



## Newsletter

### ➤ *IJSTL* 2012

The first issue of the 4<sup>th</sup> volume of the *International Journal of Shipping and Transport (IJSTL)* has just been published. In this issue the Editors write an editorial that reviews the development of the journal in the past three years.

Upon the journal's listing on the Journal Citation Report (JCR), the number of submission has been increasing recently. The Editors have presented messages on the future development and growth of the journal.

Read the messages of the Editors:

<http://www.inderscience.com/browse/index.php?journalID=304&year=2012&vol=4&issue=1>

*IJSTL* has worked with international scholars to organize Special Issues on a regular basis. In 2012, the following two special issues will be published:

1. Special Issue on "Container Security and Supply Chain Visibility" organized by the Institute of Shipping Economics and Logistics
2. Special Issue for the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Asian Shipping and Logistics (ICASL 2011) with the theme of "Toward Efficient and Sustainable Transport Logistics on Supply Chains"

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## ➤ Consultancy on SCS for the Logistics Industry

Dr Venus Lun and her team have secured a consultancy project from the HKSAR government. The project, titled “Provision of Consultancy Services on Production of Specification of Competency Standards for Logistics Industry”, is worth HK\$1 million.



Members of the team are Dr Kee-hung Lai, Dr Venus Lun, Dr Christina Wong, and Prof. Edwin Cheng (left to right in the picture).

This is the second consultancy project secured by the team from the Qualification Framework Secretariat. In early 2011, the team embarked on a consultancy project to provide expert advice on the import and export industry.



## ➤ Invention Patent for Hierarchical Positioning System

Prof. Eric Ngai and his team received a patent for their invention of a Hierarchical Positioning System from the State Intellectual Property Office of the PRC on 14 December 2011.

Prof. Eric Ngai's team members were Prof. Chung-lun Li, Prof. Edwin Cheng, Dr Venus Lun, Dr Kee-hung Lai, and Mr Y.S. Choi.

The team has developed a novel positioning system that enables faster cargo flow in smart terminals or warehouses. With the Hierarchical Positioning System, the locations of containers or articles can be tracked in real-time throughout the terminal or warehouse.



➤ **Special Issue on Container Transport Operations**

A Special Issue on “Container Transport Operations” with *Research in Transportation Economics* was published in 2011. This Special Issue was co-edited by the Shipping Research Centre of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and the International Shipping & Logistics Group of the University of Plymouth.

After a rigorous review process, a total of nine papers were selected for inclusion in this special issue. The first paper uses a network equilibrium model to predict container flow. The second and third papers examine shipping alliances. The fourth and fifth papers deal with port choice decisions and hub-and-spoke system. The sixth paper explores the relationship between firm performance and business risk-taking in container terminal investment. The seventh paper examines the preferred scale of a terminal. The last two papers deal with truck operations at container terminals.

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Guest Editors: Y.H. Venus Lun, Michael Roe, and Dong-Ping Song

Read the Editorial of this Special Issue:

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0739885911000114>



➤ **Faculty Award**

Dr Venus Lun won the Faculty Award for Outstanding Performance/Achievement (Services) for the academic year 2010-2011. The presentation ceremony was held on 25 November 2011 in The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.



➤ **Special Issue for IFSPA 2012**

The key objective of the 2012 International Forum on Shipping, Ports and Airports (IFSPA) is to serve as an industry-wide initiative to formulate a new level of transport logistics, providing services for a sustainable society as well as further advancing academia-industry cooperation.

The *International Journal of Shipping and Transport Logistics (IJSTL)* will publish a special issue on “Transport Logistics for Sustainable Growth at a New Level” for IFSPA 2012. The special issue covers important research topics including Maritime Economics & Finance, Maritime Law & Insurance, Air Transport Management & Operations, and Logistics & Supply Chain Management. It is devoted to publishing enhanced versions of selected papers presented at IFSPA 2012.

The Guest Editors are:

Prof. Chung-Lun Li and Dr Xiaowen Fu  
Department of Logistics and Maritime Studies  
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University



IFSPA 2012 website:

[www.icms.polyu.edu.hk/ifspa2012](http://www.icms.polyu.edu.hk/ifspa2012)

➤ **IAME Special Session**

The 2012 International Association of Maritime Economists Conference (IAME 2012) will be held on 6-8 September 2012 in Taipei, Taiwan. IAME 2012 will provide a forum for academics, practitioners, and policy makers from diverse industrial backgrounds and interests to meet, discuss, and debate critical, challenging, and timely issues that affect the future directions of international shipping, port, and logistics research and practices.

SRC members will organize a Special Session in IAME 2012 with the theme of “Shipping Studies”.

The Special Session Co-Chairs are:

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