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Dear TRAIL member,

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

*Do you have news for us? Please share it with us!*

**NEWS****TRAIL receives 800.000 euros for a Graduate Programme!**

TRAIL receives 800.000 euros of the Dutch Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) for the training of young researchers. Bert van Wee (TRAIL), Hans van Lint (TUD/TIL), and Vincent Marchau (TRAIL) have written this request with the aid of Hugo Priemus.



The funding is part of the NWO Graduate Programme, aimed at stimulating the formation of excellent teaching and research environment for talented young researchers. This will enable 4 to 5 excellent MSc TIL students (TU Delft) to pursue their career as a PhD student within TRAIL. Students are free to choose their subject and promotor within the TRAIL community. We have the ambition to spread the PhD students across all the TRAIL-groups as much as possible, to prevent too much dominance of the TUD. This may involve, for example, a second promotor of a non-TUD group in case one would choose for the TUD. In addition, students will already get to know the non-TUD groups within TRAIL during their TIL-Masters study.

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**TRAIL-internal  
PhD conference 2013**

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!**

*November 14, 2013*

*Het Meisjeshuis, Delft*

This conference is for TRAIL members only and gives TRAIL PhD students the opportunity to present/discuss their ongoing work informally with TRAIL-colleagues, exploring joint interests and planning for any future joint work/publications.

### Topics

- » **Transportation & mobility**
- » **Infrastructure & traffic modelling**
- » **Freight & logistics**
- » **Planning and forecasting, policy & management**
- » **Data and information technology**
- » **Energy**
- » **Land use & sustainability**

More information @ [www.rsTRAIL.nl](http://www.rsTRAIL.nl) soon!

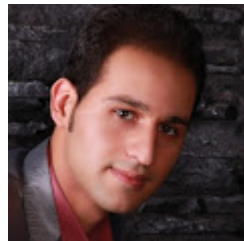
### **Social PhD event after the congress**

*The PhD council is very happy to announce that there will be a fun filled social event - Bowling, followed by dinner after the end of the conference. We hope it will be a nice networking and socializing platform for all the attending TRAIL PhDs. We would however like to know if you are willing to participate in the event or not. Please mention if you will join the event while registering at the TRAIL congress, and if you have missed it send us [an email](mailto:phd@trail.nl) before 25 October. We hope to see you at the congress and good luck with the preparations! [Please register asap](mailto:phd@trail.nl) :)*



*The TRAIL PhD council*

### NEW PHD STUDENT



**Masoud Mirzaei** on "Design and control of Autonomous Vehicle Storage and Retrieval Systems". Masoud will perform his research at the RSM faculty of the Erasmus University Rotterdam. His promoter is Prof. René de Koster and daily supervisor is Dr. Yugang YU.

### PHD DEFENSES TO COME

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| 6 November  | <b>Ary Samsura (RU)</b> on "Games and the City: applying game-theoretical approaches to land and property development analysis". |
| 29 November | <b>Sander van Cranenburgh (DUT)</b> on "Vacation travel behaviour in a very different future"                                    |

### COURSES AND MASTER CLASSES

**11, 12 & 18  
November**

Location:

**11 & 12  
November**  
TU Eindhoven -  
Dorgelozaal,  
Traverse

#### **Course - Discrete Choice Modelling**

*By Prof. Harry Timmermans, Dr. T. Dekker and Soora Rasouli MSc.*

Discrete choice models have played a very important role in transportation modelling for the last 25 years. They are routinely being used to estimate the influence of attributes on travel preference and travel choice, and predict market shares for transport-related services. As such, they are indispensable for the quantitative underpinning of many transport policies and plans. Several packages and tools are available to help users using these models in real

**18 November**  
TU Delft -  
Commissiekamer 4,  
Aula, TU Delft

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applications, making discrete choice models increasingly. This course covers the basics of discrete choice theory, its mainstream model (MNL) and more advanced models (Nested Logit, Mixed Logit, Random Regret). Discrete choice models can be used based on observed choices in real markets on people's stated choices. The course will therefore start with an introduction to the experimental design of stated preference and choice-experiments.

