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### UK Freight Transport Association Freight Summit 2007

The UK FTA Freight Summit 2007 was held on Thursday 1 March. Organised with the Department for Transport, it provided discussion, networking and briefing on current issues. The summit was supported by local government groups and chaired by BBC Broadcaster John Humphreys. Efficient management of goods deliveries in crowded towns and city centres was the key topic and BESTUFS was represented by Dewan Islam who distributed BESTUFS CD Roms via the organisers to over 220 delegates. A line-up of speakers from FTA members companies, local and regional authorities, central Government and academia reported on the latest thinking and developments in managing freight movements in urban areas: Congestion Reduction, Modal Shift, Delivery Curfews, Improved Road Safety, Freight Quality Partnerships, Air Quality, Consolidation Centres and Noise Abatement. For details <http://www.fta.co.uk/>

### Innovation in local transport for attractive cities and regions

The Polis conference was held in Toulouse, France on March 15-16th 2007. The programme included, in addition to plenary sessions, 16 parallel sessions. The conference also included the final event of the NICHES project on mainstream innovation in local transport. Dieter Wild and PTV represented BESTUFS at the event. For details: <http://www.polis-online.org>

### 3<sup>rd</sup> International Symposium "Networks for Mobility", October 2006, Stuttgart, Germany

This symposium derives its name "Networks for Mobility" from the network approach and sees itself as a forum for interdisciplinary exchange of the various areas of transportation science and related fields. The objective is to bring together representatives of various disciplines leading to new ideas, insights and projects. The scientists, researchers and practitioners from the spectrum of urban and regional planning, economics and ecology, transportation planning, traffic and vehicle engineering took part in multi-disciplinary exchanges. It was particularly fruitful since methods of network analysis and modelling are actually interchangeable.

### Zero Emission Vehicles Marks & Spencer

Tanfield, UK has signed a significant supply agreement with the UK retail group Marks & Spencer (M&S), for zero emission vehicles. M&S will deploy these Newton vehicles in various logistics operations, with a view to replacing M&S's current urban diesel fleet where pertinent. M&S will be one of the first major companies in the UK to explore the opportunities of zero emission vehicles. The Newton electric vehicle is not only environmentally friendly as well as cost-effective and its quietness makes it perfect for deliveries in residential areas. The retailer recently announced a 100 point eco-plan, to become Carbon Neutral within five years. Zero emission vehicles such as Newton could potentially play a large role in helping the company to meet that commitment. For details please contact Darren Kell, Tanfield, +44 (0)845 1557 755

### New logistics terminals in the Czech Republic

International logistics company DHL and its subsidiary PPL will build three new logistics terminals in the Czech Republic this year within nearly a CZK 1 billion project to build ten new terminals. The project objective is the integration of terminals and distribution networks of DHL and PPL in the Czech Republic to optimise distribution of consignments and a broader portfolio of products and services which should help achieve improved competitiveness.

### Transportation Research Board Conference 07

A session on Urban Goods Movement was organised at the Transportation Research Board Conference of January 2007. Tom Cherret from University of Southampton gave a presentation about freight under the London Congestion Scheme (author Michael Browne, University of Westminster). Also three interesting papers on urban freight were presented during a Poster Session: "Trend toward the Use of Smaller Trucks: Modeling Historical Urban Truck Movements" (University of Toronto, Canada), "Evaluation of Application of Delivery Consolidation in US Urban Areas Using Logistics Cost Analysis" (University of Illinois, Chicago), "Commercial Vehicle Tours and Road Congestion in Urban Areas: Implications for Carriers' Operations and Public Data Collection" (University of Sydney, Australia).



### Urban freight transport - preserve nature and save cost

The German transport club (VCD) has published a guide on urban freight transport including solutions, measures, pieces of advice and examples from practice. The guide is expected to help practitioners and decision makers from transport companies, trade and industry as well as local authorities in their work. The aim of the presented measures is to improve transport processes in terms of sustainability and cost efficiency. Examples include training of drivers, optimal use of telematics solutions or purchase of environmental friendly vehicles. Furthermore, starting points for the work of the local authorities are given as well as ideas how retailers and consumers can help to preserve nature.

