



ECTRI – FEHRL – FERSI Young Researchers Seminar 2009

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Dear Sir, dear Madam,

On behalf of the European Conference of Transport Research Institutes (ECTRI), the Forum of European National Highway Research Laboratories (FEHRL) and the Forum of European Road Safety Institutes (FERSI), I would like to invite you to encourage young researchers and tutors of your institute to participate in the Young Researchers Seminar to be held in June 2009, at POLITECNICO DI TORINO, in Torino, Italy.

In 2007, ECTRI, FEHRL and FERSI organised with the support of CDV, the Czech Transport Research Centre, the fourth edition of the joint Young Researchers Seminar in Brno, Czech Republic (previous editions: Copenhagen, Denmark 2001- Lyon, France 2003- The Hague, The Netherlands 2005). These seminars were not only considered very successful by their participants but formed a tangible contribution to the realisation of the European Research Area by promoting multicultural European tutorials and supporting the training in an international forum through both papers and oral presentations. Additionally, it aimed at promoting personal and interdisciplinary contacts as well as encouraging networking between juniors and seniors and among juniors from different environments, but having similar interests.

As a guideline for the submission of papers, the following 5 domains, chosen in the previous seminars, are maintained:

- transport economics and transport behaviour
- transport sustainability and environment
- transport safety
- Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)
- Transport civil and road engineering



The best papers will be selected for the participation to the seminar, thus, the Institutes are warmly invited to incite their best young researchers to submit papers.

Based on the abstracts submitted, the Steering Committee will select the best papers and decide the final programme. In addition to the criterion of excellence, a balanced representation from all the institutes will also be considered. More information about the submission procedure are in the enclosed document.

The success of the seminar is also due to the active participation of senior scientists ('tutors') in the analysis and evaluation of the submitted papers and, especially, in the discussions during the seminar, leading to comments and advices useful for the growth of the young researchers. Therefore I appeal to you to nominate experienced seniors of your institute to assist in the preparation (evaluation of papers) and to take part in the seminar. The aim is to have 1 tutor per 3 young researchers. More information about the role of tutors are given in the enclosed document.

Submission of abstracts and nominations of tutors are to be sent to Marco Diana (marco.diana@polito.it) and I (cristina.pronello@polito.it) **before November 1st 2008.**

If you have any questions, you may also contact us on behalf of the organising committee.

On behalf of
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