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Gayathri,**  *Postdoctoral Researcher, IST Lab, IISc Bangalore, India*  [gayathrih@iisc.ac.in](mailto:gayathrih@iisc.ac.in) | About the Special Issue on “Innovative and Sustainable Development of Transportation” It is our pleasure to invite all of you to contribute your original manuscripts to the Special Issue (SI) in the Sustainability Journal, an Open Access Journal by MDPI. This Special Issue aims to provide a platform for disseminating the advancement in innovative and sustainable approaches to transportation. Specifically, this Special Issue focuses on the following topics: (i) presenting current, state-of-the-art, innovative planning approaches under emerging transportation technologies with regard to their potential to improve financial, social or ecological sustainability, and mathematical modeling; and (ii) identifying potential research directions and technologies that will drive innovations in the field of sustainable transportation systems.  The following are the focus areas of this Special Issue:   * Connected and autonomous vehicles (CAVs) and their interactions with the built environment * Environmental impacts of CAV technologies * Travel demand modeling considering CAVs * Transportation electrification and sustainability * Planning electrified public transportation * Sustainable EV charging infrastructure * Transportation infrastructure design in the era of smart cities.   Details about the issue are available at [Innovative and Sustainable Development of Transportation](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZFWM6EAP-oJIlhBy1XCuqhpJHqCtSq_Q/view?usp=sharing)  Deadline for manuscript submissions: 30 November 2022  **Special issue guest editors**  1. Amit Kumar, University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX, USA; Email: [amit.kumar@utsa.edu](mailto:amit.kumar@utsa.edu)  2. Wubeshet Woldemariam, Purdue University Northwest, Hammond, IN 46323, USA; Email: [wwoldema@purdue.edu](mailto:wwoldema@purdue.edu) SIG B3 Freight Transport Operations and Intermodality - Updates  |  |  | | --- | --- | | Die Bundesvereinigung Logistik - der wissenschaftliche Beirat - Die BVL ... | SIG B3 focuses on connecting researchers on an international scale to conduct collaborative research on the topic of “Freight Transport Operations and Intermodality”. In May 2022, SIG B3 has been organizing the planned sessions for the upcoming WCTRS Online Conference in July 2022. |   During this year’s WCTRS Online Conference, SIG B3 will be holding one session on 26 July 2022, 5 pm. to 6.30 p.m. CEST and one on 27 July 2022, 9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. CEST. The topic for both sessions will be “Climate Change - The role that freight transport can play to avoid emissions.” For the session on July 26, we welcome the participation and collaboration of TRB’s AT045 Intermodal Freight Transport Committee. Each sessions will be followed by a SIG meeting.  In preparation for the sessions at the Online Conference, we will be holding a workshop on 2 June 2022. The objective is to identify initiatives which may help avoid emissions in the field of freight transport while taking into account different viewpoints from research and industry.  Furthermore, SIG B3 has launched a new page on LinkedIn to connect our researchers but to also reach researchers and people from the industry from all over the world. The aim is to collect and share knowledge centering on “Freight Transport Operations and Intermodality”, ask questions and discuss relevant topics and events. This platform will also be helpful in communicating SIG activities.  **Prof. Ralf Elbert, *University of Darmstadt, Germany*** 13th Research Symposium on Urban Transport at the 15th Urban Mobility India Conference cum Exhibition 2022  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | We are pleased to announce that the eligible authors can submit their abstracts on the submission portal for the 13th Research Symposium on Urban Transport. which will be held as part of the 15th Urban Mobility India Conference cum Exhibition 2022 scheduled from 4th - 6th November 2022 in Kochi, Kerala, India. The theme of conference this year is “Azadi@75 Sustainable AtmaNirbhar Urban Mobility”. |   The event would be held under the aegis of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India and is being coordinated this year by IISc Sustainable Transportation Lab. (IST Lab.), Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore in association with Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT). The symposium is a platform to highlight the current research activities in urban transport carried out by academic and research institutes, especially by young researchers.  More information can be seen at the links below:-  **Website Link:** <http://www.urbanmobilityindia.in/Symposium/GeneralInfo.aspx>  **Submission Portal:** <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=umirs2022>    The abstract must be submitted online for the peer review by 21st June, 2022. The abstract submission will open from 5th June 2022.    