

Recent developments in WCTRS



Meeting of WCTRS

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

Brisbane, 18 November 2014

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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

Selection of a CMS provider



Several providers invited in 2013. Only 2 considerable proposals.

Negotiations with Elsevier finalized. Contract signed, dated October 7, 2014.

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 ...)

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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Overview on SIGs and STTs (1)



SIG A1 (SIG 8)	Air Transport and Airports / Air Transport Research Society (ATRS).
SIG A2 (SIG 2)	Maritime Transport and Ports
SIG A3 (SIG 13)	Rail Transport
STT A4	Road Transport: General
SIG B1	Logistics and Supply Chain Management
SIG B2	Freight Transport Operations, Sustainability and ITS
SIG B3	Intermodal Freight Transport
SIG B4 (SIG 9)	Urban Goods Movement
SIG B5	Freight Transport Modeling
SIG B6	Humanitarian Logistics in Disasters
SIG C1	Traffic Theory and Modelling
SIG C2 (SIG 15)	Urban Transport Operations
SIG C3	Intelligent Transport Systems
SIG C4 (SIG 3)	Traffic Safety Analysis and Policy
SIG C5 (SIG 5)	Infrastructure Management
SIG D1	Data Collection and Processing Methods
SIG D2 (SIG 12)	Travel Behavior and Choice Modelling
SIG D3	Applications of Travel Behaviour Analysis & Demand Modelling Approaches
SIG D4 (SIG 6)	Telecommunications and Travel Demand

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Overview on SIGs and STTs (2)



SIG E1	Transport System Analysis and Economic Evaluation
STT E2	Transport Pricing
SIG E3 (SIG 4)	Transport Economic Regulation
SIG F1 (SIG 1)	Transport and Spatial Development
SIG F2 (SIG 11)	Transport and the Environment
SIG G1	Governance and Decision-making Processes
SIG G2	National and Regional Transport Planning and Policy
SIG G3 (SIG 10)	Urban Transport Planning and Policy
SIG G4	Cultural and Social Issues in Transport
SIG G5 (SIG 14)	Transport Security
SIG G6	Disaster Resilience in Transport
STT H1	Governance and Capacity Building <i>in Developing Countries</i>
STT H2	Infrastructure Planning, Financing and Evaluation <i>in Developing Countries</i>
SIG H3	Infrastructure Operation and Traffic Management <i>in Developing Countries</i>
SIG H4	Regional and Interregional Transport <i>in Developing Countries</i>
SIG H5 (SIG 7)	Urban Transport <i>in Developing Countries</i> / CODATU

Closer Cooperation with Journals



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.

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)

Integrated Review – Proposed Procedure

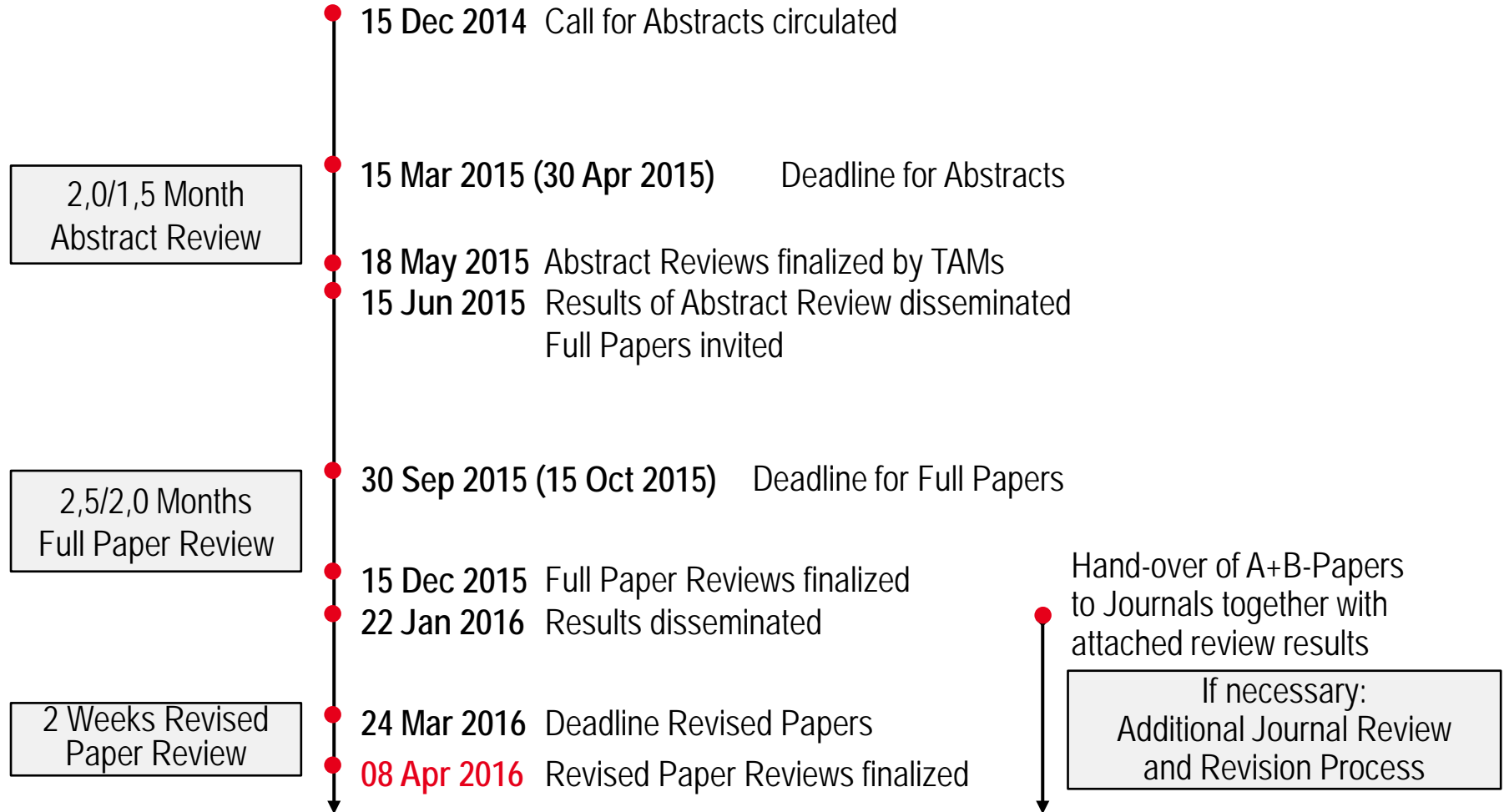


Procedure for TP and CSTP (and others?):

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.



Time Schedule for Conference Preparations (extract)





**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
14TH WORLD CONFERENCE ON TRANSPORT RESEARCH
SHANGHAI (CHINA), 10-16 JULY 2016**

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.

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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

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. Füsün 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!

Specific Calls for Session Tracks - Example



**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 \(pending approval\)](#)

Further Decisions of the SCC



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**