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## Welcome

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Palais des Nations, July 2008

Dear readers, friends and colleagues:

Transport costs are determined by a combination of factors including geography, trade volumes, economies of scale, infrastructure, as well as administrative processes. Fuel oil, a key cost factor, predominates the energy mix used in transportation. As a result, the relentless rise in oil prices since 2007 is fuelling concerns over the potential implications for transport costs and trade. At over US\$140 a barrel in June 2008, some trade observers are suggesting that globalisation may be hindered and trade patterns changed, with China's comparative advantage soon coming to an end. This, in turn, would affect transportation strategies, global production plant locations as well as the underlying logic of current global trade flows. Are maritime economists / IAME members participating in the discussion? Your editor would be most interested in your thoughts and ongoing work.

The usual mixed bag of items in this newsletter, including some vacancies, new publications and gossip from and about maritime economists. Also in this issue, the minutes of the recent general meeting and the council meeting in Dalian.

Letters, comments and suggestions for the next issue of IAMENews are more than welcome, best before September 2008.

*Jan Hoffmann, [ENews@IAME.info](mailto:ENews@IAME.info)*



## IAME Matters

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### Message from the Secretariat

Dear IAME members and colleagues

The Dalian conference has come and gone and preparation for the Copenhagen conference is well under way. You will remember that 2008 was an election year for the Association and you were advised of the new Council in the last Newsletter. Since that time Dr Ricardo Sanchez and Dr Micky Chasomeris have been invited and agreed to join the Council. This was on the basis that each continent should have representation on the Council, if possible.

The minutes of both the Council and general meetings held in Dalian in April 2008 are included in this Newsletter. At this stage a final Council decision as to the 2010 conference venue has not been made but this will be finalized shortly.

It is Council policy to consider proposals to host a conference no more than two years in advance. If any member is interested in hosting the conference in 2011 I suggest that you contact me and I will send you guidelines for the preparation of a proposal.

I have had a number of reports in the last few weeks from members experiencing difficulties in accessing MEL on-line. I advised David Bull at Palgrave of this difficulty and prompt action was taken. The access details you have been provided are unchanged and the problem has been resolved. If you encounter any more difficulties please let me know.

Kind regards

*Sophia Everett, IAME Secretary, April 2008, [Secretary@iame.info](mailto:Secretary@iame.info)*

### Minutes of the meeting of the IAME Council held in Dalian 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2008

#### Present

Peter Marlow (President)

Helen Thanopoulou

Theo Notteboom

Sophia Everett (Secretary)

Photis Panayides

Irene Rosberg

Tabatha Pettitt

Thanos Pallis

John Liu

#### *Apologies*

Wayne Talley

Ernst Frankel

Dong Wook Song

Jan Hoffmann

Tengfei Wang

Mary Brooks

Ross Robinson (Treasurer)

#### Welcome

Peter Marlow welcomed the new Council and thanked the former Council for its contribution to the IAME. Peter Marlow pointed out that previously an attempt had been made to have all continents represented on the Council. The prevailing view of the meeting was that the integrity of the election process should be maintained and the wishes of the voters respected with regard to membership of the Council. After discussion it was agreed that SE would look at the Constitution and consider the possibility of inviting Ricardo Sanchez and Micky Chasomeris to represent their respective regions as advisers to the Council. This matter would be put to Council members for a final decision once the Constitution had been checked.

## Minutes of last meeting

The Minutes of the 2007 meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

## Matters arising

### *Item 4.7 Editor of MPM.*

Noted that the new Editor of MPM was Heather Leggate McLaughlin. Peter Marlow reported on the Editorial Board meeting of MPM held on 2nd April. He indicated that it was considered necessary to raise the academic profile of the journal. This was likely with the input from the new Editorial Board. The issue of Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI) was being pursued which, if obtained, would raise the profile and benefit CVs and careers.

### *Item 4.8 Regional meetings.*

The Council discussed lending IAME support to regional meetings. Paul Lee had approached IAME for support for the next Asia Logistics Roundtable Conference to be held in Korea in 2009. It was pointed out that this would not involve any monetary cost to IAME and would provide exposure for the Association. The Council agreed to this.

