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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.

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



*We wish you all nice holidays and  
we hope to see you next year @ TRAIL!*



## NEWS

### TRAIL-internal PhD conference 2013



*And the winner is...*

*Best Paper Award*

*Joris Wagenaar  
"Maintenance in the Rolling Stock  
Rescheduling Model"*

On 14<sup>th</sup> of November, an internal PhD conference took place. This implied that only TRAIL-PhD students gave presentations during parallel sessions. The sessions were chaired by TRAIL staff members. This setting suited very well to discuss work in detail. In all sessions I attended a lively discussion took place after the presentations. The mix of PhD students and staff members worked out very well in facilitating these discussions. Although the venue of the conference was still in Delft, being out of the daily work environment also contributed to this atmosphere: the venue 'Meisjeshuis' in Delft is located in the old town centre of Delft, and perfectly agreed with the number of people attending. Having enough time for drinks after the conference, more scientific and non-scientific topics were discussed. A selection of TRAIL members showed their musical skills during the drinks by playing in the band TRAMS: nice to see researchers from a different perspective. Finally, after the conference most PhD students joined the social event that followed: first, a strong competition in bowling took place, and afterwards a dinner was served. In total, it was a long, but interesting and pleasant day.

*Contribution by Ties Brands, TRAIL PhD Council*



## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Graduate Program Operations Management & Logistics (GP-OML)** Offered by the research schools TRAIL and Beta, powered by Dinalog

At many universities in the Netherlands, we have active research groups in the area of Operations Management & Logistics (OML). The total number of PhD students at those groups is in the order of 60-100. These students have a need for PhD courses on OML-topics. These courses should prepare students to do research on those topics. Hence, these courses are in-depth courses with a close connection to actual research. To provide such courses, it is important that the OML-groups in the Netherlands join their forces and offer a joint program of PhD courses. For this purpose, the KNAW-accredited research schools TRAIL and Beta have taken the initiative to start the Graduate Program Operations Management & Logistics (OML).

[MORE INFO HERE](#)

**NEW PHD STUDENTS**



**Goof van de Weg** on “Robust, optimal, predictive and integrated urban traffic control”. Goof will perform his research at the Civil Engineering Faculty of the Delft University of Technology. His promoter is Prof. Serge Hoogendoorn and daily supervisor is Dr. Andreas Hegyi.

**Kasper Kerkman** on “Matching public transport networks to land-use patterns in medium-sized metropolitan regions” Kasper will perform his research at the Nijmegen School of Management of the Radboud University Nijmegen. His promoter is Prof. Henk Meurs and daily supervisor is Dr. Karel Martens.



**Jeroen van den Heuvel** on “Designing and managing the transfer of train stations”. Jeroen will perform his research at the Civil Engineering Faculty of the Delft University of Technology. His promoter is Prof. Serge Hoogendoorn and daily supervisor is Dr. Winnie Daamen and Sebastiaan de Wilde (NS stations).

**Bart van Riessen** on “Hinterland Network Transportation of Containers”. Bart will perform his research at the Erasmus School of Economics at the Erasmus University Rotterdam. His promoters are Prof. Rommert Dekker (EUR) and Dr. Rudy Negenborn (DUT).



#### PHD DEFENSES OF NOVEMBER

**Ary Samsura (RU)** on “*Games and the City: applying game-theoretical approaches to land and property development analysis*”.

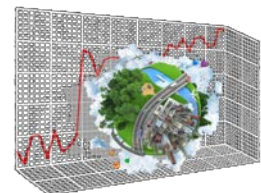


Obtaining a proper explanation in order to improve our understanding of the complexity of land and property development—particularly with respect to the interaction between stakeholders in decision-making processes—is clearly important. The aim of this thesis is to provide an alternative explanation regarding the decision-making in land development process in general, with a particular emphasis on the issue of public infrastructure provisions.

In this study, game-theoretical approaches and modeling were applied as analytical frameworks and tools. Both the usefulness and limitations of different gametheoretical modelling in analyzing the strategic behaviour of stakeholders are also observed and investigated.

**Sander van Cranenburgh (DUT)** on “*Vacation travel behaviour in a very different future*”

Peak oil, strong international climate change mitigation measures, and many other unconventional changes looming on the horizon may strongly change current vacation travel patterns. Many of these changes are expected to lead to a substantial increase in travel costs.



What changes in vacation travel behaviour can we expect and how can policy-makers prepare for this? The present thesis takes the first steps to answer these questions. In order to be able to develop vacation travel demand scenarios, this thesis develops and empirically tests advanced portfolio vacation choice models. Insights (substantive and methodological) presented in this thesis can help governments and tourism industries to anticipate more adequately when the probability on future high travel cost conditions becomes real.

#### PHD DEFENSES TO COME

24 January 2014

**Anthony Ohazulike (UT)** on "Road Pricing Mechanism, a game Theoretic and Multi-Level Approach.

## COURSES AND MASTER CLASSES

**A whole new program for 2014 will be presented as soon as possible.**

*Sneak preview*

*January – June 2014*

TRAIL TRAIL Introduction  
TRAIL Societal Relevance of your PhD research  
TRAIL TRAIL Theories and Methods  
TRAIL Profile of Future Employers of PhD students  
TRAIL Policy Analysis for TIL-Systems  
OML TRAIL Fundamental Domain Knowledge  
OML Facility Logistics Management  
OML Operations Research and Health care

More details soon @ [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

**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](#)

**June 24-27, 2014 World Symposium on Transport and Land Use Research 2014** @ Delft, The Netherlands. [More info here.](#)

**July 13 – 18 IFORS 2014 Conference** will host a special session on Freight Demand Modeling @ Barcelona, Spain. Research proposal/abstract submission before January 31. [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](#)

## VACANCIES

**Technical University of Denmark, Department of Transport**

Assistant Professor and Associate Professor in Transport Optimization/Transport Logistics

Application deadline: 17 December 2013

Full descriptions available at:

[Assistant Professor in Transport Optimisation/Transport Logistics](#)  
[Associate Professor in Transport Optimisation/Transport Logistics](#)

>> *Do you have vacancies? Please let us know!*

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*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 have 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.

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