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## Shortlist for ITF Young Researchers Award announced

### Innovative research in transport honoured

Five young researchers from Canada, Greece, Germany and Italy have been shortlisted for the **Young Researcher Award** of the International Transport Forum (ITF) for their **innovative work in Transport**. The winner will be presented with the award and a € 5 000 prize at the International Transport Forum in Leipzig, Germany, on 27 May.

The ITF provides a platform for transport ministers from 52 member countries around the world to meet with industry leaders, researchers and representatives of civil society to examine strategic policy issues in global transport. The theme of the 2010 Leipzig Forum, to be held from 26-28 May, is “Transport and Innovation: Unleashing the Potential”. The ITF Secretariat and its Joint Transport Research Centre (JTRC), based at the OECD in Paris, also serves as a strategic think tank for mobility issues.

The Young Researcher Award was created in 2008 to encourage creative work on transport issues by young researchers under 35 years of age from institutions, universities or consultancy firms located in ITF member countries. It is being awarded for the third time.

Shortlisted for the ITF Young researchers Award are:

- **Hossam Abdelgawad**, University of Toronto, Canada, who developed a model for mass emergency evacuation of a city in case of an exceptional event.
- **Jean François Audy**, Laval University and FORAC Research Consortium, Montreal, Canada, for research on innovative collaborative agreements between freight transport firms to increase efficiency.
- **Loukas Dimitriou**, National Technical University of Athens, Greece, for research on the development of innovative pricing for optimizing urban transport infrastructure.
- **Fedele Iannone**, Institute for Service Industry Research and the Italian National Research Council, Naples, Italy, who applied a network optimisation model to inland logistics of ocean containers.
- **Peter Mock**, German Aerospace Centre, Stuttgart, Germany, assessed future market shares of innovative vehicle technologies and their climate impacts.

In all, 31 papers from participants of 32 different nationalities (including co-authors) were received. “The Young Researcher Award is obviously filling a gap in the transport research scene”, said **Jack Short**, Secretary-General of the ITF. “We are particularly impressed with the wide range of approaches to pressing problems transport faces.”

The jury is composed of **Prof. Anthony May**, Chairman of the World Conference on Transport Research Society; **Dr. Andreas Scheuer**, Parliamentary State Secretary at the German Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development and representatives of the ITF/OECD Joint Transport Research Committee.

More information on the research is available at  
[www.internationaltransportforum.org/2010/index.html](http://www.internationaltransportforum.org/2010/index.html).

If you would like to obtain pictures of the shortlisted candidates and additional information, please contact the Communications team by email [itf.contact@oecd.org](mailto:itf.contact@oecd.org) or by telephone at +33 (0)1 45 24 95 96.

## About the International Transport Forum

*The International Transport Forum is a strategic think tank for the transport sector. Each year, it brings together Ministers from over 50 Countries, along with leading decision-makers and thinkers from the private sector, civil society and research, to address transport issues of strategic importance. An intergovernmental organisation within the OECD, the Forum's goal is to shape the transport policy agenda, and ensure that it contributes to economic growth, environmental protection, social inclusion and the preservation of human life and wellbeing. The 2010 International Transport Forum, to be held on 26-28 May in Leipzig, Germany, will focus on Transport and Innovation: Unleashing the Potential.*

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