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Meeting of WCTRS

SIG C2 „Urban Transport Operations“ and SIG C3 „Intelligent Transport Systems“

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Major reformations decided in January 2014.

- Professional Support of the conference with a CMS – Conference Management System
- More Special Interest Groups
- Closer cooperation with journals
- Integrated review process
- …

Further topics of this presentation:
- Time Schedule for conference preparations
- Launch of the Call for Abstracts
- Specific calls for the session tracks
Several providers invited in 2013. Only 2 considerable proposals.


Elsevier will

- Provide the CMS – Conference Management System
- Build and maintain the conference website
- Support the marketing of the conference
- Promote the cooperation with Elsevier’s transport-related journals
- Provide the General Proceedings and a conference App
- ...

Reasonable cost for the society.

Work has already started (several conference calls, definition of the work flows, collection of contents for the website … )
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More Special Interest Groups

Experience from Rio:
Session tracks hosted by a SIG in average worked much smoother than others.

SIGs could
create more attention for WCTR,
support the conference organisation (incl. the review process) more efficiently,
provide a more permanent, continuous framework for international exchange.

Success regarding SIGs:

15 SIGs established before Rio
12 New SIGs established in 2014 (with more than 300 members)
  4 New SIGs planned.
  4 Session Track Teams installed.
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12 New SIGs established in 2014.
4 New SIGs planned.
4 Session Track Teams.
We encourage every Session Track Organizer to make an agreement with a journal to publish the best papers from his/her session track after the conference WCTR Shanghai 2016.

Most STOs and SIG chairs have made such request to journal editors, and we have more than 25 confirmed agreements on special issues, already.

We aim for having such agreements for ALL session tracks.
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Integrated Review – Principles

Each conference paper needs two careful reviews (same as journals).

The quality of the reviews for the journals shall not be decreased.
The quality of the reviews for the conference must be improved.

Journal editors have the full decision on accepting reviews conducted for the conference or not.

Comprehensive support from the Conference Management System:
“Elsevier undertake to adapt their current system to take into account the specific requirements of the conference owner as listed below:

- STOs to be able to select and appoint reviewers directly in the system.
- STOs to be able to see how many papers each reviewer has been allocated.
- Automatic emails to be generated to reviewers.
- If a reviewer declines the STO to be automatically notified.
- Each session track will have 1 or more journals associated with it. In the back end the system will have the ability for STO/Guest Editor to be able to select which of the associated journals are relevant for that paper. Each journal may have different review requirements and the CMS will be adapted to have different review requirements/questions per track.”

(Contract between WCTRS and Elsevier)
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Integrated Review – Proposed Procedure

Procedure for TP and CSTP (and others?):

1. We are asking authors during paper submission to allow us to forward their paper together with the reviews to the journal editors.
   “I would like my paper to be considered for publication in a journal. I agree that my paper and reviews are forwarded to the journal editor.“

2. Wherever possible, we are seeking agreement from the journal editors with the selection of reviewers.

3. We do the conference review for WCTR Shanghai as much as possible following the journal standards, based on a unified review form (+ additional questions for other journals) and review guidance.

4. We provide the highly rated articles (A+B papers) together with the reviews to the journal editors.

5. Editors consider carefully (case by case) if conference reviews are acceptable and if additional reviews are necessary. The Elsevier CMS should allow editors simply to accept a review which has been done already (or to invite additional reviewers). This leaves all decisions to the editors, but it may avoid to bother experts with unnecessary reviews.
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Time Schedule for Conference Preparations (extract)

- **15 Dec 2014**: Call for Abstracts circulated

- **15 Mar 2015 (30 Apr 2015)**: Deadline for Abstracts

- **18 May 2015**: Abstract Reviews finalized by TAMs
- **15 Jun 2015**: Results of Abstract Review disseminated
  - Full Papers invited

- **30 Sep 2015 (15 Oct 2015)**: Deadline for Full Papers

- **15 Dec 2015**: Full Paper Reviews finalized
- **22 Jan 2016**: Results disseminated

- **24 Mar 2016**: Deadline Revised Papers
- **08 Apr 2016**: Revised Paper Reviews finalized

Hand-over of A+B-Papers to Journals together with attached review results

If necessary: Additional Journal Review and Revision Process

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The World Conference on Transport Research Society (WCTRS) announces that the 14th World Conference will be held from the 10-16 July 2016 in Shanghai (China) at Tongji University, which will host the Conference at its main campus.

