



15th International NECTAR Conference
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Call for papers for the thematic session of Cluster 6 “Accessibility”

Happiness through Accessibility

As the share of urban population grows worldwide, there is a growing need to develop cities that are environmentally sustainable, functional and promote well-being. In these Cluster 6 Sessions “Happiness through Accessibility” the particular focus will be on accessibility as a mean to create more livable cities.

Accessibility is an important concept in regards to the integration of land-use and transport planning. Planning for sustainable and resilient cities requires the consideration and implementation of accessibility principles. When planning for accessibility, it is important to account for the multiple scales of the urban environment as well as the citizens’ needs. Politicians and citizens alike need appropriate tools in order to make informed decisions. Decision-making tools should help stakeholders understand the effects and magnitude of planned transport and land-use measures. The influences of transport and land use measures can significantly impact the lives and wellbeing of citizens in either a positive or a negative way and it is essential inform the decision-making process with such impacts. With this in mind, what role can accessibility play to positively impact the wellbeing of individuals through planning for livable cities?

Topics of interest

The topics of interest for the special sessions include, but are not limited to:

- Socio-economic inequality and access to transport
- Accessibility, well-being, and resilience
- Individual accessibility analyses and participation in planning processes
- Interactive accessibility evaluation and decision-making
- Accessibility and transport sustainability
- Theoretical and empirical advances on accessibility

Deadline for abstract submission: **January 21, 2019**. Abstracts should be submitted electronically, using the form available on the Conference website:

<https://www.helsinki.fi/en/conferences/towards-human-scale-cities-open-and-happy>

A copy of the abstract should be sent to Benjamin Büttner (benjamin.buettner@tum.de).

Criteria for acceptance: scope, scientific quality and NECTAR membership. Authors of selected abstracts are invited to submit an extended abstract (1000 words) before April 30. The extended abstracts will be published on the conference page of the NECTAR website, accessible to NECTAR members only. The number of participants of this thematic cluster session will be limited to 8.

Venue:

The NECTAR conference will be organized by the University of Helsinki and Aalto University. The Venue is the main building of the University of Helsinki. Built in 1832 this historical building is located in the heart of Helsinki, easily reachable by public transport.

Participation and NECTAR membership

Registration, meals and accommodation for two nights will be offered to NECTAR members, for only one author per paper. Two nights of hotel accommodation will be offered to participants who have confirmed their participation by sending copies of travel tickets before April 30, 2019. All practical details will be communicated through the conference website. In order to participate in the Conference, a consecutive and current two-year NECTAR membership is necessary (2019-2020). Non-members can find details of how to join the association on the “Membership” page of NECTAR’s website: www.nectar-eu.eu/membership

Important dates:

Abstract submission: January 21, 2019.

Notification of acceptance: February 25, 2019.

Submission of extended abstracts: April 30, 2019

Confirmation of attendance: April 30, 2019

Looking forward to meeting you Helsinki!

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