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Workshop Location

The Workshop will be held at the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA), School of Civil Engineering.

Language

Presentation and discussions will be made in English or Greek with simultaneous translation.

Sponsoring

It is possible to become a sponsor of the Workshop. Companies and consultants interested to sponsor the event and advertise products related to noise and environmental aspects of pavements are welcome. For sponsoring information, please contact the workshop secretariat by email at: pavnet@central.ntua.gr or phone at +30 2107721279.

Workshop

Low-Noise Pavement and Road Surfaces



14 March 2008 Athens, Greece







Objectives

Traffic noise reduction is an important element of a national response to the EU Environmental Noise Directive that requires all Member States to develop noise strategies.

The goal of this workshop is to foster the use of low-noise road surfaces throughout Europe by disseminating the tools developed by the European project SILVIA. To achieve this, the INQUEST project coordinates the communication and dissemination of past and present research pertaining to guidance on the use of low-noise technologies for road surfaces.

Dissemination will focus on the contents of the Guidance Manual developed by the European cooperative project SILVIA Sustainable Road Surfaces for Traffic Noise Control). One of the main outputs of SILVIA is an acoustic classification procedure for road surfacing materials and technologies. A complementary objective of the INQUEST project is to promote European harmonisation of testing methods and equipment for this purpose.

Specially for south-eastern Europe and Greece where a large part of the road and highway network infrastructure is under development or upgrading, the adoption and implementation of lownoise pavement concepts becomes a critical issue with respect to the contemporary environmental and social requirements.

More information about SILVIA project is available at www.trl.co.uk/silvia

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Tentative Programme

- 09:15 Welcome Addresses09:30 Introduction to low-noise pavements / Local issues and
- needs
 Dr. Andreas Loizos, Professor NTUA / FEHRL Group
- 09:50 Introduction to INQUEST and SILVIA Guy Descornet, BRRC
- 10:15 The road surface and traffic noise Guy Descornet, BRRC
- 10:40 State-of-the-art of low-noise surfaces Hans Bendtsen, DRI
- 11:10 Coffee Break
- 11:30 Noise measurement methods and certification proceduresGuy Descornet, BRRC
- 12:00 Experimental surfaces and future prospects Hans Bendtsen, DRI
- 12:25 Interaction of low-noise surfaces with other control measures
 Hans Bendtsen, DRI
- 12:50 Lunch Break
- 14:00 Classification, labeling and COP (including prediction models and mapping)Phil Morgan, TRL
- 14:25 Cost-benefit analysis Hans Bendtsen, DRI
- 14:50 Summary and Presentation of the Guidance Manual Phil Morgan, TRL
- 15:15 Coffee Break
- 15:35 Other relevant European and International projects Phil Morgan, TRL
- 16:00 Comments by the Audience / Panel Discussion
- 17:00 Evaluation and Closing Statements
- 17:15 Closure of the Workshop

REGISTRATION FORM

Please send the registration no later than March 3, 2008 by e-mail or fax. The workshop is free of charge for the participant due to financial support by the European Commission through the INQUEST project and by NTUA.

Please note that the number of participant is limited and acceptances will be upon priority.

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