

Press Release

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“And the Winner is...”

International Transport Forum Awards Three Prizes on Reducing Transport-Related CO₂ Emissions

At its 2008 Forum in Leipzig, the International Transport Forum will be awarding three prizes for innovations, policies and measures or in-depth research and analysis leading to the reduction of transport-related greenhouse gas emissions. This was announced by Jack Short, Secretary General of the Forum, in Paris today. “We want to support the present debate on climate change in Bali by giving incentives to local or regional public authorities, to companies and to young researchers to showcase good practice and ideas in transport.”

The International Transport Forum is a global platform and meeting place at the highest level for transport, logistics and mobility. Key figures from government and politics, business and industry, research and civil society will meet at the annual conference in Leipzig, which has the ambition to become the “Transport Summit of the Year”. The first Forum will take place in May 2008 on the theme “Transport and Energy: The Challenge of Climate Change”. The involvement of more than 50 Ministers of Transport ensures direct links and strong relevance to policy making at both national and international levels.

The three awards for 2008 are as follows:

- **Prize for the most innovative local initiative to reduce transport-related CO₂ emissions;**
- **Prize for mobility management by firms, to be jointly awarded with the European Platform on Mobility Management;**
- **Young Researcher Award.**

Full details on the competition and on how to apply are contained at www.internationaltransportforum.org/Topics/prizes.html.

“The prizes will enable the Forum to showcase and share good practice, with the Forum Exhibition providing a platform for this experience to be displayed”, Jack Short explained. Prize winners will be decided by international juries composed of high-level experts on mobility issues and representatives of Forum member countries. The prizes will be awarded at an official ceremony during the Forum in Leipzig attended by the Ministers of Transport of the Forum member countries. “Transport is moving on climate protection”, the Secretary General stressed.

A Call for Exhibitors for the 2008 International Transport Forum Exhibition, to take place during the Forum in Leipzig, was also published today; see www.internationaltransportforum.org/Topics/exhibition.html.

For more Information on the 2008 Forum see www.internationaltransportforum.org/home.html.

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