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Dear TRAIL member,

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

NEWS

The project Energy Transitions (Electric vehicles: early stage adoption processes) of Prof. Bert van Wee has been granted by NWO as a new project in the DBR Program.

Most research in the area of Electrical Vehicles (EVs) focuses on technical issues like battery capacity and charging systems. Much less attention is paid to the links between EVs and the wider society, including non-technical issues. In the proposal we focus on the early stages of (potential) market penetration of EVs, and in particular the role of early adopters (consumers and others). We aim (1) to understand the behaviour of crucial actors for the market introduction of EVs (2) to identify barriers and enablers for innovations in the first stage (3) to identify the role of actors in the 'environment' of early adopters (e.g. governments, firms, consumers), for these enablers and barriers.



NEW PHD STUDENT

Anthony Ohazulike on "Bilevel Optimization in Multi-Objective Road Pricing: a Cooperative Approach". Anthony will perform his research at the Centre for Transport Studies of the University of Twente. His promoter is Prof. Erik van Berkum.

PROMOTIONS OF APRIL

Jaap van den Top (DUT – TPM) on "Modelling Risk Control Measures in Railways". His main conclusion is that train drivers and traffic controllers currently lack essential information to reliably anticipate upcoming traffic conflicts. Supporting these operators by showing when and where conflicts are to be expected, could enhance quality of service and safety levels.



Monique van den Berg (DUT – DCSC) on "Integrated Control of Mixed Traffic Networks Using Model Predictive Control"

NEXT PROMOTIONS

30 June 2010

Enne de Boer (TUD-CEG) on "School Concentration and School Travel"

COURSES

20 May

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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](#)

1, 7, 15 & 22
June

FULL

Course 'Presenting in English'

This course, taught by an experienced trainer, aims to help you improve your presentation skills in English. Run successfully for several years now at TRAIL, it is particularly useful for researchers who are at an early stage in their PhD, but is also useful for researchers who have already given presentations in English and wish to improve.

Course by Amal Chatterjee (VU)

29 June

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Lunch meeting Introduction to TRAIL and organizing your own PhD

An introduction to the TRAIL Research School and the PhD process at TRAIL, the content and role of the PhD contract and the support given by TRAIL to PhD students.

Course by the Managing Director TRAIL.

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')

OTHER EVENTS

10 June: Themamiddag "Hoe groen is de groene auto?", Aula TU Delft. Kom met ons mee discussiëren over de (on)mogelijkheden van de groene auto en laat u verrassen door de deskundige adviezen van onze inleiders (all in Dutch). Organised by PAO, KIVI NIRIA & TRAIL. Download the flyer [here](#)

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](#)

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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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