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WCTR 2026 Paper Submission Deadline Extended

The Scientific Committee of the World Conference on Transport Research (WCTR) is pleased to announce that the paper submission deadline for the upcoming 17th WCTR, to be held in Toulouse, France, from July 6–10, 2026, has been extended. The new deadline is **October 31, 2025, at 23:59 PM (CET)**.

This extension provides an excellent opportunity for more researchers, professionals, and academics worldwide to share their work and participate in this global forum for transport research. The transport research community should take advantage of this extended window to submit papers, connect with peers, and contribute to the future of transport research.

For detailed guidelines on preparing and submitting your paper, please visit the official conference website: www.wctr2026.fr.

We look forward to your contribution and participation in the next World Conference on Transport Research in Toulouse, France, 2026.

WCTRS Young Researchers’ Initiative (WCTRS-Y)

Reminder: Abstract Submission Deadline is Approaching!

Don’t miss your chance to be part of the Young Conference, 6 July 2026 in Toulouse, France, during the 17th World Conference on Transport Research (WCTR 2026)!

The Young Researchers’ Initiative of the World Conference on Transport Research Society (WCTRS-Y) provides opportunities for young members to gain experience in academic activities, develop their professional profiles and skills, network with established transport academics and practitioners, and become familiar with the workings of the Society.

Young members include:

- Researchers under 35 years of age on the first day of the next WCTR (6 July 2026)
- Early career researchers who completed their PhD less than four years before that date.

 Abstract submission deadline: 31 October 2025

 Submit your abstract and paper via: wctrs-y2026@outlook.com

Further information: [\[Call for papers\]](#)

Publication Opportunities & Awards

Papers presented at the Young Conference will have the chance to:

- Compete for Young Researcher Awards
- Be considered for inclusion in Special Issues linked to the conference

Please Note:

- Each young author may submit up to 2 papers: one to the main conference and one to the young conference.
- The same paper cannot be submitted to both conferences.

Job Opportunities

WCTRS-Y maintains a curated list of job opportunities across regions including PhD openings, postdoctoral, and lecturers.

Download the file: [\[Vacancies\]](#)

Career Advice

Prof. Rosário Macário, Full Professor of Planning, Urbanism, and Environment at Universidade de Lisboa, is a leading researcher in Transport Systems with over 25 years of experience across all modes of transport with strong focus on urban mobility. She is also the Founder and Editor-in-Chief of Case Studies on Transport Policy (Elsevier). Within WCTRS-Y, she plays a central leadership role, inspiring the next generation of transport researchers. She shares her journey and insights into building a long-term research career.

She emphasizes the importance of thinking long-term, developing a clear vision, and staying passionate:

“You have to love what you do” and “Research is not employment, it is a mission type of dedication — you think about it permanently.”

She highlights persistence, rigour, and strategic networking as essential tools for success. When asked if she’d change anything about her career path, she confidently says:

“No differences — I would take the same decisions.”

Her journey reflects purpose, resilience, and a deep commitment to research.

Full profile: [\[Career advice\]](#)

Young Scholar Feature

Camilla Domenighini, PhD researcher at the University of Antwerp and former Marie Skłodowska -Curie Actions (MSCA) fellow, shares her experience working on legal frameworks for autonomous inland shipping. In her interview, Camilla shares insights into her application journey, interdisciplinary approach, and how the MSCA fellowship shaped her academic growth and international network

Read the full interview: [\[Young Scholar Feature\]](#)

Young Scholar Publications

Explore recent publications authored by WCTRS Young Scholars across different transport fields.

Access the publication file: [\[Publications file link\]](#)

If you’ve recently published a paper, book chapter, or conference article, feel free to contact us and send us the details. we’ll include it in the file and in upcoming newsletters!

Workshops – We Want Your Input!

We’re planning workshops tailored explicitly for young members. If you are aware of ongoing workshops (within or outside your institutions) that could be relevant for our community, please share them with us at wctrs-y2026@outlook.com. This will help us build a stronger and more engaging program.

WCTRS SIG B3 Online Seminar: Data and Digitalization in Multimodal Transport Chains



How do we actually make multimodal transport chains smarter?
It’s a deceptively simple question... but behind it lie challenges the research community is uniquely equipped to tackle:

- What would it take to build common data standards across freight corridors?
- How can real-time data reshape optimization in practice?
- Where can AI and digitalization truly add value?
- And how do we use these tools to plan better and recover faster when disruptions inevitably happen?

On **November 6 at 4:00 pm CET | 10:00 am ET**, TU Darmstadt's Ralf Elbert and MIT CTL’s Elenna Dugundji will lead a seminar with the **WCTRS Special Interest Group B3** “Freight Transport Operations and Intermodality” and their Co-Chairs Mahnam Saeednia and Gunnar Stefansson to explore these questions. Don’t miss hearing exciting insights from our keynote speakers:

- Dr. Allison Fischman, U.S. Department of Transportation
- Dr. Ralf Bammerlin, German Federal Ministry of Transportation (Bundesministerium für Verkehr)
- Prof. Lori Tavasszy, TU Delft and Scientific Committee Chair of WCTRS

Register here for free: [WCTRS SIG B3 Seminar on 6 November 2025](#)

This is an opportunity for academics and practitioners to exchange ideas and push the dialogue forward: beyond technology for technology’s sake, toward frameworks that make multimodal systems both efficient and resilient.

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. WCTR Toulouse will be held from 6th-10th July 2026.

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 modeling 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. **WCTR 2026 – 17th World Conference on Transport Research, Toulouse, France (6–10 July 2026)**
For details : [Click Here](#)
2. **WCTRS – Young Researchers’ Initiative (WCTRS-Y)**
Opportunities for academic growth, networking, and professional development for early-career researchers
For details : [Click Here](#)
3. **Transportation Research Procedia on World Conference on Transport Research - WCTR 2023 Montreal 17-21 July 2023**
Open Access
For details: [Click Here](#)
4. **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](#)
5. **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](#)
6. **A new Transport Research and Education Network to help ESCAP member States achieve sustainable transport**
For details: [Click Here](#)

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