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Dear TRAIL member,

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

## NEWS

### Update TRAIL Congress 2010

We are very proud to present you the renewed program of the 11<sup>th</sup> TRAIL Congress, to be organised on November 23 and 24, 2010 in the Rotterdam Hall of the World Trade Center, Rotterdam.

This time the congress will last for two days and will include a very interesting and varied program:

- a combination of 3 theme sessions: Sustainability, Modeling and Design,
- Several walking experiments, pitches, and poster sessions,
- 3 keynotes, a.o. Michel Bierlaire and Winny Maas
- and a TRAIL Award ceremony with Awards for all categories, from rookies to seniors

We hereby warmly invite you to take part in the renewed Congress.

***Please, make a reservation for 23 & 24 November in your agenda.***

***Check our website regularly for updates!***

### VENI-grant for Caspar Chorus (TPM-DUT)

In July, the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research awarded a VENI-grant for a proposal 'Regret-based models of mobility', submitted by Caspar Chorus. The proposed research aims to translate the human tendency to minimize anticipated regret into an econometric model system of mobility choice behavior. Developed models will be used to predict mobility patterns and to help design regret-based travel demand-management tools.

### A bronze medal Young Arena of Research 2010 for Yinyi Ma (RSM-EUR)

Yinyi Ma has won a bronze medal in the Young Arena of Research 2010, a competition for early stage researchers who are exploring the area of surface transport. Among 300 submissions her research on "allocating departure time slots to optimize dynamic network capacity" her paper was awarded the price in the category 'Future Visions of Transport'.



### A Ricker Transportation Safety Award for Fred Wegman (CEG-DUT)

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, Prof Fred Wegman got the Edmund R. Ricker Transportation Safety Award at the ITE 2010 in Vancouver, Canada ([more info](#)). The Award is presented to Fred C.M. Wegman in recognition of his global research and implementation of road safety programs and projects, including advancing sustainable safety, safety management and safety performance measures and his international involvement in a multitude of organizations.

### Maaïke Snelder is Most Excellent Young Researcher at TNO

Based on her research on vulnerability of transport networks, the title of most excellent young TNO researcher was awarded to TRAIL PhD student Maaïke Snelder.



*Foto: Paul Voorham*

## NEW PHD STUDENTS



**Evelien van der Hurk** on "Complexity in Public Transport: Passenger Behavior and System Optimization". Evelien will perform her research at the RSM of the Erasmus University Rotterdam. Her promoters are Prof. Leo Kroon and Prof. Peter Vervest.



**Malte Risto** on "Connected Cruise Control". Malte will perform his research at the Faculty Engineering Technology of Twente University of Technology. His promoter is Prof. Eric van Berkum.



**Ozgul Ardic** on "Implementation of Road Pricing". Ardic will perform her research at the TPM faculty of Delft University of Technology. Her promoter is Prof. Bert van Wee.



**Pavle Kecman** on "Model-Predictive Railway Traffic Management". Pavle will perform his research at the Faculty Civil Engineering of Delft University of Technology. His promoter is Prof. Ingo Hansen.



**Luuk Veelenturf** on "Passenger Oriented Disruption Management in Railways". Luuk will perform his research at the RSM of the Erasmus University Rotterdam. His promoters is Prof. Leo Kroon.

#### PROMOTION OF AUGUST



**Hans van Ham** on "Port Development in the Netherlands, Towards a better policy process". Port planning is carried out according to spatial planning laws but authorities deal with participation in different ways. However, the quality of policy making process depends on the level of interaction. Hence, a process design with a lot of interaction scores best but coincides with a greater risk of failure.

#### COURSES

28 Sept &  
12 October

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#### Workshop Poster Design

The aim of this workshop is to teach students to create an attractive and well designed poster as well as to make a folder about their research project. The workshop is intended for PhD students in the first years of their research project.

*Course by Tamyra Meesters (TradeMark Ontwerp en Vormgeving)*

5, 20, 21 & 22  
October

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#### Course Traffic Flow Phenomena: observation, theory and modelling

In traffic, complex phenomena resulting from collective behaviour are observed. Examples are shock waves, hysteresis, capacity drop, (in)stability and moving jams. After this course the participants will understand the theory behind these phenomena and the existing approaches to modelling these phenomena. They will also gain hands-on experience of recognizing phenomena from data and using models to reconstruct these phenomena

*Course by Prof. dr. ir. Serge Hoogendoorn (CITG, DUT)*

19 October &  
2,9,16 Nov

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#### Course Presenting in English

The workshop is given by excellent native speakers and is considered to be very good and highly motivating, focussed on helping you to present clearly and in adequate English. This workshop will be particularly useful for our newer PhD students, this workshop will be useful to prepare them for their first presentations.

*Course by Walter Bruins (VU Language Centre)*

#### COURSES INTERESTING FOR PHD STUDENTS

- ❖ [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

**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](#)

**27 September: Elsevier Technologiedebat: Rijden we straks allemaal in een elektrische auto? (In Dutch), Campus Den Haag.** Op het vierde *Elsevier* Technologiedebat, georganiseerd samen met de TU Delft en Universiteit Leiden - Campus Den Haag, staat de elektrische auto centraal. Gespreksleider is Simon Rozendaal, wetenschapsredacteur van *Elsevier* en alumnus TU Delft. Schrijf u gratis in ([info@campusdenhaag.nl](mailto:info@campusdenhaag.nl)) en debatteer mee met o.a. hoogleraar Cees de Bont en voormalig Groen-Links wethouder in Amsterdam Marijke Vos. Verder: leuke mensen, gekke ideeën !! jonge Delftse studenten presenteren verrassende oplossingen! **[More info in attachment.](#)**

**7 – 8 October: Qualitative Research Workshop** in Lisbon, Portugal (suitable for beginning PHD transport researchers). The 3rd annual European workshop on Computer-Aided Qualitative Research 2010 (Twitter hashtag #CAQR) will be held on the 7 & 8 October 2010 in Lisbon. This international workshop will be co-organised by [Lisbon University Institute](#) (ISTCE-IUL). The aim of the workshop is to bring together researchers, practitioners and trainers to discuss the key challenges and opportunities of advancing qualitative research using software. [More 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](#)

**23 & 24 November: 11th TRAIL Congress 2010**, World Trade Center Rotterdam. More information [here](#)

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