

Logistics Research Network (LRN) Conference 2006

The eleventh annual conference of Logistics Research Network (LRN), chaired by Professor Martin Christopher, CILT, took place at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne on 6-8th September 2006. The conference, on the theme of 'Sustainable Logistics in an Intermodal Setting', attracted a total of 150 academics, researchers, research students and practitioners from all over the world. As with previous years post graduate research students had an opportunity to attend a pre-conference PhD workshop on the 6th September. The peer reviewed papers are published in the conference proceedings edited by Michael Bourlakis, Kevin Cullinane, Corinne Mulley and John Nelson. Next year's LRN conference will be hosted by the University of Hull (5-7 September 2007) at the newly established Logistics Institute.



For more information please visit www.lrn2006.com

Second Bestufs Round Table

TFH-Wildau and LET organised the second roundtable on urban freight data harmonisation and modelling at the University of Wildau, Berlin, Germany with 28 participants. The state of the art of modelling approaches of urban goods movement was presented in three parts. The first part deals with the state of the work including the results of the first task of data collection. The second part is devoted to the national contribution with five topics and detailed discussion on modelling approaches. The third one is devoted to planner's experiences of modelling. The roundtable found that:

- The issues that lead to the models (environmental protection, diagnosis,

decision-making) are much the same in different countries.

- There are different levels for the planning process (national level in France and the Netherlands, regional level in Germany and Italy).
- The depth levels are also different (experimental in the Netherlands and Italy, in-house and software in Germany and France).
- Urban goods modelling is often missing in the creation of master plans and planning processes.
- The data are often bad or not adapted to the needs of the models.
- Understanding the data is perhaps more important than modelling itself.
- The models are essentially static and descriptive, and are not sensitive to radical changes or long-term policy simulations.
- There is still a gap between the level of precision of the models and the expectations of the authorities.
- Local authorities have management and short-term simulation models, but there is a lack of long-term policy simulations and forecasts.
- Modelling traffic needs both static data (location, network, facilities) and behavioural data.
- It seems that the financial and research efforts do not reach the expected results from the point of view of sustainable development.

The third round table on urban freight data harmonisation and modelling will be hosted by BRRC in Brussels on the 3rd to 4th May 2007. The theme developed will be application fields, use cases and opportunities.

The first deliverable of Work Package WP3 of BESTUFS II, a synthesis on urban freight data collection, is available on the BESTUFS website www.bestufs.net

WHAT IS BESTUFS II?

BESTUFS II is a co-ordination action funded by the European Commission under the Framework 6 programme. It is a follow-up initiative of the thematic network BESTUFS and aims to maintain and expand an open European network in order to identify, describe and disseminate best practices, success criteria and bottlenecks with respect to City Logistics. The BESTUFS II project started in 2004 with a duration of 4 years. Anyone who wishes to participate in BESTUFS events or to receive information should contact the administration centre (bestufs@nea.nl).





OSMOSE Awards

OSMOSE Award has been launched within the framework of the NICHEs project on

urban transport innovation. Its aim is to encourage and reward local authorities who have a proven interest in introducing innovative and pragmatic measures to meet the challenges they face today, in the urban transport field, in a sustainable and effective way. The Award particularly looks into the promising new concepts, initiatives and projects that emerge as a 'niche' position with a potential to become a 'mainstream' urban transport policy application in the future. One of the categories of the OSMOSE Award is "Innovative Approaches in City Logistics".

Details can be found at www.niches-transport.org

Logistics progress in France

Stakeholders at local, regional and national levels in France have formed a forum, the first of its kind, called "Centre ville en mouvement", which has turned into a place for exchanges between local councillors, stakeholders, academics and researchers. A meeting will take place on Thursday 9th of November 2006 in the city of Sceaux (in Greater Paris).

For more information visit www.centre-ville-en-mouvement.com



Freight workshop in Bristol

The freight consolidation centre in Bristol is operating successfully with 51 retailers using its service.