### **Seminar - Impact Assessment & Strategies for Integrated Land-Use and Regional Mass Transit Networks**

*Chairman: Prof. Ingo Hansen*

**13 November**

Location:  
Commissiekamer 3,  
Aula, TU Delft

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Guest lecture by **Prof. dr. Hong K. Lo** (University of Science and Technology Hong Kong) on 'Modelling integrated rail and housing development on the design of rail transit services' with focus on integrated housing development and rail infrastructure design & construction.

Talks/presentations by TRAIL and SAR-SRMT researchers:  
**Prof. dr. Luca Bertolini** on 'Governance of sustainable transit corridor development'

**Dr. Kees Maat** on 'Transit oriented development in the Randstad South Wing'

**Dr. Rob van Nes** on 'Multimodal supernetwork transport and traffic modelling'

**Ties Brands** on 'Multi-objective optimization model for multi-modal transport networks'

**Daniel Sparing** on 'Optimization model for simultaneous periodic timetable generation and stability analysis'

### **Lunch lecture - Maximise Your Utility by Minimising Regret: contrasts between two behavioral paradigms**

By Prof. Stefan Hess (University of Leeds)

**28 November**

Location:  
TPM,  
Instructiezaal G

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The arrival of random regret minimisation, the new kid on the block in choice modelling, has led to a hype of activity across different topic areas. In practice, the benefits of the model are often not clear to analysts, nor are its limitations. This presentation puts the development of the model in the context of other behavioural paradigms, contrasts it with the more commonly used random utility maximisation model, and provides insights into where the model might be a suitable choice as well as what might drive a respondent to make choices that are more suited to analysis by regret minimisation than utility maximisation.

For more details please visit the website [www.rstrail.nl/agenda](http://www.rstrail.nl/agenda)

## **COURSES INTERESTING FOR PHD STUDENTS/PHD SUPERVISORS**

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

## **OTHER EVENTS**

**October 3: Sustainable Transport 2013.** Unlocking the door-to-door journey @ Brewery Conference Center, London UK. [More info here](#)

**October 6 – 9: 16<sup>th</sup> IEEE ITSC Conference on Intelligent Transportation Systems for All Transport Modes @ The Hague, Kurhaus Hotel (Scheveningen).** [More info here](#)

**November 15: Symposium 'Mobiliteit en ruimte – de boven- en onderkant van het openbaar vervoer',** een ruimtelijke benadering van het openbaar vervoer ten tijde van economische krapte @ Eindhoven. [More info here](#)

**December 2-4: 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Models and Technologies for Intelligent Transport Systems (MT-ITS 2013)**@ Dresden, Germany.

**April 14 – 16: WIIT Paris 2014 : Women's Issues in Transportation @** Paris, France. [More info here](#)

**April 14 – 17: Transport Research Arena @** Paris, France. [More info here](#) / [Call for abstracts](#)

**May 19 – 21: Green Logistics for Greener Cities @** Szczecin, Poland. [More info here](#)

**August 24-27: ILS 2014, 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Information Systems, Logistics and Supply Chain @** Breda. [More info here](#)

#### OPTIONS FOR COLLABORATION IN EU PROJECTS

*Note from the Scientific Director: Paragon Europe contacted TRAIL for options for collaboration in EU projects. TRAIL has no experiences with Paragon Europe and cannot judge their qualities. If you want to explore options, please contact them.*

Paragon Europe is focused on Research, Project Management and Technology Transfer and since 2004, it has been successful in sourcing funds for EU projects. The company has been working with various programs including FP7, ERDF (INTERREG IIIA, IIIB and IIIC), IEE, ICT PSP, and LLP. Consequently it claims to have experience and a thorough understanding of the regulations and other specific procedures of EU. Paragon participates in such projects both as partner and as coordinator in the consortia submitting proposals. For example, it has led an FP7-ICT project which closed in February 2012. Apart from this, it is also participating in other ongoing projects LLP, IEE, and ICT PSP under these programs. Paragon Europe is looking for partners preparing projects in the area of transport, and it is interested in discussing collaboration and possible partnership in consortia.

See [www.paragoneurope.eu](http://www.paragoneurope.eu)

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