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Dear TRAIL member,

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



*We wish you all a joyful and festive December!*

**NEW PHD STUDENTS**

**Sayed Mohammadebrahim Derakhshani** on "Modeling dust origination by Discrete Element Method and Computational Fluid Dynamics."

Sayed will perform his research at the 3Me Faculty of the Delft University of Technology. His promotor is Prof. Gabriel Lodewijks, daily supervisor Dr. Dingena Schott.



**Ifigenia Psarra** on "Effects of endogenously triggered changes on dynamic repertoires of activity travel behavior". Ifigenia will perform her research at the faculty Building & Environment of the Eindhoven University of Technology. Her promotor is Prof. Harry Timmermans.

**Clint Pennings** on "Assessing the gain of sharing demand forecasts in FMCG supply chains". Clint will perform his research at the RSM Erasmus University Rotterdam. His promotor is Prof. Leo Kroon, daily supervisor Dr. Jan van Dalen

**BY THE PHD COUNCIL**

The TRAIL PhD Council is looking for new members for the council. Curious or interested? Please feel free to contact any of us through [phdcouncil@rstrail.nl](mailto:phdcouncil@rstrail.nl) and also have a look at the website on <http://www.rstrail.nl/phd-council>.

**DEFENSE OF NOVEMBER****Chantal Cantarelli on "Cost Overruns in Large-Scale Transportation Infrastructure Projects"**

Cost overruns are a serious problem in large-scale transport infrastructure projects worldwide. This thesis aims to obtain a better understanding of the phenomenon of cost overruns. It explores causes and explanations for cost overruns from a theoretical perspective. Further, more insight into the cost performance of the Netherlands is provided and this is

compared with the cost performance in other countries. In this way a comprehensive theoretical and empirical contribution is given to the current state-of-the-art on the risk of cost overruns.

## PHD DEFENSES TO COME

**6 December - Thijs Muizelaar (UT)** on "Non-Recurrent Traffic Situations and Traffic Information: determining preferences and effects on route choice"  
**2 February 2012 – Nina Schaap (UT)** on "Driving Behaviour in Unexpected Situations"

## COURSES

### Master class Non-recurrent Traffic Situations and Traffic Information

**6 December**

[Registration  
HERE](#)

At the occasion of the defense of Thijs Muizelaar, TRAIL kindly invites you to a master class by three very distinguished members of the PhD committee: Prof. dr. Eric van Berkum (University of Twente), Prof. dr. Gerard de Jong (University of Leeds/Significance) and Dr. Martijn van Noort (TNO) @ the University of Twente, Enschede.

**12, 13 & 14  
December**

[Registration  
HERE](#)

### Course TRAIL Theories and Methods

*By Dr. Maarten Kroesen, Raymond Hoogendoorn MSc.*

This course provides attendees with a rich overview of TRAIL theories and research methods. Attendees learn to formulate field specific research questions, choose and apply appropriate research methods and data-analysis techniques and correctly interpret the results in light of the formulated research aim.

**10 January**

[Registration  
HERE](#)

### Course TRAIL Policy Relevance of your PhD Research

*By Dr. Jan Anne Annema, Dr. Vincent Marchau*

To enable PhD students to gain understanding of and be able to describe the policy relevance of their PhD thesis results. The course consists of a summary of an actually published PhD thesis will be distributed. The class will discuss with the teachers how the policy relevance is treated in this particular case (discussion); some theoretical notions will be given on transport policy relevance (lecture); tips and tricks, inspiration to make your thesis policy relevant (self-study); participants will make a press release (1 A4 maximum) of their own PhD research. Results will be discussed (exercise and plenary discussion).

**2 February**

[Registration  
HERE](#)

### Course Writing and Publishing a 'TRAIL' Research Article

*By Dr. Caspar Chorus, Dr. Vincent Marchau*

The aim of this course is to support TRAIL PhD students in writing and publishing a scientific article about their research.

Course content: how to write a good article, in terms of structure, message, positioning, added value, etc.; relevant journals for TRAIL-related publications, and their scopes and impact factors; the review process: do's and don'ts (communicating with the editor and referees, dealing with sometimes severe criticism); publishing and your PhD: how to achieve synergy (choosing and managing your co-authors, making sure your dissertation benefits from your publications).

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)
- ❖ [NWO Talent Classes](#)
- ❖ Course 'Endnote' by TU Library
- ❖ Course 'Research Methodology' by Transportnet (see <http://www.transportnet.org>, chose 'courses' tab, and 'Research Methodology')
- ❖ **21-25 May: Beta Course: Technology Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management 2012** @ University of Eindhoven. [More info](#)

## NEW JOURNALS

[Journal of Aerospace Operations](#) on Engineering and Technology, Mathematical Analysis and Aerospace Science

## VACANCIES

### Vacancies at TNO

Senior consultant Logistics ( and Supply chain mgmt); Medior/Senior Projectmanager Logistics & Supply chain management; Junior consultant/specialist Logistics; Medior consultant E-freight (and smart trade logistics) Junior specialist logistics & E-freight; Medior specialist freight transport & logistics; Junior consultant freight transport & logistics; Medior consultant/specialist Emissions modeling; Medior consultant Sustainable transport; Junior consultant Sustainable transport and Sales manager Sustainable mobility. [More info here](#).

### Vacancy via MIT

Postdoctoral Associate – Behavioral Models for Land Use, Mobility and Energy and Resource Use with the Singapore-MIT Alliance for Research and Technology (SMART). [More info here](#)

## OTHER EVENTS

**13 December: final project dissemination event Innovation Processes in Surface Transport** @ Brussels, Belgium. [More info here](#)

**12 March 2012: PLATOS Colloquium** @ Provinciehuis Den Bosch. [More info here](#) (all in Dutch)

**8-11 July 2012: 25th European Conference on Operational Research** @ Vilnius, Lithuania. **Deadline abstracts: February 29, 2012.** [More info here](#)

**4-8 September 2012: 1<sup>st</sup> European Symposium on Quantitative Methods in Transportation Systems** @ EPFL Campus, Lausanne, Switzerland. **Deadline abstracts: March 15, 2012.** [More info here](#)

**24-27 September 2012: Congreso Panamericano de Ingeniería de Tránsito, Transporte y Logística – PANAM 2012** @ Santiago, Chile. **Deadline abstracts: December 16, 2011.** [More info here](#) (Spanish)

Several interesting meetings "Dialog on Tour" [More info here](#) (all in Dutch)

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