

Specialized Periods staff worked with the organizers of previously planned conferences such as the Canadian Urban Transit Association Conference, the American Railway Engineering Association Conference and the Fourth International Conference on Transport and Mobility for Elderly and Disabled Persons to increase the international content of their programs and provide speaking opportunities for high level professionals from participating nations at EXPO 86.

Specialized Periods staff also coordinated the integration of specialized Participant-sponsored seminars into the overall professional program. Examples are the Swissrail Symposium on Urban and Suburban Transit, the ITALFERR Conference on the Italian Railway System, the Norwegian Conference on Road Construction in Mountainous and Fjord-Crossed Terrain, and the seminar on the French Soule People Mover System.

The support of external groups such as professional associations and government agencies in organizing and sponsoring these conferences and seminars was critical to the success of this aspect of the Specialized Periods program.

Special International Delegations/Closed Meetings. Another facet of international involvement spawned by the Specialized Periods program were visits by international delegations such as the British Minister of Transport, H.R.H. Prince Albert accompanied by a trade delegation from Belgium, and closed meetings of the International Union of Public Transport and the O.E.C.D Maritime Transport Committee. Each of these visits was timed to coincide with specific Specialized Periods so that delegates could take advantage of the other professional activities associated with the program.