The aims of the conference are to offer a unique opportunity to bring together experts in all aspects of transport research, from all parts of the world and to stimulate the exchange of ideas in the broad field of transport research.

The Committees of WCTRS invest great efforts in reviewing the papers submitted to the conference and organising the sessions to enable the participants to gain maximum benefit. After the abstract review, authors can choose to submit their paper either for the non-review track or the review track. The latter offers a thorough review process for each full paper to assess its potential for publication and for short-listing for the award of a prize. As a new arrangement, for many session tracks a close cooperation with journals has already been agreed, so that the best papers are expected to be published in peer-reviewed journals after the Conference (for details access the website listed below). The organisation of the Conference is supported by ELSEVIER.
Call for Abstracts WCTR 2016 Shanghai (2)

Authors are invited to submit contributions to the following topic areas:

- **Topic Area A**: Transport Modes - General (incl. air, rail and maritime transport)
- **Topic Area B**: Freight Transport and Logistics
- **Topic Area C**: Traffic Management, Operations and Control
- **Topic Area D**: Activity and Transport Demand
- **Topic Area E**: Transport Economics and Finance
- **Topic Area F**: Transport, Land-use and Sustainability
- **Topic Area G**: Transport Planning and Policy
- **Topic Area H**: Transport in Developing and Emerging Countries

Detailed information on a) the content of each Topic Area and its Session Tracks as well as on b) the links between individual session tracks and specific journals are provided on the Conference website:

[www.wctrs-conference.com](http://www.wctrs-conference.com)
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Call for Abstracts WCTR 2016 Shanghai (3)

Important Deadlines
Submission of abstracts: 15 March 2015
Notification on abstract review results: 15 June 2015
Submission of full papers for review: 30 September 2015
Notification of paper review results: 31 January 2016
Submission of revised papers and full papers without review: 24 March 2016
Deadline for Conference registration for authors: 24 March 2016

Guidelines for submission
Abstracts should be submitted using the abstract template and the Elsevier submission system at www.wctr2016.com/submit-abstract. All correspondence related to this call should be addressed to Mrs. Prof. Dr. Füsun Ülengin, Sabanci University, Istanbul (fulengin@sabanciuniv.edu).

Information regarding hotel reservations and travel will be provided on the Conference website.

We look forward to your contribution and participation in the next World Conference on Transport Research in Shanghai 2016!
**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR SESSION TRACK E1**

**TRANSPORT SYSTEMS ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC EVALUATION**

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I would cordially invite prospective authors to submit contributions to Session Track E1: Transport Systems Analysis and Economic Evaluation.

Transport systems analysis and economic evaluation is a multidisciplinary field which draws on economics (e.g. cost-benefit analysis), engineering, operations research, … [session track description]

After the abstract review, …

Papers that will receive A or B grades after evaluation will be considered for Special Issues of the following peer-reviewed journals:

- RETREC – Research in Transportation Economics
- Transport Policy (pending approval)
Selected Proceedings to be published on the society’s website.

“Round table discussions" are introduced in the Shanghai conference, allowing 45 to 60 minutes of discussion. Each STO encouraged to decide on one session of this format within his/her session track and to select the appropriate papers.

Second edition of the WCTRS newsletter due to be published soon.

Confirmed date for WCTR Shanghai: 10-15 July 2016