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PREFACE

In June 1986 a symposium on research related to heavy vehicle weights and dimension issues was held in Kelowna, British Columbia. One hundred and twenty five delegates from sixteen different countries participated in the sessions and workshops held over a five day period, marking the first occasion where researchers from varied backgrounds and disciplines met to exchange experience and findings relating to the common theme of weight and dimension limits applicable to highway goods transportation. The timing of this symposium coincided with the completion of a major research investigation on this subject in Canada, and provided the opportunity to review the findings of this research in the context of other research experience around the world.

The symposium was an unqualified success, and served to provide participants with new perspectives on the complexities of the issues and their interrelationships in the field of vehicle weights and dimensions. It also underlined the need for improved and continued dialogue between researchers of varying disciplines, the regulatory community and the highway goods transportation operating industry.

These proceedings contain the majority of the technical papers and presentations which were delivered at the symposium. Certain presentations and the discussions which took place in the workshops did not lend themselves to publication in this format.

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