

SRC Newsletter

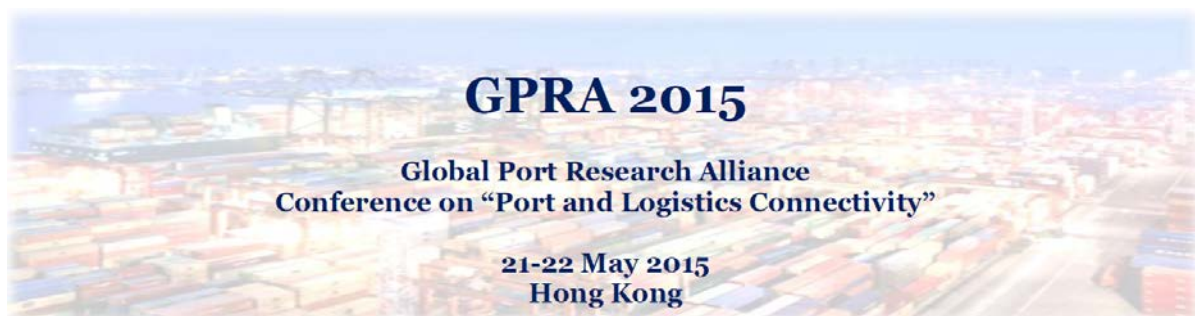
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GPRA 2015



The Global Port Research Alliance (GPRA) 2015 will be held in Hong Kong. We are pleased to have received 100 abstracts co-authored by more than 200 authors from different countries.

The GPRA keynote sessions will include:

- Session 1: Liner Shipping Connectivity by United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and Logistics Performance Index by the World Bank
- Session 2: Global Terminal Operations by HPH, and International Transport Logistics by DHL

GPRA 2015 will also have two industry sessions organized by the Hong Kong Shippers' Council (HKSC) and the Hong Kong Sea Transport and Logistics Association (HKSTLA), six special sessions, a number of parallel sessions, and a plenary session.

For details of the tentative conference programme and other information on GPRA, please visit the GPRA website: <http://www.lms.polyu.edu.hk/en/centres/src/gpra/>

AGKN

The statutes of the new association Asian-German Knowledge Network for Transport and Logistics (AGKN) were ceremoniously signed by the founding members on 8 December 2014. The following eight institutional partners are the founding members of AGKN:

- Institute of Shipping Economics and Logistics, Germany
- University of Bremen, Germany
- University of Applied Sciences Bremen, Germany
- University of Applied Sciences Merseburg, Germany
- Shipping Research Centre of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong
- Logistics Research Institute of Guanxi University, China
- Vietnam University of Commerce, Vietnam
- School of Logistics and Supply Chain of Naresuan University, Thailand



Founding members of AGKN

The AGKN was launched by the University of Bremen as a web-based platform for communication and knowledge sharing between selected universities in China and Vietnam as a joint project funded by the Federal Ministry for Education and Research. The aim of this project was to develop and realize an approach on how to enhance the visibility of German research structures in the Asia Pacific Research Area (APRA) in the specific field of transport and logistics.

The goals of the AGKN are to:

- strengthen cooperative relations between German scientists and partners in countries of the Asia Pacific Research Area (APRA), both in education and research as initiator or equal partner of international research projects by including representatives from business and political areas;
- intensify the international network of German and Asian universities and research institutions according to the principle of social responsibility, and with the goal to foster international research and education in transport and logistics;
- raise visibility and knowledge exchange in the area of education and research in new above-average potential target regions in accordance with the respective national strategy for internationalization of science and research; and
- ensure permanent exchange of information and experiences about collaboration with foreign partners with superordinate, national, and local funding institutions.

Research Trends of International Trade and Transport Logistics

The International Conference on “Research Trends of International Trade and Transport Logistics” was held on 10-11 November 2014 in the Inha University, Korea. The conference was co-organized by Soochow University, Taiwan. After the opening remarks by the conference organizers, a keynote session and several academic sessions were conducted. Dr Venus Lun (Director of SRC) made the keynote speech on the topic of “Transport Complex Economy”.



Conference organizers and guests

CILTHK 2-day Course

Supported by The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU), the CILTHK 2-day Course on “Latest Development in Law of Contracts and Measures of Damages” was held on 6-7 December 2014 at V322 of PolyU. The opening address and welcome address were delivered by Mr Sunny Ho (President of CILTHK) and Dr Venus Lun (Director of SRC). Speakers of this event were Mr Philip Yang, Mr Raymond Ho, and Prof. Anselmo Reyes. This event drew 300 participants from industry and academia.



CILTHK 2-day Course organizers and guests

The CILTHK 2-day Course was organized by The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILTHK). Co-organizers were The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU), the Hong Kong Association of Risk Management and Safety (HKARMS), the Hong Kong Institute of Engineers (HKIE), the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, and the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH).

Common Pitfalls and Preventive Measures

Organized by the Hong Kong Sea Transport and Logistics Association (HKSTLA), the Shipping Research Centre (SRC) of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU), and the Hong Kong Shippers' Council (HKSC), the seminar on "100 Common Pitfalls and Preventive Measures in Logistics Industry" was held on 22 November 2014 at V322 of PolyU. The seminar is one of the events of the Hong Kong Logistics and Maritime Weeks (LMW). More than 250 people from industry participated in this seminar. After the welcome remarks by Dr Byron Lee (Chairman of HKSTLA), a speech by Hon Frankie Yick (Member of the Legislative Council for Transport Constituency) was made. The closing speech was made by Mr Paul Li (HKSTLA).



Organizers and guests

Moderated by Dr Venus Lun (Director of SRC), the first session consisted of the following topics:

- Customs Declaration – Speaker: Mr Eric Wong
- Security – Speaker: Mr Kingson Lee
- Bill of Lading – Speaker: Dr Stephen Ho

Moderated by Mr Sunny Ho (Executive Director of HKSC), the second session covered the following topics:

- Operations – Speaker: David Kuk
- Payment – Speaker: Dr Byron Lee
- Agent – Speaker: Mr Norman Lok

IJSTL 2015

The *International Journal of Shipping and Transport Logistics (IJSTL)* has recently published the 2015 first issue. This is the seventh volume of *IJSTL*. Launched in 2009, the first four volumes of *IJSTL* consisted of four issues per year. Starting from 2013, the publication increased to six issues per year.



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<http://www.inderscience.com/info/inarticletoc.php?jcode=ijstl&year=2015&vol=7&issue=1>