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Call for papers for the thematic session of Cluster 3: Logistics and Freight

The Logistics of Living in Cities

Goods movement is an essential function of cities, delivering food, health supplies, clothing, and other products, as well as removing waste and recycling. In fact, in less car dependent cities, residents may rely more heavily on goods distribution, than in cities where most residents have access to vehicles.

Changes in shopping and eating habits are changing the nature of goods movement in cities, as residents rely more heavily on food delivery services, and online shopping.

However, goods delivery vehicles tend to be large and heavy, and often have more significant emissions profiles. How can we satisfy resident's needs and desires, while maintaining an open and happy city?

Topics of interest

Along these lines, we call for papers on "The Logistics of Living in Cities". We welcome papers that address the balance of efficient and economical goods movement that can meet customer needs, and resident's desires. Topics include, but are not limited to::

- Growing markets for on-demand and crowd-source delivery
- Transportation impacts from e-commerce
- Approaches to creating and incentivizing delivery nodes
- Modes and operations for improving the final fifty feet
- Innovative governance approaches

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 also be sent to Cathy MACHARIS (Cathy.Macharis@vub.be).

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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