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Dear TRAIL member,

This is the TRAIL E-LINK of March 2010. TRAIL E-LINK will keep you informed of the ins and outs of TRAIL Research School.

IN MEMORIAM



Soter Eddia
* 1963 - † 2010

TRAIL Alumnus Soter Eddia, who defended his thesis at Delft University of Technology, 9-9-2009, has passed away completely unexpectedly at the age of 47. Between 2005 and 2009 Soter wrote a PhD thesis on institutional reforms of the transport system of the Cameroon capital of Yaounde. Doing PhD research and writing a PhD thesis is a challenge anyway, but doing this (1) in a Third World country like Cameroon, without the access to most journals, books, and other scientific sources, that is usual in western universities (2) without daily supervision, (3) with electronic supervision of the promotor only, and (4) in addition to a full time job (Ministry), another one day a week job (university) and a family life, is a huge achievement!

I remember Soter as a hard working, intelligent, persistent and enthusiast person. I only met Soter in person three times. We did not only discuss his research, but he openly discussed problems and challenges of Cameroon and Yaounde. I think Soter was a very engaged person who wanted to make a difference for his country. Soter was married and had three children, ranging (in September) from the age of 16 to 3. In addition he had a varying number (around 5) of additional people (mainly - if not all: children) living in his house, for which he took responsibilities, mainly orphan children of family and friends who died young because of aids or other reasons. As a result he did not only have his job as the direct advisor of his minister, but on Saturdays he also worked at the university, not only because of intellectual ambitious, but also because of financial reasons. He proudly spoke about his family. In addition he felt responsible for more people in several ways. It was a pleasure to have met Soter and have supervised him. A great person had died way too young!

Bert van Wee, Delft University of Technology

NEW PHD STUDENT

Igor Davydenko on "Models on logistics distribution structure choices in aggregate goods flow". Igor will perform his research at the Faculty of Technology Policy and Management of the Delft University of Technology. His promotor is Prof. Lorì Tavasszy.



PROMOTIONS

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| 16 March | Saskia de Craen (SWOV/DUT – TPM) "The X-factor. A longitudinal study of calibration in young novice drivers" |
| 19 April | Jaap van den Top (DUT – TPM) on "Modelling Risk Control Measures in Railways" |
| 22 April | Monique van den Berg (DUT – DCSC) on "Integrated Control of Mixed Traffic Networks Using Model Predictive Control" |

COURSES

10 & 17 March

SUBSCRIBE

**This course
will take place
in
Nijmegen
(10/3) &
Delft (17/3)**

**18, 25 March
1, 8, 15, 22
April**

SUBSCRIBE

**13, 14 & 15
April**

SUBSCRIBE

20 April

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Course 'Governance of Transport'

Over the past decades, governance has become a complex, multi-level and multi-actor process. The traditional hierarchical approach, in which government dominated much transport planning and decision-making, has been replaced by a world in which transport policies are developed within diverse networks of actors. In this course, a variety of theories and approaches will be discussed that can be used to research and analyze these new governance processes. This includes theories at the macro-, meso- and micro-level of governance in a network setting, such as institutional and network approaches and theories of cooperation; [more information](#)

Course 'Writing a Scientific Article'

This course has been especially designed for researchers preparing a doctoral thesis or wishing to publish scientific articles in English professional journals. The purpose of the course is to teach PhD students how to write a scientific article in correct English that can be published in an international journal. The course will be given to a small group of PhD students, and help students improve their writing skills, paying attention to individual needs assessed through the pre-course submissions, work submitted during the course and in individual tutorial sessions.

Course by A. Chatterjee, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam; [more information](#).

Course Dynamic Traffic Assignment

The course introduces the practical use of this technique, using Dynameq, a program for DTA developed by Mike Florian of INRO in Montreal. The course will have a practical character where the participants have the chance to get hands-on experience with the use of DTA program.

A series of hands-on exercises cover software inputs and outputs and demonstrate simulation basics, data validation, results interpretation, model calibration, post-DTA analysis and generating sub-areas and dynamic traversal matrices.

Participants will develop a basic understanding of traffic dynamics. Previous experience in transportation system modeling and/or traffic engineering is recommended but not required.

Course by Henk van Zuylen, Dr. Michiel Bliemer (Goudappel/TRAIL), Michael Mahut (INRO) and Maaïke Snelders (TNO/TRAIL).

Course 'Publishing in (Top-)Journals and Conference-proceedings'

The general aim is to help PhD-students understand how they can increase the probability of getting their best research presented at the field's most highly-regarded conferences (like TRB, IATBR), and published in its top-journals (like Transportation Research, Transportation).

Course By Dr. Caspar Chorus (TPM, DUT). [More information](#)

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OTHER EVENTS

22-23 June: Port Infrastructure Seminar 2010, Aula TU Delft. The Port Infrastructure seminar is an initiative of Delft University of Technology, Port of Rotterdam Authority, Port of Amsterdam, and Dutch Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Water Management. [More information](#)

11-15 July: 12th World Conference on Transport Research, Lisbon, Portugal. The preparations of the XII World Conference on Transport Research are well under way. The Society and the organizers expect to welcome many hundreds of participants to a memorable conference, and are doing their best to make it happen. More information: www.wctr2010.info.

11 - 13 October: The European Transport Conference, Glasgow, Scotland. Transport practitioners and researchers throughout Europe are responding to these challenges and the European Transport Conference, is the key annual event for sharing innovation, best practice and networking with colleagues from more than 30 countries. [More information](#)

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