

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT
INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP
EMPOWERING TRANSPORT RESEARCH WITH THE SPECIAL FOCUS ON THE NEW EU
STATES AND THE CANDIDATE COUNTRIES
within the frame of
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
RELIABILITY AND STATISTICS IN TRANSPORTATION AND
COMMUNICATION (RELSTAT'06)
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ETRA.CC project consortium

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The aim and topics of the Workshop

Workshop is organised by ETRA.CC project consortium. ETRA.CC is acronym of the project funded by the Sixth EU Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development. The full name of the project "*Empowering Transport Research with the Special Focus on the New Accession States and the Candidate Countries*" indicates the main aim of the project that is, to support transport research in those countries. In accordance with the project mission we offer you the possibility to attend our workshop. ETRA.CC workshop will be opened to all scientists, academia, owners and users of transport research facilities, authorities responsible for RTD policy, and other stakeholders with an interest in transport research. It is intended to assess user needs and review the state of the art in Latvia with reference to the other Baltic countries. Following the results of the workshop ETRA.CC will define thesis in preparation for future Community research policy activities in the field of transport research and their needs on technical and human resources in these countries. Apart from individual presentations, workshop will also include a plenum discussion. There should be the possibility for the local attendants to point out where they see the biggest and most important problems to be solved in transport area and how transport research could help to solve them; which problems are seen regarding co-operation and networking in their country, etc. Local attendants will be able to present their own research capacities and offer them to whole European community.

During the workshop Project team will also introduce:

- ETRA.CC project;
- EU research programmes;
- how to apply;
- how to establish consortia and to find suitable partners;
- what are the most important points to be followed;
- where are the biggest problems/pitfalls;
- what has to be taken into consideration;
- how are EC-programmes structured etc.

ETRA.CC team will also present good praxis in research networking. During registration attendants will get project materials, included USB flash memory stick with actual information. All the accepted papers will be published as CD proceedings, but the number of speakers at the workshop is limited. Therefore we kindly ask you to send your abstracts in time and in good quality. You can submit your abstract within the following topics:

1. Status quo and conception of research and development in the field of transport in Latvia or other Baltic states.
2. Organisation and support for transport research in these countries.
3. Transport research, education and training.
4. Collaboration in transport research across Baltic States.
5. Collaboration and research networking at national level.
6. Collaboration with other European partners.
7. Participation of partners from Latvia or other Baltic states in EU research programmes.
8. Up-to-date results in transport research in these countries.
9. Gaps in transport research in this area.
10. Participation of transport industry in transport research.
11. Presentation of organisations or institutions involved in transport research.

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Conference Venue:

The Conference will be held at Transport and Telecommunication Institute,
Lomonosova 1, Riga, Latvia.

Language:

The working languages are English and Russian.

Submissions:

Participants are requested to present one-page abstract in English with short affiliation of authors (MS Word format: Times New Roman 12 pt, maximum of 600 words). Please send your abstracts to: dasit@fstav.utc.sk

Deadlines:

Submissions of abstracts: 15 July 2006

Acceptance of abstracts: 30 July 2006

Submissions of final papers and early registration: 15 September 2006

Registration Fee:

Workshop is free of charge. It is not necessary to pay additional fee except the registration fee at the Conference – **RELSTAT'06**. For more detailed information see: <http://RelStat.tsi.lv>

Call for Papers:

The papers for the CD proceedings may be handed in as articles in electronic forms before the Conference until September 15, 2006. The papers should be in MS Word. For more details see the following template.