



“DAWG” FORUM ON PAVEMENT PERFORMANCE DATA ANALYSIS TO BE CONDUCTED IN AUCKLAND AS PART OF "MAIREPAV 2012"

The Transportation Research Board's Data Analysis Working Group --- the DAWG --- will conduct a forum on pavement performance data analysis in conjunction with the 7th International Conference on Maintenance and Rehabilitation of Pavements and Technological Control (MAIREPAV 2012) that will be held in Auckland, New Zealand, on August 28-30, 2012. Information about the conference can be found at <http://www.mairepav7.co.nz/>.

DAWG forums are held annually in Washington, DC, and at the venues of major international conferences of interest to the highway pavement community. All attendees of MAIREPAV 2012 are welcome to attend and/or present briefings at this DAWG forum.

The purpose DAWG forums is to foster international discussion of methods of analysis of pavement performance data. Presentations 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 are welcome if they address active and incomplete investigations concerning new techniques for extracting and analyzing data, or 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.

DAWG forums are structured to encourage presenters to describe their current incomplete work and to respond to the audience's frank questions, comments, and suggestions for improvement. Presenters are required to provide questions about the uncertainties of their work, and these questions serve to stimulate the dialog that is the hallmark of a Forum. This format is unique because speaker/audience dialog receives a substantial amount of time on the agenda.

DAWG forums are open to all conference registrants, and all attendees enjoy equal status, whether they are attending their first forum or are appointed members of the Steering Committee. There is no registration requirement or fee. DAWG forums can be held before, during, or after the hosting conference, so conference registrants should check the schedule of technical sessions and make suitable travel arrangements to include attending the DAWG forum.

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