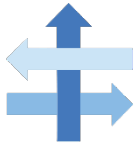


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Message from Prof. Pierluigi Coppola, STC Member: A Novel Approach to the WCTRS Newsletter



The WCTRS newsletter plays a vital role in keeping members informed, engaged, and connected to the broader activities of the World Conference on Transport Research Society (WCTRS). As a key communication tool for the global transport research community, it helps disseminate updates, showcase achievements, and foster collaboration. To enhance its effectiveness and outreach, an STC newsletter panel—comprising Tae Oum, Chunyan Yu, and Pierluigi Coppola—has proposed several improvements aimed at ensuring the newsletter remains timely, relevant, and reflective of the Society's diverse membership.

Starting in April 2025, the newsletter will be restructured into two distinct parts:

- **Part I: WCTRS-Focused Content**, including:
 - Updates on WCTRS research, journals, and special issues
 - Announcements and highlights of WCTRS events (e.g., the WCTR 2026 World Conference, WCTRS-Y activities, scholarships)
 - Major events organized by WCTRS international partner organizations
- **Part II: Broader Transport-Related News**, prioritizing:
 - News from WCTRS international partners
 - Announcements of scholarships and fellowships
 - Information on research funding opportunities

Part I will ideally feature one or two key articles, such as interviews with prominent figures conducted by the Editor or Assistant Editor. It will also emphasize WCTRS-affiliated journals—**Transport Policy** and **Case Studies on Transport Policy**, both published by Elsevier—which are central to the Society’s academic output. Future newsletters should spotlight newly released special issues, highlight notable articles by WCTRS members, and provide direct links to current research. This consistent promotion will strengthen the Society’s scholarly visibility and support its contributors.

Moreover, the newsletter should aim for more balanced coverage of **Special Interest Group (SIG) activities**. Brief summaries of SIG events, key discussions, and available resources—such as keynote recordings or presentation slides—would help showcase the full range of SIG contributions.

Regular updates on the upcoming **WCTR 2026 conference in Toulouse** would also be beneficial. Given the significance of this event, consistent communication—including planning milestones, session previews, and organizing news—would build anticipation and foster engagement. Even short updates every two to three months could maintain momentum and transparency.

Another valuable addition would be increased coverage of the **WCTRS Young Researchers’ Initiative (WCTRS-Y)**. Highlighting the work of early-career professionals not only supports the next generation of transport researchers but also promotes inclusivity across career stages. Showcasing WCTRS-Y events, accomplishments, and opportunities would enrich the community and encourage broader participation.

Beyond internal updates, Part II of the newsletter could also evolve into a wider knowledge hub by featuring international transport research highlights. Covering emerging trends, landmark studies, and major policy developments would give members a richer, more contextual understanding of the field.

Finally, the editorial team is considering moving to a **quarterly publication format**. Reducing the number of editions would allow for more thoughtful curation, in-depth reporting, and consistent quality.

By implementing these changes, the WCTRS newsletter can evolve into a more dynamic, inclusive, and informative platform—one that captures the vitality of the global transport research community and responds to the evolving needs of its members.

Prof. Pierluigi Coppola, Politecnico di Milano (IT) and STC Member

Call for Papers- WCTR Toulouse, France- July 6-10, 2026

The World Conference on Transport Research Society (WCTRS) is happy to announce that the 17th Triennial World Conference (WCTR) will be held from the 6th to the 10th of July, 2026, in TOULOUSE (FRANCE) at Toulouse Capitole University and organized by Toulouse School of Economics (TSE). Since WCTRS was founded in 1977, we will be celebrating the WCTRS 50th Anniversary at the Toulouse World Conference.

Authors are invited to submit one or more full papers to the following topic areas:

Topic Area A: Transport Modes – General
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
Topic Area I: Infrastructure Design and Maintenance

Detailed information on the content of each Topic Area and its Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are provided on the [WCTRS website](#).

The WCTRS Scientific Committee offers a peer review of each paper to assess its potential for presentation, publication (if wanted) and the award of a prize. In close cooperation with major scientific transportation journals, many special issues will be proposed, supporting publication of excellent papers. As with previous conferences, selected papers not proposed to special issues will be given the opportunity to be published in Transport Research Procedia. WCTRS support for publications is conditional on the outcome of the reviews and on registration at the conference.

Important dates

April 1st, 2025 - Submission opening
September 1st, 2025 (23h59 - Paris Local Time) - Deadline for submission
February 2nd, 2026 - Notification of paper acceptance
April 1st, 2026 - Deadline for registration of presenting author
June 1st, 2026 - Deadline for submission of final papers for conference

Guidelines for submission

Papers should be submitted using the paper template and the online call for paper submission system. All details and instructions are available on the [submission page on the WCTR 2026 website](#).

Notes

- Younger researchers have the option to submit their papers for presentation at the WCTR-Y to be held on July 6, 2026. More information can be found here: [WCTRS-Y/Ed 5](#).
- Each participant to the WCTR can present one and only one accepted paper.

Application to bursary awards to encourage researchers from lower-middle- & low-income economies to participate and present in WCTR Toulouse Conference will be available when paper acceptance will be notified.

