

# TRAIL E-LINK

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Dear TRAIL member,

**NEWS** 

In this TRAIL E-LINK

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

\* News

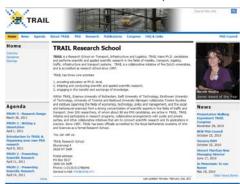
- New PhD students

**PhD Defense** 

- \* Courses
- \* For TRAIL
  PhD's/Supervisors
- \* Other events

We are proud to introduce our new TRAIL Logo to you! As of today the new TRAIL Logo (designed by Brenda Vonk Noordegraaf) will appear more and more in all TRAIL related correspondence and publications.

**NEW TRAIL LOGO** 



### **NEW TRAIL WEBSITE**

As you probably noticed the TRAIL website is not updated lately. At the moment we are very busy with a fresh new site and we expect to publish it next week, so stay tuned!

#### PHD DEFENSE TO COME

**Defense of Mohamed Mahmod** on "Using Co-Operative Vehicle-Infrastructure Systems to Reduce Traffic Emissions and Improve Air Quality at Signalized Urban Intersections".

The defense will be on 31 March next, 12.30 hrs @ University of Twente, gebouw Waaier, College room 4.

### **NEW PHD STUDENTS**



**Mignon van den Berg (DUT/CEG)** on "Travel Behavior Modelling under Exceptional Conditions, including information, guidance and control".

Mignon will perform her research at the Civil Engineering of the Delft University of Technology. Her promotor is Prof. Serge Hoogendoorn.

**Yaqing Shu (DUT/CEG)** on "Maritime Traffic Model for Increased Safety and Capacity of Ports and Waterways". Yaqing is performing his research at the Civil Engineering of Delft University of Technology. His promotors are Prof. Serge Hoogendoorna and Prof. Han Ligteringen



# **COURSES**

### PROM-5: Research Design

30 March 6, 13, 20, 27 **April 2011**  The great accomplishment of the first year of a PhD project is the elaboration of the research design. The research question must be analyzed and broken down into subquestions and a tentative model must be constructed, identifying the key variables of the research. The research design specifies how these variables are to be operationalized (measured and/or manipulated), as well as the practical planning of the research. The participants of

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the course learn to determine what kind of measurements they are dealing with (quantitative vs. qualitative), how to decide on the survey or experimental design, sample size and quality of measures. A concrete product of the course is

the design of a pilot study.

Introduction to TRAIL & Organizing your own PhD

5 April

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research

The aim of this course is to introduce TRAIL Research School and the PhD process at TRAIL, to present the content and role of the PhD contract and to present the

support given by TRAIL to PhD students.

11, 14 and 15 April

PROM-2: Presenting Scientific Research

This course aims to (further) develop insight into effective presentation techniques and increase skills in applying presentation techniques in a range of situations (presenting research for experts or laymen, formally for a large

audience or informally for a small audience).

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### COURSES INTERESTING FOR PHD STUDENTS/PHD SUPERVISORS

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

# **OTHER EVENTS**

28-29 March: 2<sup>nd</sup> International Air Transport and Operations Symposium @ the Faculty Aerospace Engineering, TU Delft. More info

29 March: Rail Tech Europe 8th International Conference & Exhibition on Rail Technology in Amersfoort. More info here

6 April: 2<sup>e</sup> VerkeersgedagDag 'Verkeersmanagement: managen van verkeersgedrag' @ TNO, Soesterberg. More info here

7-8 April: Mobil.TUM 2011 conference Making Sustainable Mobilities. Interdisciplinary Perspectives @ Munich, Germany. More info here

12 May: DVM Symposium 9<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Dynamic Traffic Management @ De Doelen, Rotterdam. More info here (all in Dutch) ABSTRACTS DUE FEBRUARY 12TH!

26-27 May: 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Qualitative Research for Policy Making 2011 @ Belfast, Ireland. Delivering efficient qualitative research for policy making in times of austerity. More info here

7 – 9 June: 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on City Logistics, Mallorca Island, Spain. More info here

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**UNSUBSCRIBE** E-LINK? Please E-MAIL us **22-24 June: 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Models and Technologies for Intelligent Transportation Systems** @ Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium. More info here & contact.

27 June-1 July: Kuhmo-Nectar Conference and Summer school on Transportation Economics 2011 @ Stockholm, Sweden. More info here.

**26–28 September**: The 9<sup>th</sup> biennial conference on Environmental **Psychology** @ the Auditorium of the Eindhoven University of Technology. Deadline Call for Abstracts 20 March 2011. More info here.

OUR WEBSITE **WWW.RSTRAIL.NL** IS AVAILABLE, BUT UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THIS MOMENT