

Dear Sir/Madam,

Jan Perner Transport Faculty, together with the ETRA.CC project consortium have the honour to comment you on the special workshop, dedicated to transport research, which will be opened to all scientists, representatives of academia, transport research organisations and facilities, authorities responsible for RTD policy, and other stakeholders with an interest in transport research. Workshop is organised within the frame of the 4th International Conference “New Challenges in Transport and Communications”. Attendance at the workshop is free of charge. Registered attendants will get memory stick with information about ETRA.CC project and workshop proceedings.

ETRA.CC is acronym of the project funded by the Sixth EU Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development. The full name of the project “*Empowering Transport Research with the Special Focus on the New Accession States and the Candidate Countries*” indicates the main aim of the project, that is, to support co-operation in transport research in those countries. In accordance with the project mission we offer you the possibility to attend our workshop. Workshop is intended to assess user needs and review the state of the art in Czech transport research. Following the results of the workshop ETRA.CC will define thesis in preparation for future Community research policy activities in the field of transport research and their needs on technical and human resources in this country. Apart from individual presentations, workshop will also include a plenum discussion. There should be possibility for the local attendants to point out where they see the biggest and most important problems to be solved in transport area and how transport research could help to solve them; which problems are seen regarding co-operation and networking in their country, etc. Attendants will be also able to present their own research capacities and offer them via ETRA.CC services to whole European community.

The understanding that knowledge, creativity and innovation have a major role in the long-term competitiveness of the Czech economy should lead society to a strong commitment to improve innovation policy. Come to our workshop and help us to understand your problems. We will introduce them to EC. If you would like to have more information about ETRA.CC project they are available at www.etra.cc. Register yourselves to our workshop at latest on September 5, 2006 and come to discuss.

Prof. Karel Kovářík, PhD., project co-ordinator

Place of the workshop: Room B3/Department Boardroom

Date: at 4 p.m., on September 14, 2006

Hosted by: Jan Perner Transport Faculty

Organizers of the Workshops:

ETRA.CC project consortium

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Workshop program

September 14

4 h – 6 h 30 p.m.

Gertraud Scheafer, Ulrike Stopka – TU Dresden , Germany; Karel Kovářík – University of Žilina, Slovakia

ETRA.CC: Networking in Transport Research – from Vision to Reality

Tatiana Molková – Jan Perner Transport Faculty, Czech Republic

Research activities of Jan Perner Transport Faculty

Dana Sitányiová – University of Žilina, Slovakia

Transport research in Czech Republic and EU support programs for transport research

Karel Pospíšil – CDV Brno, Czech Republic

Involvement of CDV – Transport Research Centre in European Research Organisations and EU Projects

Danuše Marusičová, Aleš Bartheldi – Czech Railways, joint stock company, Czech Republic

Participation at Research and Development Projects as a Tool for Competitive Improvement

Gerfried Cebrat, Markus Paul, FGM Amor – Austrian Mobility Research, Austria;

Juraj Mužík – University of Žilina, Slovakia

Virtual Collaboration Environments in Transport Research - Presenting the ETRA.CC Tools and Outlook

Massimo Ferrettino, Luca Prini – Ansaldo Segnalamento Ferroviario s.p.a, Italy

ETCS Interface with the Existing Signalling Systems

Survey and discussion