

Some observations:

- Stay, or go early?
 - Obviously, you did the former! I hope you have no regrets...
- But I do think we tested your intellectual flexibility by showing you very interesting research work from a wide variety of disciplines
- Which is necessary, I think, because this is truly a multi-disciplinary field where we need sociology, psychology, traffic and transportation, mathematics.
- This importance was stressed by the keynote of Harrie, showing how the responsiveness of the would-be evacuees will differ strongly between the different phases of the disaster
- What we also learnt from Harrie that “Women are stressed and make wrong decisions and man are stupid and dominant and make wrong decisions”
- On the other hand, the perspective that Hani showed us this morning was interesting as well: try to determine the best possible evacuation scenario and then try to find ways to operationalize these.
- Another observation is that - in particular for the vehicular transportation field - the research is rather ‘assumption rich - data poor’ in particular compared to the pedestrian field where the last years quite some effort has been spent on data collection. This is really something that requires our attention, I believe, possibly requiring us to invest in new data collection methodologies.
- But there are many other challenges as well, making this a very interesting and vivid research field.
- Personally, I was very pleased with the mix between researchers and professionals in the field. I think that also because of this, we had many lively discussions during the sessions but also in between the sessions. The choice for somewhat longer breaks turned out to be a good one.
- One thing still puzzles me, the fact that you needed to change the term ‘bush fire’ into ‘wild fire’, was that at all related to the ‘Bush administration’?
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