

**Media Release**

## **23<sup>rd</sup> Intelligent Transport Systems Post Congress Report now available**

Melbourne, 14 February 2017 – The Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) Post Congress Report has today been released.

The Report captures the key messages and moments of the highly successful 23<sup>rd</sup> World Congress on ITS in Melbourne, October 2016, and provides valuable insights for the industry going forward.

It has been compiled by a team of dedicated on-site rapporteurs, attending over 220 Sessions, including more than 650 speakers and 450 presented papers. The rapporteurs are industry professionals with in-depth knowledge of their specialist field and in addition to key content, they provided observations and insights while capturing the essence of the Congress.

The five day event was hosted by ITS Australia and more than 11,500 delegates attended from 73 countries. It was the largest international association conference held in Australia last year, benefiting the economy by \$25 million.

In addition to the speaker program, delegates booked nearly 700 technical tours of key transport centres and experienced more than 3,500 vehicle technology demonstrations.

The Congress was an opportunity to further Australia's international reputation as an ITS leader, present business opportunities to ITS Australia members and the local ITS community, and enhance connections and networks between the local and international industry.

ITS Australia President, Brian Negus says the 2016 ITS World Congress was a great success and the Report accurately captures and reflects on this significant event.

"The Congress was a platform for meaningful transport technology discussions around Australian and international cities and communities.

"The Post Congress Report not only provides a documented record of the event, but is also a reference point for the ITS industry and future Congresses.

"I would like to thank the rapporteurs for their commitment to this project and congratulate Chief Rapporteur Eric Sampson for overseeing the team and the production of this wonderful Report," ITS Australia, President Brian Negus said.

The Report, illustrated with images from the World Congress, captures key themes including:

- Challenges and opportunities of Big and Open Data.
- Smart Cities and new urban mobility.
- Automated Vehicles and Cooperative ITS
- Mobile applications.
- Vehicle and network safety.
- Future freight.
- Environmental sustainability.
- Policy, standards and harmonisation.

ITS Australia CEO Susan Harris said the Report continues the momentum of the World Congress as the Australian ITS industry goes from strength to strength.

“The Australian ITS industry has a strong reputation globally and the recent World Congress only enhanced this.

“International countries closely follow the development and deployment of ITS in Australia, assessing our regulatory reviews, exploring innovations and evaluating our on-road trials of connected and automated vehicles.

“The Report sets a benchmark for the industry and its messages and opportunities will be keenly read by the international ITS community,” ITS Australia CEO Susan Harris said.

To download a copy of the ITS Post Congress Report, go to [www.its-australia.com.au](http://www.its-australia.com.au)

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**Intelligent Transport Systems Australia (ITS Australia)** promotes the development and deployment of advanced technologies to deliver safer, more efficient and environmentally sustainable transport across all public and private modes – air, sea, road and rail. Established in 1992, ITS Australia advocates the application of communication, data processing and electronic technologies for in-vehicle, vehicle-to-vehicle, vehicle-to-infrastructure and mode-to-mode systems to increase transport safety and sustainability, reduce congestion, and improve the performance and competitiveness of Australia’s networks. ITS Australia is an independent not-for-profit incorporated membership organisation representing ITS suppliers, government authorities, academia and transport businesses and users. Affiliated with peak ITS organisations around the world, ITS Australia is a major international contributor to the development of the industry and host of the 2001 and 2016 ITS World Congress

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