



**2015 IATR 28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TRANSPORTATION REGULATORS



**NEW TRANSPORTATION DIRECTIONS**

- REGULATORY RESILIENCY
- RENEWAL
- REGENERATION

**SEP. 27-30**

**Montreal Marriott  
Chateau Champlain**

PRELIMINARY

**CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

12:00 PM – 5:00 PM IATR Board of Directors Meeting

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Exhibit Set-up

12:00 PM – 5:00 PM IATR Board of Directors Meeting

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM Registration

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Welcome Reception

**Master of Ceremonies:** IATR President Matthew W. Daus

**Welcoming Remarks:** Conference Host

**Acknowledgement of Sponsors:** IATR Board Chair Tom Drischler



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**DAY 1 - MONDAY SEPTEMBER 28**

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8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Registration

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8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Breakfast  
Welcoming Remarks

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9:00 AM – 9:30 AM Exhibit Exploration

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9:30 AM – 10:45 AM **Plenary Session 1: Leveling the Playing Field – New Approaches to Regulation in a TNC World**

A panel discussion of leading regulators, will explore new policy initiatives that seek to create equal standards and competition between taxicabs, limousines and Transportation Network Companies (TNCs), including the following concepts:

- The *Universal Taxicab App* Projects in Chicago & the District of Columbia;
- Limitations on *Surge Pricing & Licensure of Apps*, NYC;
- Regulations of *App Privacy, Security and Data Collection/Sharing*, NYC & San Francisco;
- Limitations or *Cap on Private Hire Vehicles*, London & NYC.

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10:45 AM – 11:15 AM Coffee Break & Exhibit Review

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11:15 AM – 12:30 PM **Plenary Session 2: The Future of Vehicle Technology – Autonomous, Connected & Alternative Fueled Vehicles, Black Boxes & OBD Data Possibilities**

The constant chatter permeating media, blogs and the rooms of transportation policymakers includes autonomous vehicles – or taxicabs and limousines that could driver themselves. The notion that regulators will someday no longer be regulating drivers has received significant attention. The gap between media/investor hype (“California technology dreaming”) and the near and long-term realities of such vehicle technology, will be addressed by experts in the field. Also, the work of the United States Department of Transportation will be highlighted on Connected Vehicles – the use of V2V (Vehicle to Vehicle), V2P (Vehicle to Passenger) and V2I (Vehicle to Infrastructure) technology where vehicles communicate with one another, as well as with passenger smartphones and traffic lights, to warn against near collisions, prevent crashes and provide for more efficient and sustainable traffic flow. The collection of data from the On-Board Diagnostics system, black boxes and its application will be discussed as well. Finally, the future of the vehicle will be discussed with new forms of electric vehicle technology and other existing alternative fuel option developments, such as compressed natural gas.

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12:30 PM – 2:00 PM Luncheon



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**DAY 1**

2:00 PM – 3:15 PM

**Breakout Session 3(a): IATR Academic Research Committee Meeting**  
*IATR Fact Book, Data Exchange and Poster Session*

The Academic Research Committee has been undertaking a research project in conjunction with the University Transportation Research Center at City College, of the City University of New York, to develop and publish the first-ever International IATR Fact Book. The first edition of the fact book will be released, and discussion on next editions will take place. A poster session will also be held updating attendees on the most recent relevant research papers, and a progress report on the IATR's involvement with the efforts of the Transportation Research Board's subcommittee on Taxicab Studies.

2:00 PM – 3:15 PM

**Breakout Session 3(b): IATR App Committee Meeting & Workshop**  
**(Regulator Only Workshop)**

The IATR App Committee will meet to discuss and finalize proposed changes to the IATR's model regulations for smartphone applications. Amendments may include universal apps, minimum/maximum fares, privacy and security protocols, licensure of smartphone apps, regulatory approaches of airports, the impact and role of the independent contractor model, insurance, criminal background checks, as well as transportation technology company legislative matters.

3:15 PM– 3:45 PM

Coffee Break & Exhibit Review

3:45 PM – 5:00 PM

**Plenary Session 4: “One Standard for All” – Safety, Effectiveness & Best Practices for Taxi, For-Hire & TNC Driver Criminal Background Checks**

There is still tremendous confusion in the media and among legislators and regulators on understanding the nature, scope and breadth of criminal background checks, especially in light of new Transportation Network Company (TNC) laws that allow them to self-police and conduct their own criminal conviction history checks, while many taxi and limousine drivers are still required to undergo biometric fingerprint reviews and vetting by government agencies. This session will provide an overview of the various types of criminal background checks conducted by the government and private sector, as well as the challenges and shortcomings of such processes. Academics, criminalists, forensics and law enforcement officials will share facts and information about the difference between the accuracy of name checks versus biometric fingerprints for drivers, and share proposed best practices for transportation regulators on this topic. The report entitled “One Standard for All” published by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice Master's in Public Administration Program, will serve as a framework for discussion, and contrary points of view will be expressed as well. See <http://mpa.jjconline.net/> to view this Best Practices Report.

