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## ALRT 2014

The Asian Logistics Round Table (ALRT 2014) was held on Bangkok on April 1-3. The conference was hosted by Chulalongkorn University. After the conference opening remarks by Prof. Kamonchanok Suthiwartnarueput, two keynote sessions and eight parallel sessions were presented.



Group photo with conference guests

The first keynote session was conducted by Dr Chula Sukmanop (Director-General, Office of Transport and Traffic Policy and Planning). Dr Venus Lun (Director of Shipping Research Centre) made the second keynote speech on the topic of “Greening and Performance Relativity”. Discussants of the second keynote session included Prof. Chandra Lalwani, Prof. Anming Zhang, and Prof. Young-Tae Chang.



Keynote speech conducted by Dr Venus Lun

## GPRA 2015

In response to the complex challenges faced by the port sector and the related shipping and logistics industries, the Global Port Research Alliance (GPRA) has been formed among leading universities in the Americas, Asia, Australia, and Europe. The main objective of GPRA is to establish a global research and teaching platform for port operations, shipping, and transport logistics by building collaborative arrangements among GPRA members, as well as between GPRA and industry. GPRA 2015 aims to promote innovation-driven scholarship and education in shipping and port related fields. It gives an excellent opportunity to GPRA members and other interested parties to explore and examine the critical issues that will impact the future development of port related research, and discuss their implications for port and logistics connectivity. GPRA 2015 is an excellent platform to enhance collaboration between academic researchers to generate possible solutions to address current and emerging shipping and port related issues. It also provides opportunities for multi-stakeholder dialogue to develop creative methods to tackle unresolved challenges in port operations and management.

The theme of GPRA 2015 is “Port and Logistics Connectivity”. Shipping and trading goods through various modes and nodes facilitate international trade, industrial specialization, scale economies in production and distribution, and global supply chain integration. The competitiveness of countries, industries, and supply chains relies heavily on the scope and level of connectivity and integration into global port and logistics networks.

For details of the GPRA Conference, please visit SRC website:

<http://www.lms.polyu.edu.hk/en/centres/src/>

To download the GPRA Call for Papers:

<http://www.lms.polyu.edu.hk/file/media/share/pdf/src/conference/gpra-2015.pdf>



### Conference Organizer

Shipping Research Centre, Department of Logistics and Maritime Studies, Faculty of Business, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

### Conference Co-organizers

- Port Operations and Technology Centre, Imperial College London
- MIT Global Scale Network, Malaysia Institute for Supply Chain Innovation
- MIT Center for Transportation and Logistics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, National University of Singapore
- Institute of Information Systems, University of Hamburg
- Institute of Transport and Logistics Studies, University of Sydney
- Innovation Centre for Logistics and Ports Infrastructure, University of Sao Paulo

## AGKN Conference

The travelling conference “Reliable hinterland and efficient seaports: Cooperation in education and research among Germany, PR China and SR Vietnam” was held in The Hong Kong Polytechnic University on 24th February, which was organized under the umbrella of the Asian-German Knowledge Network for Transport and Logistics (AGKN) and funded by the International Bureau of Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany. The conference focused on future possible cooperation in high quality teaching and research within pre-selected thematic fields based on the university-industry-government approach.

Shipping Research Centre was the conference host in Hong Kong. The conference was officially opened by Professor Edwin Cheng (Dean of the Faculty of Business), Professor Chung-Lun Li (Head of the Department of Logistics and Maritime Studies), Professor Hans-Dietrich Haasis (Chairman of Institute of Shipping Economics and Logistics, University of Bremen), and Dr Venus Lun (Director of the Shipping Research Centre).

The conference was structured around two sessions, covering the following spectrum of research topics in the field of maritime transport and logistics:

- Security Risk Management
- Efficient Container Shuttle Systems for Linking Seaport Container Terminals and Dedicated Satellite Terminals
- Shipping Logistics
- Interaction between Transportation Hub and Urban Development
- Green Shipping
- Port Management
- Shipping Research
- Maritime Economics and Policy
- Port Cooperation
- Shipping Finance
- Simulation and Optimization Methods Applied to Transportation Network Design
- Innovation-oriented Cluster Management
- Data Mining Approaches for Decision Support in Container Logistics
- Container Terminal Operations
- Vietnam Port Development
- Integrative Port and Logistics Systems Planning.



Group photo with conference guests

## IJSTL Special Issues

### Special Issue on “Forecasting, Capacity, Pricing and Sustainability Issues in Shipping and Ports”

The Special Issue on “Forecasting, Capacity, Pricing and Sustainability Issues in Shipping and Ports” was just published in the *International Journal of Shipping and Transport Logistics (IJSTL)* in 2014. The papers originated from the World Conference on Transport Research Society Special Interest Group 2 (Ports and Maritime) Conference in Antwerp in 2012.

Guest Editors of this special issue:

- Thierry Vanelander, University of Antwerp
- Trevor Heaver, University of British Columbia

To read the editorial of this special issue (*IJSTL*, Vol. 6, No. 2), please click the following link: <http://www.inderscience.com/info/inarticletoc.php?jcode=ijstl&year=2014&vol=6&issue=2>

### Call for Papers: Special Issue on “Sustainable Shipping and Transport Logistics in Developing Economies”

Governments, businesses, and society all have a growing interest in the theme of sustainability. However, some sectors still need to be studied further with regard to the motivations, challenges, and practices involved for more sustainable management. Among these sectors, shipping and transport logistics stand out both for the economic importance and for the impact that will be generated by this growth (e.g., environmental and social impact). Logistics activities in the field of transport (e.g., road transport) are also under pressure to become more sustainable. Because of the economic growth that is taking place, countries with developing economies, such as BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India and China), need to quickly adapt their shipping and transport logistics sectors for sustainability.

The objective of this special issue is to publish high-quality original articles that deepen our theoretical and practical understanding of how shipping and transport logistics can be managed, considering the most urgent questions for truly sustainable development.

Studies using the following methodologies are most welcome:

- Qualitative methodologies (multiple case studies)
- Quantitative methodologies (mathematical modelling, indicators or surveys)
- Mixed methodologies
- Comparative studies (cross-country studies of developing economies)

Guest Editors of this special issue:

- Charbel José Chiappetta Jabbour and Ana Beatriz Lopes de Sousa Jabbour, UNESP - Sao Paulo State University, Brazil
- Geng Yong, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China
- Manoj Kumar Tiwari, Indian Institute of Technology, India

Click the following link to access the Call for Papers:

<http://www.inderscience.com/info/ingeneral/cfp.php?id=2500>