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more papers in this area in the future. I am most indebted to all the people I asked to referee the papers submitted for this focused issue. Last but not least, my thanks go to Gilbert Laporte for asking me to be the Guest Editor of this issue and for his assistance during the entire process.

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The International Association for Travel Behavior Research has instituted a new dissertation prize, named in memory of the late Eric Pas, to recognize the best doctoral dissertation accepted in a given year in the area of travel behavior research.

Eric Pas (1948–1997) had made travel behavior research his main field of research interest since his doctoral work at Northwestern University. He remained very active in the field through his ongoing research at Duke University, but also through his involvement with the Association, of which he was a board member for many years.

The competition is being held for the first time for the year 1998. Supervisors are invited to submit theses accepted between January 1 and December 31, 1998 for consideration of the panel chaired by Prof. Hani Mahmassani (University of Texas). They should provide the Secretary of the Association, at the address below, with the following by February 15, 1999:

- six copies of the dissertation,
- six copies of an extended abstract (3 to 5 pages), not bound with the rest of the thesis (in English), and
- a nomination letter supporting the submission and stating their own assessment of why the thesis is worthy of the award (in English)

The prize will be awarded at the next European Transport Conference (September 1999 in the UK). The winner will also be invited to present the prize-winning work at the next IATBR Conference in Australia in the year 2000 with the Association covering the conference fees.

In case of further questions, please contact Prof. Mahmassani (masmah@mail.utexas.edu) or the secretary (k.w.axhausen@uibk.ac.at).

Please send the submissions to Prof. KW Axhausen, Secretary of IATBR, % IVT, ETH Hoenggerberg, CH-8093 Zurich, Switzerland.