6: 00 PM

Departure from Montreal Marriott Chateau Champlain for **Tour of Montreal**

7: 30 PM

Cocktail Reception & Entertainment

**Dinner: Free Evening**



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**DAY 2 - TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 29**

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Registration

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8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Breakfast

**Organizational Updates:**

*Taxicab, Limousine & Paratransit Association*  
*Airport Ground Transportation Association*  
*Transportation Research Board*

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9:00 AM – 9:30 AM Exhibit Exploration

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9:30 AM – 10:45 AM **Plenary Session 5: Understanding TNC, Taxicab & For-Hire Insurance Coverage**

Experts will provide a primer on for-hire insurance coverage and laws, including taxicab, limousine and new TNC coverage requirements. Stakeholders and practitioners will delve into supplemental lines coverage, liability, personal injury protection (PIP or No-Fault), underinsured, uninsured and workers' compensation coverage – including special insurance funds such as the New York Black Car Operator's Injury Compensation Fund. The impact of current TNC regulations on the longstanding practices and regulations of the insurance industry, and the adaptation to new models will be explored.

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10:45 AM – 11:15 AM Coffee Break & Exhibit Review

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11:15 AM – 12:30 PM **Plenary Session 6: Apps Around the World & The Global Taxi Network**

An overview of the status of smartphone transportation app proliferation around the globe will be provided, with an emphasis on: business model characteristics; data collection; logistics applications; cross-modal services; cross-fleet, world-wide and government apps; functionality; private equity financing; and medallion financing implications. Technology companies, experts and regulators will opine on international approaches, and prognosticate on future trends.

- Taxicab, Limousine & Paratransit Association (TLPA)
  - International Road Transportation Union (IRU)
  - Australian Taxi Industry Association (ATIA)
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**2016 IATR Conference Preview**



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**DAY 2**

2:00 PM – 3:15 PM

**Plenary Session 7: What Does The Future Hold for For-Hire Ground Transportation Services? – Bracing for De-Regulation, Self-Regulation & Re-Regulation**

Stakeholders, academics, regulators, economists, lawyers and others will engage in a visioning exercise to attempt to forecast our regulatory future, discussing of course, history potentially repeating itself on the deregulation and re-regulation front, what a new future model would look like, and the integration of for-hire ground transportation with **public transit, aggregator services, and logistics platforms.**

3:15 PM– 3:45 PM

Coffee Break & Exhibit Review

3:45 PM – 5:00 PM

**Breakout Session 8(a): Accessibility Best Practices & Current Developments – Release of Final IATR Model Regulations**

The IATR's Accessibility Working Group/Committee will release its final version of the model regulations for accessible transportation, which will address a wide range of topics including: safety standards, crash testing and vehicle specifications, service delivery models or paradigms, and training. An international public hearing was held in September 2014 in New Orleans and comments were received, reviewed and incorporated into the model regulations. A panel discussion of leading regulators, experts, advocates and stakeholders will discuss a broad range of current legal, legislative, and policy developments that will surround implementation of the model regulations, including: the use of smartphone app technology for accessible service; central dispatch systems versus 100% accessibility; retrofitting vehicles versus original assembly-line manufacturing; reforming federal accessibility laws versus local or state law solutions; the use of sedans/taxis and brokerage models in lieu of mass transit subsidized paratransit vans; and the use of smartphone applications and payment processing for private and public accessible transportation. Recent reforms in various international jurisdictions will be discussed and debated.

3:45 PM – 5:00 PM

**Breakout Session 8(b): Canadian Regulators' Summit**

The IATR Canadian regulator members will hold a session dedicated to the unique regulators issues, open to all conference attendees.

7:00 PM

Departure from Montreal Marriott Chateau Champlain

7:30 PM - 10:30 PM

**Gala Awards Dinner**

- Norma Reyes IATR Regulator Scholarship Recipients
- IATR International Driver of the Year Award
- IATR Regulator of the Year Award



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**DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30**

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Registration
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Exhibit Exploration
9:30 AM – 10:45 AM	<b><u>Plenary Session 9: Smartphone App Legislative, Regulatory &amp; Litigation Update</u></b>  Regulators, lobbyists, public relations professionals representing industry stakeholders, and lawyers will provide an overview of the most recent lawsuits, media developments, and legislative efforts involving transportation network company licensing schemes.
10:45 AM – 11:30 AM	Exhibit Review
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	<b><u>Plenary Session 10: Wheelchair Accessible Service</u></b>  Legislative, litigation and other policy developments will be explored in terms of how the accessibility issue is or is not being addressed, including the perspectives of the disability community, lawyers, regulators and new and existing market entrants and providers/manufacturers/retrofiters. New approaches to mass transit public paratransit integration, as well as the use of new dispatch and smartphone app technology, will be explored.
1:30 PM	<b>Conference Adjournment &amp; Exhibit Breakdown</b>

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