

The 2008 ITS-Michigan Annual Meeting and Exposition is shaping up to be an exciting event with stimulating speakers and panels, complemented by an extraordinary set of exhibitors and demonstrations. Keynote speakers include Paul Brubaker of the U.S. DOT Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), Kirk Steudle of MDOT, Jim Epolito of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Bob Lange of General Motors, John Kelley of Google, Adam Drobot of Telcordia, and Scott Belcher of ITS America. In addition, to reflect the transformational power of ITS, the noted author Henry Petroski and seminal transportation thinker from the University of Washington, John Hallenbeck, will be guest speakers.

The event will be held at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi on Tuesday, May 13, and Wednesday, May 14. Please register at [www.itsmichigan.org](http://www.itsmichigan.org).

The ITS-Michigan fall meeting took place at the Troy Community Center. With the theme “ITS Beyond Our Borders,” the focus was on ITS collaborative efforts between Michigan and international partners. Included in the morning session was Lennart Johansson, the Consul General of the Consulate General of Sweden-Detroit, and Trent Victor, who visited us from the SAFER Vehicle and Traffic Safety Centre in Göteborg, Sweden. Trent is also with the Volvo Technology Corporation. Jerry Conover, Michael Noblett, and Greg Krueger also made key presentations.

The spring meeting was held at the University of Michigan-Dearborn in the extraordinary new Institute for Advanced Vehicle Systems building. Featured in the program were Gene McHale of the U.S. DOT Cooperative Intersection Collision Avoidance System (CICAS) program; Scott Geisler from General Motors; and Greg Larson, chief of the Office of Traffic Operations Research, Division of Research and Innovation, of the California Department of Transportation.

Talk summaries and photos from both the fall and spring meetings are included in this newsletter, and PowerPoints for many of the talks are posted at [www.itsmichigan.org](http://www.itsmichigan.org).

On another note, ITS-Michigan was pleased to cosponsor with MDOT the SEMCOG Regional Transportation Partnering Workshop: “Working Together for Improved Operations, Safety, Clearance, and Communications.” I was pleased to be one of the presenters at this meeting at SEMCOG in downtown Detroit.

I look forward to seeing you at the ITS-Michigan Annual Meeting and Exposition in Novi in May and at the ITS World Congress in New York City in November.

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Mark your calendars for the ITS-Michigan annual meeting on May 13-14 at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.