the golf carts on public roadways in Pinellas County. On Thursday evening, all the participants got together around the hotel's pool area to socialize and enjoy barbeque chicken and ribs.



Participants socializing



FSITE Meeting (cont. from page 3)



Keith Crawford

On Friday morning, the ITE International Vice-Presidential Candidates Alf Guebert and Rod Kelly shared their visions and goals if they are elected as International ITE Vice-President.



ITE International Vice Presidential candidates, Rod Kelly and Alf Guebert talked about their goals if they were elected

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FSITE Meeting (cont. from page 4)



USF ITE Student Chapter members at lunch time on Thursday

If you are a member of International ITE, you probably have received the ballot by the time you read this newsletter. Please vote!!! It only will take you a minute to do it. You can find more information about the candidates on the ITE website (www.ite.org).

Other photos from the FSITE meeting...



Ed Mierzejewski socializing with friends



Controller cabinet display

FYI...

The TBITE Treasurer, Elisa Powell, will be joining the TBITE Vice President, Stacy Burgess, at Grimail-Crawford to begin working in the next week or so. Please make a note that any correspondence including payments for lunch meetings will need to go to Elisa at her new address at Grimail Crawford. We will forward that address with future communications. Thank you.



New Year for ITE Students

Stephanie Bromfield

Secretary, USF ITE Student Chapter

The University of South Florida (USF) ITE student chapter ended the year on a high note, a couple thousand dollars high to be exact. Thanks to the exceptional work of past-president Isidro Delgado, the new budget provided by the USF Student Government has been increased for the upcoming fiscal year starting July 1, 2006. Unfortunately, the new funds cannot be used on the Transportation Research Board (TRB) annual meeting that most members look forward to attending, but the funds will be used to provide refreshments at every USF ITE sponsored seminar, picnics, and other events at USF.

Before the semester was out, ITE students got the experience of a lifetime on a private tour of the Crosstown Expressway and the Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority facilities on Twiggs Street. Students got a chance to go inside the pre-cast concrete segments of the bridge with the guidance of Chief Engineer, Bennett Muns. Mr. Muns gave a detailed history and the current status of the very controversial freeway that made national news.

The semester ended with the election of new officers. The newly elected officers are: Achilleas Kourtellis – President, Dajana Vuckovic – Vice-president, Vishaka Shiva-Raman – Treasurer and



ITE Students Tour the Crosstown Expressway

Stephanie Bromfield – Secretary. The Chapter still remains active during the summer and members attended a TBITE lunch meeting and the FSITE summer meeting in Fort Lauderdale. The theme of the FSITE meeting “Training the Young Transportation Professional” gave the students insight into the different programs available to young engineers as well as different engineering ‘hot topics’; information which can be used for future USF ITE seminars.



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The University of South Florida has a very active student chapter of ITE. We'd like to invite them all to be part of the TBITE family as well, but we need your help. You or your firm can sponsor a student for \$75 per year. This will cover the cost of student attendance at each TBITE meeting as well as the Annual Banquet. For more information please contact any of the board members.

Please contact Drew Roark at (drew.roark@rsandh.com), or Rosana Correa at (rcorrea@vanusinc.com) with ideas or suggestions for the next TBITE Quarterly!