Details regarding the Toulouse conference are regularly posted on the [conference website](#).

Social Media Announcement: WCTRS is Back on LinkedIn!

We're excited to announce that WCTRS has launched its new, official [LinkedIn page](#)! Unfortunately, the previous WCTRS page was removed since it wasn't the correct type (personal and not a business page), so we need your help rebuilding our LinkedIn page. We invite all members to connect on LinkedIn to increase our visibility, foster collaboration, and showcase the impactful work of our members.

Let's build this community together—follow, share, and engage! Follow us at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/wctrs/>

Message from the WCTR 2026 Directorate

[Toulouse School of Economics](#) (TSE) is honoured to host the 17th World Conference on Transport Research (WCTR) from July 6-10, 2026, in Toulouse. This prestigious event, marking over 50 years of global transport research, will bring together experts across various fields of transportation.

In the meantime, discover our distinguished keynote speakers:

● [Jean Tirole](#), professor of Economics at TSE, Honorary Chairman at TSE & IAST, visiting professor at MIT, Nobel laureate in Economics (2014), specializing in industrial organization, regulation, and psychology-based economics.

● [Moshe Ben-Akiva](#), Edmund K. Turner Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at MIT, Director of the MIT Intelligent Transportation Systems Lab, and expert in transportation systems, demand modeling, and discrete choice analysis.

🔗 Program : https://lnkd.in/ed_cEQBT

The Call for Papers for the WCTR 2026 is underway. This is a great opportunity to contribute to the latest research and discussions in the field of transportation.

🔗 Submission: https://lnkd.in/e9hx_4ti

Change in Editorial Team of WCTRS Newsletter

We are pleased to announce the new editorial team for the WCTRS Newsletter. Prof. Gopal Patil from the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB) will now serve as the Editor, and Ms. Richa Patel, a Ph.D. student at IITB, has joined as the Assistant Editor. We extend our sincere appreciation to the previous editorial team—Prof. Ashish Verma and Mr. Rohit Singh Nitwal—for their dedicated work and valuable contributions in shaping earlier editions of the newsletter. Their efforts in maintaining the quality and impact of WCTRS communications are truly commendable. We look forward to continued engagement with our readers through the efforts of the new editorial team.

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Choose between a focus on inclusivity or sustainability!

Summer School: Inclusive Urban Mobility

Date: 26 June – 04 July 2025

Location: Ghent, Belgium

More information: [Click Here](#)

Summer School: Sustainable Urban Mobility

Date: 04 –12 September 2025

Location: Bari, Italy

More information: [Click Here](#)

Early-bird registrations for the Bari Summer School end on May 15. Special rates are available for students based in low- and medium-income countries, EU countries, as well as for locals who do not need accommodation in both summer schools.

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Membership of the WCTRS

The World Conference on Transport Research Society (WCTRS) provides a forum for the interchange of ideas among transport researchers, managers, policymakers, and educators from all over the world from a multi-modal, multi-disciplinary, and multi-sectoral perspective.

Every three years, the Society holds the World Conference, where leading transport professionals from all countries and areas convene to learn from one another. WCTRS Montréal was held from 17th-21st July 2023.

In addition to our [Special Interest Groups](#), which facilitate research activities and the exchange of ideas in 42 topic areas, the WCTRS has a number of Task Forces that conduct research into emerging issues in transport and aim to bridge gaps between research and policy-making.

All academics, practitioners, students and interested individuals are invited to apply to become an individual member of the WCTRS. You can apply to join at any time by completing [this online form](#) and paying your membership fees [here](#).

The benefits of membership include:

- Access to a truly international network of transport academics and practitioners, which is the only such worldwide network, with over 1000 experts interested in transport research from over 80 countries.
- A wide variety of Special Interest Groups (SIGs), each dedicated to a specific academic topic, from mode-specific policy and modelling to solutions for climate change and disaster resilience. The full list can be found on the SIGs webpage.
- A free online subscription to the Society's two Journals: Transport Policy and Case Studies on Transport Policy.
- Online access to the proceedings of past conferences.
- Liaison with some 30 partner journals, which publish the best conference papers.
- Outreach to international organizations such as the International Transport Forum, World Bank and UNFCCC conferences.
- WCTRS Young Initiatives, including the WCTRS-Y Conference, grants awarded to young researchers, and dedicated newsletters and job information.
- Opportunities to contribute to the planning of a future World Conference through participation in Special Interest Groups and other Society activities.

More details: [Click here](#)

Useful Information and Links

1. **Transportation Research Procedia on World Conference on Transport Research - WCTR 2023 Montreal 17-21 July 2023**
Open Access
For details: [Click Here](#)
2. **Publications by SIG A4-Handbook on High-Speed Rail and Quality of Life and Frontiers in High-Speed Rail Development**
Both books are free to download.
For details: [Click Here](#)
3. **Urban Mobility Research in India Transport: Selected proceedings from the Research Symposium of 16th Urban Mobility India Conference & Expo 2023**
For details: [Click Here](#)
4. **A new Transport Research and Education Network to help ESCAP member States achieve sustainable transport**
For details: [Click Here](#)

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