They are achieving a reduction in vehicle movements of some 79% for the retailers involved. The centre is now participating in the EC supported 'Short Term Actions to Reorganize Transport of goods' (START) project to improve energy efficiency in goods delivery in the partner cities: Bristol (UK), Gothenburg (Sweden), Ravenna (Italy), Riga (Latvia) and Ljubljana (Slovenia). As part of the START project a freight workshop will be hosted in Bristol on the 30th November on the theme of 'Collaboration between stakeholders in goods distribution'. Mr. Brian Wadsworth, Director of Logistics and Maritime Transport at the DfT and Richard Turner, Chief Executive of FTA, are expected to attend. Tom Zunder from NewRail will present the BESTUFS project. After presentations from different experienced presenters, two parallel workshops will be held during the afternoon session, focusing on specific issues.

A wide range of interested parties, including the members of each START city, are expected to attend freight network with the aim of exchanging valuable knowledge and experience. BESTUFS partners are also invited to attend the workshop.

For more information please view www.startproject.org

International City Logistics Expo in Padova, Italy

An international city logistics expo will be held in Padova Exhibition Centre on 18-21 April 2007. More than 20% of city traffic comes from commercial vehicles for goods transport. For some years many European cities, large and small, have been focusing on sustainable mobility. The Kyoto Protocol, European directives, national and regional agendas on atmospheric pollution all provide the regulatory framework for large-scale re-organization.

In this context city logistics experts perform research and organise activities so as to rationalize and optimize goods distribution in urban areas. Many city logistics initiatives aim to achieve environmental protection by using "ecofriendly" transport, restoring efficiency and performance through active cooperation from stakeholders. The Expo is an opportunity for actors in this field to exchange ideas, information and training. A wide spectrum will attend including:

- transport operators;
- integrated logistics operators;
- road hauliers;
- multimodal transporters;
- Ministries;
- regional governments;
- city councils;
- chambers of commerce.

For more information please contact info@citylogistics-expo.it or www.citylogistics-expo.it



Victoria Transport Policy Institute

The Victoria Transport Policy Institute (VTPI) is an independent research organization dedicated to developing innovative solutions to transportation problems. Its website has many resources addressing a wide range of transport planning and policy issues. VTPI also provides consulting services. For example, VTPI "Online TDM Encyclopaedia" available at <http://www.vtpi.org/tdm> is a comprehensive information resource to help identify and evaluate innovative management solutions to transport problems and is freely available. Another example of its work is the Smart Congestion Reductions: Re-evaluating the Role of Highway Expansion for Improving Urban Transportation (http://www.vtpi.org/cong_relief.pdf). This report claims that highway capacity expansion is a cost effective and desirable solution to urban traffic congestion problems. It identifies errors in proponents' analysis that overestimate the congestion reduction impacts and economic benefits of roadway capacity expansion, overlook negative impacts of induced travel, and ignore more cost effective alternatives. Also available the Smart Congestion Reductions II: Re-evaluating the Role of Public Transit for Improving Urban Transportation (http://www.vtpi.org/cong_reliefII.pdf). This report evaluates the criticism that urban transit investments are ineffective at reducing traffic congestion and wasteful.

SILENCE

SILENCE is an integrated research project, co-funded by the Sixth Framework Programme of the European Commission. The SILENCE project will provide relevant and world leading methodologies and technologies for the efficient control of noise caused by urban road and rail transport. This includes innovative strategies for action plans on urban transport noise abatement, and practical tools for their implementation. The overall outcome of the project should be a reduction of noise emission in urban areas of up to 10 dBA. With the project being half way, SILENCE already has some interesting results to show. In March, the first SILENCE seminar was organised in Brussels and attracted the interest from a wide range of stakeholders. The second SILENCE seminar, focusing specifically on the railway activities within the project, took place in June. Presentations of both events are available on the SILENCE website.

For more information please consult www.silenceip.org



Special Interest Group on Urban Goods Movement

The Special Interest Group on Urban Goods Movement will be responsible for a conference session at the 10th World Conference on Transport Research to be held at Berkley 24-28 June 2007. Approximately 20 papers will be presented dealing with many aspects of urban freight from a variety of international perspectives. For more details contact Prof Michael Browne Convenor of the Special Interest Group on Urban Goods Movement for WCTR. Contact details: m.browne@westminster.ac.uk

EU-COST 355 Meeting

The EU-COST 355 action "Changing behaviour towards a more sustainable transport system" held its latest meeting in Prague 11-13 October 2006, hosted by the Czech Technical University in Prague, Faculty of Transportation Sciences. More than 50 academics and researchers joined the meeting to discuss four main topics:

- WG1: "Freight transport and energy consumption",
- WG2: "The automobile",
- WG3: "Overview of national transport survey" and
- WG4: "Integrative synthesis".

