

WCTRS NEWSLETTER

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WCTRS Newsletter Policy and Format Updates

We are pleased to share that the WCTRS Newsletter has undergone a number of updates with respect to policy and format to enhance transparency, editorial integrity, and the value delivered to WCTRS members.

Key changes include:

- **Template Improvements:** Clearer identification of the editorial team, Secretariat titles, and recognition of the STC Newsletter Panel.
- **Editorial Standards:** Strengthened guidelines to ensure neutrality and professionalism in all content, including photos and featured articles.
- **Newsletter Structure:** A more consistent two-part format—**Part I** dedicated to the focused contents on the WCTRS-Conference, Scientific Committee and SIG events, the WCTRS journals (especially special issues), WCTR-Young, and **Part II** covering broader transport-related news including international partners' major conferences, faculty and graduate student job posting, research project fundings, scholarships/fellowships, etc.

- **Ongoing Oversight:** Regular review meetings to ensure continuous improvement and alignment with WCTRS values.

We believe these updates will foster a more inclusive, informative, and professionally curated publication. We welcome your contributions and feedback as we move forward.

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

The Call for Papers for the World Conference on Transport Research (WCTR 2026) is underway. The conference will be held in Toulouse from July 6 to 10, 2026, and submissions are welcome until September 1, 2025. This is a great opportunity to contribute to the latest research and discussions in the field of transportation.

The conference welcomes submissions across a wide range of topic areas, including:

- Transport Modes – General
- Freight Transport and Logistics
- Traffic Management, Operations and Control
- Activity and Transport Demand
- Transport Economics and Finance
- Transport, Land-use and Sustainability
- Transport Planning and Policy
- Transport in Developing and Emerging Countries
- Infrastructure Design and Maintenance

Key Dates

September 1, 2025 – Submission deadline

February 2, 2026 – Notification of paper acceptance

April 1, 2026 – Deadline for registration of presenting author

June 1, 2026 – Final paper submission deadline

Submission: <https://www.wctr2026.fr/submission>

July 2025 WCTRS Steering Committee (STC) and Scientific Committee (SCC) meetings

July 2025 WCTRS Steering Committee (STC) and Scientific Committee (SCC) meetings, which will take place in a hybrid format.

Meeting Schedule:

Location: Toulouse School of Economics

Address: 1 Esplanade de l'Université, 31000 Toulouse, France

July 9, 2025 - SCC Meeting: 15:00 – 18:00 (CET)

July 10, 2025 - STC Meeting: 09:00 – 12:00 (CET)

Report on Evaluation of Candidates for WCTRS Y – Ed 5

The call for WCTRS Y activities was done as planned, and we obtained the following number of candidates. Activity I - 15 Candidates, Activity II - 4 Candidates, and Activity III - 5 Candidates. The time plan for the initiation of activities working with the respective winners is now 16th June 2025.

❖ Activity I: WCTRS Y conference

Proposed topic for the WCTRS Y conference: Transportation planning and policymaking under deep uncertainty: addressing unpredictable factors like technological development, climate change, conflicts, and economic shifts to ensure resilient and sustainable mobility for all

Conference Co-Advisors (CCAs): Fusun Ulengin and Antonio Musso

Considering Motivation Letters, CV, Availability, and Experience, the following allocation of tasks is proposed:

Proposed Conference Chair (CC): Ann Mary Varghese

Conference Organising Volunteers (COVs): Camila Domenighini, Kailin Chen

Papers' Referees (PRs): Ish Kumar, Luigi Castaña, Carla Nascimento.

Sessions' Chairs (SCs): Carlos Munoz, Shahana Avathkattil, Chonghao Zhang

❖ Activity II: PhD students' grants

Four candidates are eligible for the Grants

❖ Activity III: Young Online Facility and Social Media Management

All 5 candidates are eligible, but considering the CV, motivation, and time availability, the two proposed candidates for this activity are:

Anisa Fauzi Ratansari and Fabio Cristiano

Special Call for Papers – SIG G2: National and Regional Transport Policy and Planning

SIG G2 invites full paper submissions for WCTR 2026 in Toulouse, as part of its ongoing work on national and regional transport policy and planning. Building on past contributions—including special issues, international workshops, and the recent focus on rural mobility and appraisal methods—this call highlights two key themes for 2026:

Topic 1: Blind spot of existing appraisal methods used in transport policymaking

Topic 2: Innovations and sustainability of mobility in peri-urban, rural, and remote regions

This is a great opportunity to contribute to the latest research and discussions in national and regional transport policy and planning. Please find the full details in the [Call for Papers \[PDF\]](#).

Deadlines and important dates

The following dates are as of May 2025 and for information purposes only. For the latest information, please visit the WCTR 2026 official website at <https://www.wctr2026.fr/>.

- April 1st, 2025 – Submission opening
- September 1st, 2025 (23h59 – Paris Local Time) – Deadline for submission as of May 2025
- 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

If you have any questions, please contact Takeru Shibayama (takeru.shibayama@tuwien.ac.at) with the subject “WCTR2026 SIG G2 Question”.

Career Opportunities: Canada Excellence Research Chair- 2026

The University of Toronto, in collaboration with its affiliated research hospitals, is inviting applications for the **Canada Excellence Research Chairs** opportunities. These prestigious positions are open to internationally recognized researchers whose work aligns with one or more of the **Government of Canada’s Science, Technology and Innovation priority areas**.

The Canada Excellence Research Chairs program is intended to strengthen Canada’s ability to attract the world’s top researchers who will pursue leading-edge research and advance the frontiers of knowledge on a global scale.

Successful candidates will propose an innovative program of high-quality research and will establish and maintain a diverse core team of researchers and trainees.

For more details: <https://lnk.in/CERC2026>

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 the 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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