Mid-Continent Transportation Research Symposium
August 21–22, 2003

Iowa will host its fourth biennial Mid-Continent Transportation Research Symposium this summer in Ames. The symposium will provide a midwestern venue for researchers from coast to coast. The focus will be practical solutions to real problems. Abstracts are especially welcome from practitioners reporting on their own research, on the use and benefits of research, or on implemented products of research. Findings of university researchers, consultants, and association staff members are also desirable. Abstracts will be accepted until March 1.

Abstracts will be reviewed by a committee of regional transportation professionals through a confidential review process. Authors of selected abstracts will be invited to submit a paper on the topic of their presentation and present their research at the conference.

For more information, see the symposium’s website: www.ctre.iastate.edu/pubs/midcon2003/.

Forging ties with India

Reg Souleyrette, associate director for transportation planning and information systems, and Omar Smadi, pavement management specialist, are forging ties with India. They helped coordinate the Map India 2003 Conference Seminar on Transport Planning and Management. The conference was held in New Delhi January 28–31, 2003. Approximately 1,500 people, including 39 Americans, attended from nearly 100 countries.

Souleyrette and Smadi are hoping to create links between ISU/CTRE and Indian universities as well as with the government of India. Souleyrette says there’s significant opportunity for pavement management research. India has an advanced remote sensing industry, and the country is in a high growth mode for transportation.