Peter Marlow advised that, associated with the attempt to establish links with other organisations, he was attending the International Maritime Statistics Forum in Gdansk in April 2008. He would have the opportunity to make a presentation promoting the IAME. In return an IMSF representative (probably their Chairman) would have the opportunity to address the IAME at its next conference.

## Secretary's Report

Sophia Everett informed the meeting that the Association now had 302 members – this did not include new members who joined the IAME as part of the Dalian conference. . Membership of 15 was outstanding. But these were long time members and she would continue to contact them in an endeavour to have their membership renewed.

She reported that the problems of the past associated with the journals had been sorted.

## Treasurer's report

Sophia Everett presented the Treasurer's statement on behalf of Ross Robinson – a copy is attached. She indicated that IAME was now classified as a not-for-profit organisation and was therefore exempt from tax.

She suggested that \$25000 of the working account should be deposited in a long term deposit account at an interest rate of approximately 7% - this could be on 3 month terms. The Council agreed

## Profit sharing of conference

The meeting discussed the suggestion made by Mary Brooks that the IAME should have some share of the conference profit. Members discussed the manner in which this contribution could be made. These included a share of the profit; an upfront charge for the use of the IAME badge; a contribution to the Association. Wayne Talley pointed out that conference hosts did not host a conference for the reason of making profit and if any surplus was anticipated it would in all likelihood be spent on improving the conference organisation.

After lengthy discussion the meeting agreed that as the IAME did not share in the risk associated with organising a conference it should not share in the profit.

## Proposal to host the 2010 conference

The Council evaluated the proposal by Ana Casaca to host the 2010 conference in Portugal. It raised a concern that the charge for conference registration was increasing. The meeting also expressed its concern that the host organisation was not linked to a university. The issue of an appro-

prate venue was also raised. It was agreed that the weather in Portugal in July could be very hot and that some hotels were not adequately ventilated.

It was proposed that Ana Casaca should explore the hotel in which WCTR was being held and that perhaps benefit could be gained by holding the IAME conference in the same venue.

Peter Marlow agreed that he would contact Ana and request clarification on

- 1 Academic institution involved in the Portugal proposal
2. Which hotel WCTR was using and potential benefits from bundling
3. Explore alternative air-conditioned venues
4. Full papers to be reviewed
5. Student fees be looked at
6. Registration fees for non IAME members should be conference registration fee plus US\$140 for individual members or plus US\$100 for student and retired members

Peter Marlow suggested that a period of 3 months should be allowed to resolve these issues. Ross Robinson suggested that an alternate – such as the St John’s expression of interest – could be considered.

#### Other Business

##### *Proposed high registration fees for Denmark*

Concern was expressed about the proposed high fees for the Denmark conference. Irene Rosberg will check this with Kristen and Steen. She indicated that the brochure she had distributed was a draft only.

##### *Registration fees for students*

SE pointed out that there was an anomaly with regard to the student fees. This should be no more than the US\$100 which is the annual IAME membership fee for students and retired IAME members.

##### *Representation on Council*

As it is customary to have the host of the next conference as a Council member, the meeting discussed the possibility of having both Irene Rosberg and Kristen Needergaard represented on Council as the joint hosts of the next conference. The Council agreed to this although PM added that they must speak with a single voice.

The meeting closed at 7.20.

## **Minutes of the IAME General Meeting held in Dalian on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2008**

#### Chairman

Peter Marlow (President)

PM advised the meeting that Ernst was unable to attend the Dalian conference as a result of an accident and, on behalf of the meeting, he wished Ernst a speedy recovery and looking forward to seeing Ernst in Copenhagen.

#### Minutes of the last meeting

It was agreed that the Minutes were an accurate record

### **Matters arising**

The Chairman advised that the IAME Council had agreed to support in a non-financial manner the 3rd Asian Logistics Round Table Conference to be held at Inha University, Korea in April 2009.

### **Links with other organizations**

The Chairman advised that, on behalf of IAME, he would attend the IMSF meeting in Gdansk in an effort to develop closer links. This was important for obtaining statistical information and possibly influencing what types of statistics were collected.

### **Membership**

The meeting was informed that membership of the IAME had increased to 302. This did not include new members associated with attending the Dalian conference.

