

# TRANSPORT FOR A GLOBAL ECONOMY

## *New Challenges and Opportunities*

### Introduction

The International Transport Forum provides an annual platform for Transport Ministers from around the world to meet with researchers and leaders of civil society and examine strategic policy issues facing the sector.

The Forum is supported by the Joint Transport Research Centre, which is a joint initiative of the International Transport Forum and the OECD. Continuing a long tradition of conducting research on transport issues to inform the policy-making process of Transport Ministers, the Centre will provide the annual meeting of the Forum with the findings of high-level transport research.

At its second Forum in Leipzig, to be held during the last week of May 2009, the International Transport Forum will offer the "Young Researcher Award" to a young researcher (or researchers) who submits the best research paper on the 2009 Forum theme: "Transport for a Global Economy, New Challenges and Opportunities".

In May 2008, Helen Harwatt from the Institute of Transport Studies of Leeds received the Young Researcher Award, and the jury decided to grant a Special Jury Award to François Gusdorf and Stéphane Hallegatte from the Centre International de Recherche sur l'Environnement (Paris). Both papers were highly relevant to the topic of the Forum 2008, "Transport and Energy: the Challenge of Climate Change".

### Objectives and criteria of the award

#### ● Objectives

The principal aim of the 2009 Forum Award is to highlight the crucial importance of transport research for sound transport policy formulation and implementation, and to foster closer links between transport policy and research. The award is designed to encourage and reward creative reflection and analysis on the part of young researchers currently investigating the complex links between transport activity and globalisation, and underlining in particular where the challenges and opportunities lie.

#### ● Guiding principles and criteria for the award

The award is open to young researchers (under 35 years of age) who have undertaken their research in an institution, university or consultancy firm located in a Forum member country, conducting research on transport issues and who submit a research paper. Co-authorship for this paper is possible, in which case the award will be shared among the authors, of whom a majority must be under 35 years old (or at least one under 35 in the case of two authors).



Specifically, the research paper should focus on the contribution of transport to globalisation, or on the analysis of one of the links between the transport sector and globalisation, for example:

- Transport's contribution to securing world economic growth
- Transport infrastructure investment needs and globalisation
- Transport's environmental footprint and globalisation
- Intermodal transport and globalisation
- Transport regulation and globalisation
- Transport technology and globalisation
- New trends in logistics and globalisation

The paper should:

- show clear links with the general theme of the 2009 Forum (interactions between transport and globalisation)
- advance the current state of knowledge in the domain
- extract and develop key policy messages from the analysis
- be methodologically rigorous
- be based on strong economic understanding and analysis, but can also be written from an engineering, psychological, historical or sociological point of view
- be written in such a way that the essence of the analysis and its policy relevance are accessible to policy-makers as well as researchers (implying that formal analysis should be accompanied by a clear explanation of its purpose)
- be written in either of the two official languages of the Forum (French or English)
- be recent (working papers as well as articles published or accepted for publication in academic journals in 2007 or 2008 are welcome),
- not exceed 25 pages (single spacing), excluding references and annexes and preferably not take up more than 1 MB of memory.

## Application process

Candidates for the award should send in the completed application form *Young Researcher Registration Form.doc*, including a brief summary in English of the paper (maximum 200 words), as well as the complete paper by e-mail to the Forum Secretariat [julie.pailliez@oecd.org](mailto:julie.pailliez@oecd.org) with copy to [michel.violland@oecd.org](mailto:michel.violland@oecd.org) by **27 February 2009** at the latest.

A letter should be included, approving the submission and signed by the director of the young researcher's institution or organisation.

## Award procedure

- **The award jury:** Candidate dossiers will be examined by an international panel of experts from the transport and transport economics research sectors, under the aegis of the OECD/International Transport Forum Joint Transport Research Centre.
- **The prize:** A prize of **EUR 5 000** will be awarded. An official award ceremony, attended by Ministers of Transport of Forum Member countries, will be held in Leipzig during the Forum. Honorary merit awards may also be presented.

*For details of the prize and registration procedure, or for any further information, please contact:*

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