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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

TPR wishes all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year 2017!

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BNP Paribas Fortis Chair @ European Shipping Week

On 28 February, during the EU Shipping Week, the BNP Paribas Fortis Chair Transport, Logistics and Ports hosts an event on the topic 'Ship finance in the Basel IV era' in Brussels. Contributions by the Royal Belgian Shipowners' Association, a French and an Italian shipowner, and the Universities of Athens and Antwerp have been confirmed. The event is accessible to all, free of charge, but requires registration.



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Antwerp Rail School 2017: registrations open

TransportNET, in co-operation with Ricardo Rail, is proud to host the 5th edition of the Antwerp Railschool, taking place from 6-10 March 2017 at the University of Antwerp. Speakers from the TransportNET universities and other organisations will contribute through conceptual, framework and process inputs, whilst well-known rail (supporting) organisations will give practical, in-depth insights into their strategic decision-making. Registrations are now open.



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Mercator-Ortelius Prijs: call open

De Universiteit Antwerpen reikt om de drie jaar de Mercator-Ortelius Prijs uit aan een doctoraat op proefschrift, verdedigd aan een Belgische universiteit, dankzij de middelen die het Koninklijk Aardrijkskundig Genootschap Antwerpen ter beschikking heeft gesteld. Dit geschiedt voor de tweede maal in 2017.

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New TPR doctor: Marzieh Nazemzadeh

On 7 December 2016, Marzieh Nazemzadeh successfully defended her PhD on 'The role of port infrastructure for economic development with an application to Belgium and the Port of Antwerp'. This study has found that transport infrastructure has a positive and significant impact on Belgian economic growth in the period of 1990-2010 in addition to the traditional growth stimulating factors.

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New TPR doctor: Els Struyf

On 19 December 2016, Els Struyf successfully defended her PhD on 'Passengers and cargo? Cost economies at airport level'. Cross section data worldwide are used and the results show that all airports in the sample indeed experience economies of scale. Based on the translog cost function as well as the quadratic model, it is proven that none of the airports in the sample experience economies of scope.

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Team TPR / C-MAT wins Antwerp Port Hackaton

On 9-11 December 2016, a port-hackathon "Logistics of the Future" was hosted in Antwerp to address the digital challenges of the maritime and logistics industry in Antwerp. During the event, 30 teams worked non-stop to find solutions on 8 specific challenges for the Port of Antwerp. The Team "Book-a-lock", of which TPR and C-MAT were part, came out as the winner.

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Miscellaneous presentations by TPR

- Christa Sys moderated the session 'World population growth and economic and social evolutions: megacities, poverty, migration, epidemics, infrastructure, transport, ...' during the Young Researchers Overseas' Day, Royal Academy Overseas Sciences, Brussels
- TPR students participated to two port visits hosted by Port of Antwerp
- Thierry Vanelander participated to the PhD jury of Marion Magnan, who successfully defended her PhD at Université Paris I, on the topic of 'La production et la gestion de l'espace portuaire à vocation industrielle et logistique'
- Joost Hintjens presented the work-in-process status of his PhD research on port cooperation to the Flemish-Dutch Delta, a quarterly meeting of the governors of Flanders and the Netherlands of the provinces surrounding the estuarium of the rivers, Rhine, Meuse and Scheldt
- Joris Beckers lectured on 'Diving into communities, deriving node properties out of the Louvain method' at CORE seminar, Louvain-la-Neuve

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TPR @ EUGEO 2017

EUGEO, the Association of Geographical Societies in Europe, organises every two years a major international scientific congress, bringing together geographers from all over the world. Ann Verhetsel is part of the scientific committee of the next conference, which will be held in Brussels, 4-6 September 2017. The conference has a call for sessions open until 5 January. Subsequently, a call for papers will be launched.



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Upcoming external events where you can meet TPR

8 JAN **Transportation Research Board (TRB) 96th Annual Meeting**

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