For any queries regarding submission of Abstract/Paper etc. should be emailed to Prof. (Dr.) Ashish Verma, Professor & Convenor, IISc Sustainable Transportation Lab. (IST Lab.), Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore at [ashishv@iisc.ac.in](mailto:ashishv@iisc.ac.in) (M): +91-9845375724, with a copy to Mr. Furqan Bhat, Research Scholar, IST Lab. at [furqanbhatofficial@gmail.com](mailto:furqanbhatofficial@gmail.com) (M): +91-7006049502    **Prof. Ashish Verma*, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India***   Introducing the new Administration and Governance Officer, Ms. Helen Robinson  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | We are pleased to announce that Helen Robinson has joined WCTRS in the role of Administration and Governance Officer. Originally from Leeds, she has a joint honours degree in French and German (University of Leeds) a PCGE in Secondary Education (University of York) and a postgraduate diploma in Social Economy Enterprise Management (EPFC, Belgium). |   Following graduation, Helen moved to Brussels to complete a traineeship at the European Commission. Passionate about international cooperation and foreign languages, Helen worked in a bilingual (EN/FR) role for the European confederation of industrial and service co-operatives. Alongside work, Helen gained further qualifications in management and Spanish before moving to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office to support the L&D team with leadership and management work. Helen returned to her home city and assisted the GCRF-funded African SWIFT project at the University of Leeds. Helen's working languages are English, French and German and her working hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9am to 3pm, she can be contacted through the generic Secretariat e-mail [wctrs@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:wctrs@leeds.ac.uk). Membership of the WCTRS  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | The WCTRS is the only international society in transportation with a truly global network, bringing together over 1000 members from 67 countries to advance and exchange ideas and research across the transport sector. |     Members connect through the Society's triannual World Conference, which provides a rich forum to present and discuss the latest in transport research and practice, and through the activities of the Society's Task Forces and 33 Special Interest Groups, each of which represents a specific area of interest and inquiry. Members under 35 years old are additionally invited to participate in the Young Researcher's Initiative activities, which include a one-day event at the World Conference where young researchers can present their work and take advantage of networking opportunities and discussions on career development.  As well as being able to access this global network through Society events and our exclusive membership database to make contacts and further research collaborations, WCTRS members also benefit from the Society's partnerships with other prominent transport organisations, such as the International Transport Forum, the Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies, and the Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport. WCTRS and its partners exchange news and details of events, jobs, and publication opportunities and make this information available to members. All WCTRS members can obtain free online membership to the Society's two journals, [Transport Policy](https://www.journals.elsevier.com/transport-policy) and [Case Studies in Transport Research](https://www.journals.elsevier.com/case-studies-on-transport-policy), and have the opportunity to propose titles for publication in the WCTRS and Elsevier Transportation Book Series.  From academics, practitioners, and students to interested individuals, everyone is invited to join the Society and take part in its activities. Transport Organisations who wish to support the Society can apply for Supporting Organisational Membership to access a number of promotional opportunities and memberships for up to two individuals.  **WCTRS Membership - Free for 2022/2023**  **We are excited to share the decision of the Steering Committee that membership for WCTRS will be free of charge from July 2022 to July 2023. Normally the period of membership is three years, running between our main conference. However, with Covid and the postponement of the Montreal face to face event to 2023 we will extend existing members' membership for one year. There will be no need to fill out any forms to extend membership, but we will shortly be in touch with final details in case anyone wishes to opt out (!).**  **We will also shortly be announcing the opportunity for non-members to join the society free for this coming year in the run up to Montreal. We hope this will be a great opportunity for more people to get involved in the Society and we will value your support in promoting this. More details will follow shortly.**  If you have any questions about membership, do not hesitate to contact the [WCTRS Secretary](mailto:wctrs@leeds.ac.uk).  **Prof. Greg Marsden, *University of Leeds, WCTRS Secretary-General*** |
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