The guide is available in German on:  
<http://www.vcd.org/gueterinderstadt.html>

### Project "Post24"

Post.24 is a parcel pick up station, which enables customers to collect parcels independent of post office opening hours and drop franked returned parcels, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is available for business and private customers at all post offices all over Austria. It can be found in such places of daily life such as supermarkets, metro stations, railway stations, post and offices. The locations offer



### **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](mailto:bestufs@nea.nl)).



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good accessibility by car, public transport or on foot and are in large residential areas and public facilities. It offers, free of charge notification via SMS or email, reminder-SMS/email on non-pick up, drop in of return parcels, easy service usage without registration and cashless payment of the amount to be collected at the station. For details please in German visit <http://www.post24.at>

### Logistics Countdown to 2012 Forum

Logistics Countdown to 2012 Forum: Servicing the Infrastructure Projects - Central London will take place on 26 - 27 March 07 in London, UK. It presents an opportunity to discuss the construction and consumables logistics, freight transport planning and infrastructure required to deliver the Olympics and its associated regeneration legacy. It will provide a platform to share concerns and issues relating to logistics planning and organization. It will provide a set of priorities and deliverable solutions, which have the support of all public sector agencies, especially if these major developments are to be a success without bringing London to a halt. For further information please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/2ddceez>



### Sustainable freight transport workshop

A workshop on 'Sustainable freight transport' took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 07 in Birmingham City Council, UK. The delivery of sustainable freight involves stakeholders and partnership engagement particularly of smaller freight operations with the objective of seeking common operational benefits and efficiencies in traffic and freights movement. Partnership engagement with Highway Authorities bring key ITS opportunities to the partnerships that help establish dialogue aimed at delivering operational benefits to the freight industry and road environment.

Sustainable freight systems can be enabled with the use of mobile phone technology combined with GPS and Fleet Management systems. In the urban environment components can utilise traffic control capabilities. These components facilitate the delivery of continuously updated traveller information to the driver and logistics management centres. This enables improved routing data packaged with real time information relative to the position of the vehicle and will enable dynamic routing to improve journey time reliability.



The overall vision of the proposed Sustainable Freight transport project was presented by innovITS. Mott MacDonalds presented the modelling and the delivery of SusFreight - Data layer consolidation and modelling-modelling outputs. The 'Capabilities and the delivery of SusFreight' was presented by SGTI. A debate was hosted on 'The Future of SusFreight - What is the Industry and the Freight Distribution industry point of view?' The workshop

generated different issues and concluded with the necessity of a further workshop, probably at the beginning of April 2007, with more participants from academics, researchers, service providers, local government representatives and industry practitioners. Please visit <http://www.innovits.com/> for further information.

### Transport Economics and Policy Course

TRANSPORTNET is hosting its first Transport Economics and Policy Course from 26 till 31 March 2007 at the Institut für Wirtschaftspolitik und Wirtschaftsforschung of the University of Karlsruhe, Karlsruhe, Germany. This course is part of the TRANSPORTNET Marie Curie Early Stage Training Programme. It aims to provide young researchers a thorough basis on how to deal with economic and policy aspects in their transportation research. Specific topics are: Competition in network economics, Pricing schemes, Regulation, Static approaches in assessment, Dynamic approaches in assessment, System dynamics modelling. Students taking part in the course will benefit from keynote lectures by Dr. Andreas Kopp (OECD) and Dr. Claus Eberhard (European Investment Bank). Moreover, they will also participate in a technical excursion on transport investment projects in the area. Registration is also open also to non-Marie Curie members. Full information, tariffs and registration possibilities are available through the TRANSPORTNET course page <http://tinyurl.com/22mjha>

### UNCTAD round table on trade facilitation in land-locked countries in Geneva

A Round table will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> March 07 in Geneva to discuss transit and trade facilitation issues of particular concern to land-locked countries. Topics include: Bilateral and regional transit agreements, Economic importance of transit for destination and transit countries, Landlocked countries access: corridor arrangements, Multilateral trade negotiations, Trade Liberalization and Facilitation, Transit, Transit facilitation and logistics, Transit guarantee systems, WTO Trade Facilitation Negotiations. Please contact [jan.hoffmann@unctad.org](mailto:jan.hoffmann@unctad.org)

### IVECO IRISBUS DELIVERS TWO CNG BUSES TO TUNIS

Recently, Iveco Irisbus has delivered to the city of Tunis two CityClass CNG buses as part of a cooperation

agreement between the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Tunisian Ministry of Transport that covers a total of more than 100 vehicles for Tunis. These units show how CNG technology can help transport to maintain air quality, to reduce the dependence on oil, to maintain fuel consumption and to improve passenger comfort. The CityClass CNG bus is an ultra-low emission vehicle, which complies with the very strict E.E.V. exhaust emission level standard and improves the typical diesel noise emission level in more than 5 dB.

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