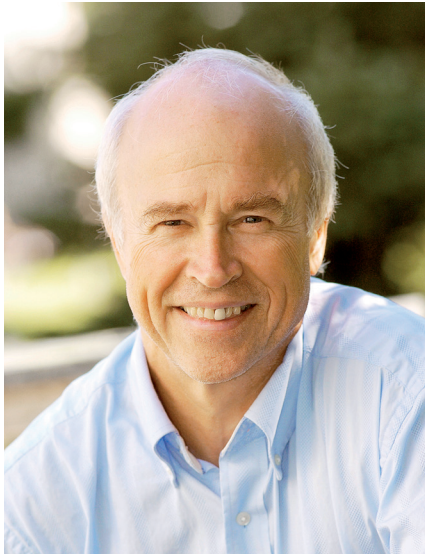


# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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It is truly a pleasure for me to be presiding over the AQTr's 51<sup>st</sup> Transportation Convention and Trade Show: *PROCHAIN ARRÊT!*<sup>®</sup>, which will take place in Quebec City from April 11 to 13, 2016. The topic will be: ***The Major Challenges in Transportation***. Year after year, the AQTr holds an event that stands out for the quality of its technical content and variety of proposed activities, as well as its Transportation Trade Show and numerous exhibitors.

In the wake of the roadwork planned over the next few years and already underway in Quebec, it is time to ask ourselves what kinds of challenges await us. Although these challenges may seem specific to large construction sites, they don't stop there. Each and every transportation sector will face its own major challenges: developing and integrating new types of energy and technology, managing traffic congestion, managing assets, financing infrastructures, managing open data, sharing the influence amongst different road users, the concept of intermodality, the aging population and the dire need for replacements in certain sectors are just a few examples.

These major challenges affect all experts from the transportation sector in Quebec and elsewhere. The program for AQTr's 51<sup>st</sup> Transportation Convention and Trade Show: *PROCHAIN ARRÊT!*<sup>®</sup> will have experts presenting their vision, the fruit of their work and research, as well as the latest progress made regarding the challenges that the transportation world is facing. True to form, the AQTr will also be proposing special activities to promote knowledge sharing, develop business relations and encourage discussions with the future generation of workers in the industry.

Therefore, it is with great pleasure that I invite you to join this community of experts by proposing one or several seminars. Your contribution is very important to us and will enrich our program!