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Subject: Activity Report for IEEE ITS Council

The Council's Administrative Committee (AdCom) met on February 15 in Dallas, Texas. The Council is composed of 17 IEEE Societies. Bob Trebits is the AESS rep and I am the current VP Conferences.

Financially the Council is sound, but faces the same issue as AESS, reserves are being decreased to support balancing the overall IEEE budget. The Transactions is printed 4 times a year and a newsletter is sent via email quarterly.

The Council sponsors two conferences Intelligent Vehicles Symposium and the Intelligent Transportation Systems Conference. The Symposium will be held this year in Columbus, Ohio June 8-11. The ITS Conference will be held in Shanghai, China October 10-15. The ITS Executive Committee will be meeting at the IV Symposium and the full AdCom at the ITS Conference. Concerns have been raised about the outbreak of SARS in the Far East, but the feeling is it should be under control by the October timeframe.

The 2004 IV will be held in Parma, Italy and the ITS Conference in Washington, DC. Paul Kostek is the General Chair of ITSC 2004.

The Council is exploring a conversion from council to society. Where a council only has societies as members transition to society would allow the recruitment of individual members. Several Societies (SMC and VTS) have proposed ITS merge with them rather than become a stand-alone society. The other challenge is the concern within TAB that there are too many societies already. A ad hoc committee has been formed to study this issue and provide recommendations to the ExCom and AdCom.