Young Researchers’ and Practitioners’ Forum

The Idea

The 48th European Transport Conference (ETC) is taking place from 9th-11th September 2020 at Politecnico di Milano, Milan (Italy), hosted by the Association for European Transport (AET) and local partners. After the successful implementation of the Young Researchers’ and Practitioners’ Forum (YRPF) in 2013, ETC 2020 will again include a special forum for young professionals.

Early career researchers and practitioners are invited to present their work to the participants of the European Transport Conference. Early-stage and experimental projects and research ideas are explicitly welcome. This forum is intended to provide a special format which enables constructive and comprehensive feedback as well as more time for discussion than usual.

The Call for Papers

We are looking forward to receiving contributions from different disciplines involved in transport research, transport planning and consulting. We welcome presentations ranging from early stage researchers with project proposals and “work in progress” as well as final reports. We eagerly want to provide a constructive atmosphere, allowing an open space for debate and networking for young researchers and practitioners. An additional special session for PhD projects will provide valuable feedback from experienced researchers and practitioners.

We invite contributions from young professionals (PhD candidates, postdocs ≤ 3 years after PhD, practitioners ≤ 6 years of work experience). Please submit your abstract (250 to 750 words) for a 15 min presentation, including your name and affiliation, by February 4th, 2020 to the ETC website, or by email to: yrpf@aetransport.org

You will receive the decision upon the acceptance of your abstract during May 2020. After acceptance the optional submission of a full paper is welcome with the possibility of publication in reputable journals.

All the papers received from an author under the age of 35 and with a maximum of one (supervising) co-author, will be considered for the Neil Mansfield Award, for the best paper. First prize for the award gets a cash prize of EUR 350/GBP350. Second and third prizes will receive a mention from the AET Coordination Committee.

AET offers very attractive attendance options to participants accepted to YRPF, such as reduced rover tickets and a steward option. In addition, those who might have interest in the experience of co-chairing a session, please also contact us to get involved. Further details will be provided after acceptance.

In case of any inquiries please do not hesitate to contact us by email: yrpf@aetransport.org
Important notice:
If you submit an abstract, this will go through a selection process. Each year we receive more abstracts than can be accommodated in the programme. If your abstract is selected, please be aware that others have been rejected, that the ETC organisation has invested time in devising an attractive and coherent programme and that delegates have used this programme to decide to come to the conference.

Before submitting your abstract, please make sure there is time and funding to have at least one of the authors come to the conference to present the paper and that you have/will obtain the approval needed (from management or client) to present the work in public at the time of the conference.

We do understand that sometimes circumstances change, forcing authors to withdraw. You would help us by informing us as soon as possible, preferable ample time before the conference. Last minute withdrawals or no-shows negatively affect the conference experience of your fellow transport professionals.