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Dear TRAIL member,

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

NEWS

New Scientific Director

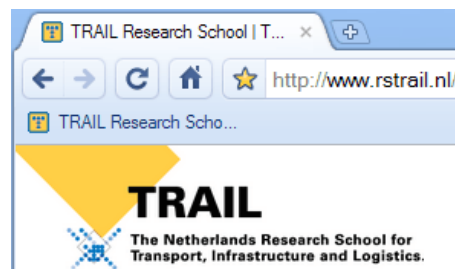
The Supervision Board of TRAIL Research School has appointed Prof. L.H. (Ben) Immers as the new Scientific Director of TRAIL as from March 1. Prof. Immers succeeds Prof. Henk van Zuylen who retired in December 2009. Read more.



New website

We are proud to announce a complete make-over of our website; both the layout and the navigation system of the website have been renewed, and full-search functionality has been introduced. In the coming months, additional information will be included in the website, so check the site on a regular basis!

www.rsTRAIL.nl



Partners for Water

Robert Verhaege (CEG-DUT, section T&P) is with his consortium one of the three nominees for the award "Partners for Water" with their project: 'Integrated planning for space and water in Indonesia'.

Also participating in this project next to Delft University of Technology: Demis BV, Deltares, DG Water and the Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment. More information on the [project](#) & the [contest](#). (all in Dutch)

NEW PHD STUDENT



Jan Kwakkel on "Treatment of Uncertainty in Airport Planning".

Jan will perform his research at the Faculty of Technology Policy and Management of the Delft University of Technology. His promoters are Prof. Warren Walker and Prof. Bert van Wee.

PROMOTION OF MARCH

Saskia de Craen (SWOV/DUT – TPM) “The X-factor. A longitudinal study of calibration in young novice drivers”. Summary: young, novice drivers have a higher crash rate than drivers from all other age categories. Crash rates are highest in the first months after licensing and drop substantially over the first two years of unsupervised driving, with the most pronounced decline during the first six months or during the first 5000 kilometres of driving. This thesis focuses on how experience reduces crash risk over time, and which relevant processes are involved.



NEXT PROMOTIONS

- 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

13, 14 & 15 April
FULL

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

20 April
SUBSCRIBE

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](#)

20 May
SUBSCRIBE

Course ‘Reliability of Transport’
The reliability of transportation systems has become an increasingly important issue both for passenger and freight transport. Dutch policy has specific targets with respect to travel time reliability. For a good analysis of the reliability and the robustness of a transportation system, a good theory is necessary. Such theoretical frameworks will be presented at the course. The students will learn about the latest developments in the field of the reliability of transport networks.
Course by Prof. dr. Henk van Zuylen (CEG, DUT). [More info](#)

COURSES ORGANISED BY OTHERS, RELEVANT FOR TRAIL PHD’S

- ❖ [NWO Talent Classes](#)
- ❖ Course ‘[EndNote](#)’ by TU Library
- ❖ Course ‘Research Methodology’ by Transportnet (see <http://www.transportnet.org>, chose ‘courses’ tab, and ‘Research Methodology’)

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OTHER EVENTS

21 April: Verkeer en Waterstaat-Praktijkcollege: 'from Deltacommittee to a Delta Act and a Delta Programme at top speed', TU Delft, Faculty of Technology Policy and Management – Room A. [More info and registration](#)

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.

19 – 22 September: IEEE Intelligent Transportation Systems Society (ITSS), Madeira Tivoli Ocean Park Hotel, Madeira Island, Portugal. This conference is one of a few premier conferences focusing on research and applications of leading advances in communications, computer, control, electronics, and information technologies related to ITS. [More information](#)

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](#)

23 & 24 November: 11th TRAIL Congress 2010, World Trade Center Rotterdam. More information will follow soon.

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