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Dear TRAIL member,

This is the TRAIL *E-LINK* of February. TRAIL *E-LINK* will keep you informed of the ins and outs of TRAIL Research School.

NEWS

The lecture "[Order in Traffic Chaos: Si Vis Pacem, Para Bellum!](#)" of TRAIL Staff member **Prof. Serge Hoogendoorn (DUT/CEG)** on January 7th on the 169th Dies Natalis "In Beweging" was very interesting!

For those who could not attend, this is the [LINK](#) for more information (mostly in Dutch).

Karel Martens (RU) closed a four-year research contract with **the GAPA**, the parking authority of the Municipality of Antwerp, Belgium, to further develop **PARKAGENT**, an innovative agent-based model of parking dynamics, and apply it to parking policy issues in the city.

NEW PHD STUDENTS



Jianli Li (DUT/OTB) on "Sea Port Competitiveness and Intermodal Barge Network: from a Sustainable Perspective". Jianli will perform her research at the OTB Research Institute of the Delft University of Technology. Her promotor is Prof. Bart van Arem.

Martijn van der Horst (DUT/TPM) on "Coordination in Hinterland Chains". Martijn is performing his research at the TPM faculty of Delft University of Technology. His promotor is Prof. John Groenewegen.



Mutu Anca (DUT/3ME) on "Safety Precautions in Electrical Systems". Mutu is performing her research at 3Me faculty of Delft University of Technology. Her promotor is Prof. Gabriel Lodewijks

COURSES

PROM-4: Scientific Writing in English

The aim of this course is to improve participants' ability to write papers, reports or a PhD dissertation in English. The focus will be on technical, scientific English, but the course will also be useful for people writing about non-technical subjects.

The course consists of ten two-hour sessions. As we look at various aspects of the writing process and at specific language problems, you will learn to write a text (an academic article, a chapter of your dissertation or whatever is relevant for you) in a systematic manner.

February –
April 2011

**30 March
6, 13, 20,
27
April 2011**

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PROM-5: Research Design

The great accomplishment of the first year of a PhD project is the elaboration of the research design. The research question must be analyzed and broken down into sub-questions and a tentative model must be constructed, identifying the key variables of the research. The research design specifies how these variables are to be operationalized (measured and/or manipulated), as well as the practical planning of the research. The participants of the course learn to determine what kind of measurements they are dealing with (quantitative vs. qualitative), how to decide on the survey or experimental design, sample size and quality of measures. A concrete product of the course is the design of a pilot study.

COURSES INTERESTING FOR PHD STUDENTS/PHD SUPERVISORS

- ❖ [PhD-supervisor as coach](#) by Aletta Wubben (only for DUT supervisors)
- ❖ [NWO Talent Classes](#)
- ❖ Course '[Endnote](#)' by TU Library
- ❖ Course 'Research Methodology' by Transportnet (see <http://www.transportnet.org>, chose 'courses' tab, and 'Research Methodology')

OTHER EVENTS

3 February: Mini Symposium Transport Safety "Bridge Science & Real-life" @ Nifv building, Arnhem. [More info here](#) (all in Dutch)

11 February: Inaugural Lecture by TRAIL Scientific Director **Prof. Ben Immers: "Working with Networks"** @ the Auditorium, TU Delft. Entrance is free, no need for registration (speech will be in Dutch).

22-23 February: Introductory course on Agent-Based Modelling @ University of Surrey, Guildford, UK. [More info here](#)

22-23 February: 1st Asia-Pacific conference on Qualitative Research in Web 2.0 @ Macau (China). [More info here](#)

23-25 February: Transportation & Climate Change Conference @ Leipzig, Germany (EC-FP7 TOSCA Project). [More info here.](#)

24-25 February: 2nd Annual Computer-Aided Qualitative Research Asia @ Macau (China). [More info here](#)

28-29 March: 2nd International Air Transport and Operations Symposium @ the Faculty Aerospace Engineering, TU Delft. [More info](#)

29 March: Rail Tech Europe 8th International Conference & Exhibition on Rail Technology in Amersfoort. [More info here](#)

6 April: 2^e VerkeersgedagDag 'Verkeersmanagement: managen van verkeersgedrag' @ TNO, Soesterberg. [More info here](#)

7-8 April: Mobil.TUM 2011 conference Making Sustainable Mobilities, Interdisciplinary Perspectives @ Munich, Germany. [More info here](#)

12 May: DVM Symposium 9th Symposium on Dynamic Traffic Management @ De Doelen, Rotterdam. [More info here](#) (all in Dutch) **ABSTRACTS DUE FEBRUARY 12TH!**

26-27 May: 2nd annual Qualitative Research for Policy Making 2011 @ Belfast, Ireland. Delivering efficient qualitative research for policy making in times of austerity. [More info here](#)

22-24 June: 2nd International Conference on Models and Technologies for Intelligent Transportation Systems @ Katholieke Universiteit Leuven,

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27 June-1 July: Kuhmo-Nectar Conference and Summer school on Transportation Economics 2011 @ Stockholm, Sweden. [More info here.](#)

26–28 September: The 9th biennial conference on Environmental Psychology @ the Auditorium of the Eindhoven University of Technology. Deadline Call for Abstracts 20 March 2011. [More info here.](#)

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