



Young Researchers Seminar 2021

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce the **10th edition of the Young Researchers Seminar**

which will be held from **June 9-11, 2021 in Portorož, Slovenia**

hosted by



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What is the Young Researchers Seminar (YRS)?

An event organised every two years in a different European country.

The common vision for the Young Researchers Seminar is the preparation of a new generation of transport scientists and science based professionals in the area of transport.

The objectives are:

- To enable the networking of young transport researchers belonging to the Supporting Organizations Members, ECTRI, FEHRL, FERSI and from United States' Universities¹.
- To train young researchers, by tutorial means through a retroactive manner, to elaborate, prepare papers and present oral scientific communications.

Therefore, this Seminar is not only aimed at scientific excellence, but also at presentation skills and the ability to put science into practice.

¹ Since 2007, thanks to the Memorandum of Understanding between ECTRI and the Transportation Research Board from the United States, participation to the Seminar has been opened to young researchers and tutors from the US Universities.

What are the topics of the Seminar?



The indicative research domains covered during this seminar are:

- Transport economics, policy and transport behaviour
- Transport sustainability and environment
- Transport safety
- Intelligent transport systems (ITS) & traffic management
- Transport civil and road engineering

Who is invited to participate?



The **young researchers** are invited to participate by their own institutes or Universities. They are novice researchers, preferably PhD students; Postdoctoral may also be accepted, within their 1-2 years after PhD. They are involved in one of the research domains.

Attention will also be put on ensuring a balanced representation among the institutes based on the following criteria:

- Maximum 1 participant per research domain for institutes with more than 300 staff
- Maximum 3 participants in total for institutes with less than 300 staff
- And 1 US young researcher per domain

The **tutors** are senior researchers from the Supporting Organizations but also from United States' Universities (international cooperation through ECTRI-TRB Memorandum of Understanding).

What is offered?



The format of the seminar is:

- content oriented through technical sessions with oral presentations of 20 minutes and 10 minutes Q/A.
- cross cutting oriented sessions of two types:
 - small key note session on specific subjects
 - scientific methods on tools and research process sessions.

Besides the scientific activities, where tutors shall moderate the content sessions that are organised under the supervision of the Steering Committee and retroact to the presentation, there are networking activities such as technical and social visits and an official dinner.

YRS2021 Key Dates



- **Summer 2020:** Launch of call for abstracts and call for tutors
- **October 2020:** Deadline for submission of abstracts and nomination of tutors
- **November 2020:** Notification on abstracts review results and tutors appointment
- **February 2021 :** Deadline for full draft paper submission
- **February - May 2021:** Exchange between tutors and young researchers
- **May, 2021:** Deadline for submission of final paper
- **June 9-11, 2021:** Holding of the Young Researchers Seminar

More information: www.ectri.org/activities/young-researchers-seminar-2021/

I look forward to seeing you in Portorož in 2021!

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