

2nd Editorial for both the supplement to Vol 2 issue 2 of JTH and for the virtual SI: ICTH 2015

1st International Conference on Transport and Health (ICTH 2015)

The warm welcome that this journal has received is an indication that ‘the time has come’ for cross-disciplinary work on transport and health. So it is with great pleasure that we welcome readers to the inaugural international conference on transport and health, ICTH 2015, held on 6th to 8th July 2015 in London, at UCL. The conference was planned to involve policy-makers and practitioners as well as established and junior researchers and their students, and to cover transport, public health, planning and other disciplines. The theme was ‘changing perspectives’ and it was also organised to be different from traditional conferences, with presenters at the parallel oral sessions asked to work with the other presenters to develop a more interactive programme for their session, with less time spent on formal presentation and more discussion of the implications of findings, solutions to problems, or implementing research in everyday practice. More information about the programme and other aspects of the programme can be found at www.tphlink.com/2015-transport--health-conference.html.

The abstracts accepted for oral or poster presentation for the conference have been published in an online-only supplement of the journal. Also in that supplement is an article about TPH-Link (Warsow, 2015), without which the conference would not have happened. Authors of accepted abstracts of work not previously published in peer-reviewed journals were invited to submit manuscripts to the Journal of Transport and Health. Such manuscripts were processed in the usual way and decisions made using the same criteria and standards as for any submitted manuscript. Papers accepted by the journal for publication that are based on the work presented at the conference are being published online as soon as they are ready and will appear in the next relevant issue. In addition, they will all be collected together in a ‘virtual special issue’.

We hope you enjoy reading these abstracts and, in due course, the resultant papers. As the co-organisers of the conference, we ask that if you attended the conference in London, please send us your feedback. We look forward to seeing some of you in London in July 2015 and receiving your feedback; we hope to meet even more people in the USA in 2016, for the 2nd conference.

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