**President of the WCTRS**

Professor Tae Hoon Oum was elected as the new president of WCTRS at the general assembly held during the WCTRS Mumbai conference in May 2019.****

**Profile of Prof. Dr. Tae Hoon OUM,** MBA, PHD

Prof. Emeritus, Sauder School of Business, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC. Canada;

Dr. Tae Oum focuses on economics, management strategy and policy analysis in transport/logistics, telecom, and public utility sectors. He has been the Editor-in-Chief of the Transport Policy journal since 2016. He serves on Editorial Boards of 13 international journals including as an Editor of J. of Transport Economics and Policy, 1998-2011. He is also the founding chair of the Air Transport Research Society and its Global Airport Performance Benchmarking Task Force project since 2000.

He authored/co-authored 35 books/Research Monographs, 140 refereed journal papers, and numerous reports for international organisations including World Bank, OECD, International Transport Forum, APEC, ICAO, and for many government agencies, regulatory commissions and major corporations (Canada, United States, UK, Netherlands, Japan, Korea, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Turkey).

The honors and distinctions he received include Jules Dupuit Prize (the top honour from the WCTR Society, 2019), Air Transport News (ATN) Distinguished Career Awards (2013); the Distinguished Career Research Achievement Award from the (US) Transportation Research Forum (TRF, 2006); Overall Best Paper Prize from the US TRF (2009); The Overall Best Paper Prize from The WCTR Society (1998); Killam Research Prize of Canada-UBC (2002); Distinguished Member of the US–Transportation & Public Utilities Group (TPUG).

Dr. Oum delivered 400+ keynote addresses and invited speeches/seminars, executive classes including at major airports around the world, Dutch Ministries of Transport and of Economic Affairs, AT&T, Australian Consumer and Competition Commission, Australian Competition Tribunal, New Zealand Commerce Commission, Air Canada, United Airlines, Northwest Airlines, Japan Airlines, All Nippon Airways, Korean air, Qantas, Virgin Blue, Turkish Airways, etc.

Important Advisory Roles for major corporations include having: Led a team of multinational academics for advising JR-Central Chairman and Executive Board (2008-2012) on the decision to undertake Tokyo-Nagoya(-Osaka) Ultra-High Speed Rail Construction; Led the Air Canada Chairman’s Globalization Strategy Advisory team (1990-1993); Koreanair Globalisation Strategy Advisor to President-CEO (1993-1996); Led the AT&T’s multinational academic expert team (1989-1992) for formulating the reasons why Canada needs to deregulate its telecom industry (after 3 years of our teams work, AT&T was allowed to enter Canadian long distance telephone market), etc. Played a significant role in the expert team arguing against the proposed Qantas-Air NZ merger at the regulatory commission proceedings in Australia and New Zealand (2003-2005).

Dr. Oum holds MBA and PhD from University of British Columbia, Canada, and BCom from Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul (gold medal winner for the top-honour graduate for entire university).