COST 355 WG1 is related to BESTUFS WP3 with regard to data collection and external effects in the global supply chains.

For more information please visit www.cost.esf.org/index.php?id=423

BESTUFS II Workshop in Vienna

The Fifth Bestufs II workshop took place in Vienna, Austria on 21-22 September on the topic of 'Managing urban freight transport by companies and local authorities'. The workshop was supported by local partners Wirtschaftskammer Wien (WKO WIEN) and ECONSULT. A total of 50 delegates representing academics, researchers and practitioners took part in the workshop. On the first day five papers were presented. Dr. Peter Kunisch from Wirtschaftskammer Wien (AT) presented 'Central City Areas- Problems of freight distribution and deliveries with a special focus on the situation in Vienna'. Mr. Peter Colon, Buck Consultant from the Netherlands, presented 'Urban freight management in Dutch Cities (TBC)'. Mr. Egbert Guis, TNO from the Netherlands, presented 'Optimisation of urban freight systems by strategic co-operations: approaches and tools'. Mr. Carlo Vaghi, CERTETBocconi (IT) and Mr. Bruno Decio, ATM- Cityplus from Italy jointly presented 'Successful city logistics experimentation in Italy: Results Evaluation and Perspectives'. Mr. Paul

Brandstätter, GO! Express & Logistics GmbH from Austria presented 'Vienna Logistics- Examples, Comparisons and Comments from a Service Provider'. The delegates enjoyed a technical visit with an option of Mail Hub Austrian Post or BILLA Retail Primary Distribution Centre as well as dinner at Bitzinber's Augustinerkeller. On the second day four papers were presented. Mr. Krzysztof Ksist, Schenker from Poland presented 'Efficiency and productivity issues from urban freight operators'. Mr. Frank Stein, TLN from the Netherlands presented 'Urban freight and the way to manage it from an operator view'. Mr. Arnaud Lagrange, GART from France presented 'Initiatives and experiences from French cities' and Mr Madueke Udoka, Transport for London, UK, presented 'The London Freight Operators Recognition Scheme'. The workshop ended with a diverse discussion on different issues.

To access these presentations visit www.bestufs.net/workshops.html

NICHES Policy Seminar

A NICHES Policy Seminar on "Today's Urban Transport at Tomorrow's Crossroad: Innovative Solutions: Meeting Local Challenges" will be held on 12 December 2006 at Committee of the Regions, Brussels. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss innovative measures representing: New Seamless Mobility Services, Innovative Approaches in City Logistics, New Non-Polluting and Energy-Efficient Vehicles and Innovative Demand Management Strategies.

For more information consult www.nichestransport.org

Covenant on Environmental Zones in The Netherlands

To achieve cooperation between Dutch cities on urban freight management, the Dutch government set up the Commission on Urban Distribution in 2005. On the 24 March 2006 the national government, a

number of major municipalities and transport organizations signed a national covenant concerning environmental zones. This covenant shall lead to reduced air pollution and traffic noise within the city (centres). The parties are trying to achieve a consistent approach to the implementation and enforcement of these zones. The general objective of this covenant is to improve the quality of life for the inhabitants and firms of the inner city areas.

More information (in Dutch) can be found at www.stedelijkedistributie.nl

Forthcoming events

- October 26-27, 2006, ASK-IT International Conference, Nice (F): www.ask-it.org
- November 8-9, 2006, Uniaccess training sessions and plenary accessibility on public transport, Brussels: <http://tinyurl.com/n8szz>
- November 9, 2006, "Centre ville en mouvement" meeting, Sceaux, France: www.centre-ville-enmouvement.com
- December 7-8, 2006, CITEAIR Final conference, on air quality monitoring and traffic management in European cities, Prague (CZ): <http://citeair.rec.org/>
- December 12, 2006, NICHES Conference at the Committee of the Regions, Brussels (B): www.nichestransport.org
- March 15-16, 2007, Polis annual conference: www.polis-online.org
- June 24-28, 2007, 10th World Conference on Transport Research, Berkeley, USA
- September 5-7, 2007, LRN Conference, University of Hull: www.lrn2007.com

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