### **IAME history**

The meeting was reminded that it had been agreed that the IAME should compile a file on the history and development of the Association. Members were requested to send any records they have to the Secretary.

### **Message from the Newsletter Editor**

The Chairman passed on the following request from Jan Hoffmann. If conference attendees have any conference photos that these are passed on to Jan before 14 April for inclusion in the Newsletter. He also advised the meeting that Jan was willing to continue as Editor of the Newsletter and thanked him for all his efforts in this regard.

### **IAME Financial Statement**

The Chairman informed the meeting that the balance of IAME bank accounts was approximately A\$200,000. He further reported that the Australian Taxation Office had now confirmed that the IAME was a non-for-profit organisation and, as a result, was tax exempt. He thanked the Secretariat for arranging this.

### **Location of 2010 IAME Conference**

The Chairman advised the meeting that Council felt there were some problems with the 2010 proposal to host the conference in Portugal. He also expressed the concern of the Council at the high level of the proposed conference fees. He would approach the proposed host and discuss these issues with her.

### **IAME 2009 Conference in Copenhagen**

The 2009 IAME conference will be held in Copenhagen and Irene Rosberg, on behalf of the joint organisers, was invited to make a presentation to the meeting. Irene indicated that she had distributed a brochure to the conference members. She indicated that this was a draft and would explore the proposed charges and report back to the Council. The dates for the conference remained unchanged and were 24 – 26 June 2009.

### **Award of best paper prize**

The MEL award for Best Conference Paper was given to Athanasios (Thanos) A. Pallis, Theo E. Notteboom and Peter W. de Langan for their paper “Concession agreements, capabilities and market entry”. The award was presented by Michele Accario on behalf of MEL. Congratulations to the authors.

## Any other business

### *Financial position*

Michael Dooms commented on the IAME financial position and requested information on how this would be used. The Chairman suggested that we could possibly establish a student activities fund. The meeting was informed that the IAME did not have this in the past but that the Council would consider this over the next few months.

### *Quality of journals*

Anthony Chin raised the issue of the quality of the journals. The meeting was informed that, with regard to MPM, changes were being made and would be noted on the MPM website. The meeting was further advised that changes with regard to MEL were also underway. The Chairman advised the meeting of the plans underway regarding the citation index and explained that this was a process rather than a one off event.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 11.45 am



*Shipping in Switzerland, June 2008*

## **Better presentations**

Our colleague Michael Dooms suggests the below link to allow presenters at IAME conferences to improve upon the quality of presentation.

[http://meetings.aomonline.org/2004/exciting\\_sessions.htm](http://meetings.aomonline.org/2004/exciting_sessions.htm)

With best regards from Michael, [michael.dooms@vub.ac.be](mailto:michael.dooms@vub.ac.be)

## Our Journals

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### Recent Articles Published in MEL and MPM

Easy-to-remember shortcuts: <http://mpm.iame.info> and <http://mel.iame.info>

Angeliki Pardali; Vassilis Michalopoulos: Determining the position of container handling ports, using the benchmarking analysis: the case of the Port of Piraeus. MPM

Lu Jing; Peter B. Marlow; Wang Hui: An analysis of freight rate volatility in dry bulk shipping markets. MPM

Mateus Magala: Modelling opportunity capture: a framework for port growth, MPM

Rae Weston; Ross Robinson: Value migration and profit pools in port-oriented freight systems: the implications for new patterns of efficiency. MPM

Risto Laulajainen: Operative strategy in tanker (dirty) shipping. MPM



## Publications and proceedings

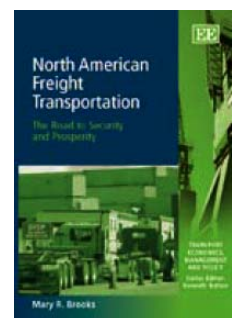
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### Freight Transportation in North America: The Road to Security and Prosperity

By Mary R. Brooks, Professor of Marketing and Transportation and William A. Black Chair of Commerce, Dalhousie University, Canada.

Heightened awareness of North America's vulnerability to terrorism in the aftermath of 9/11 has precipitated a crisis for transport suppliers and cargo owners, one that jeopardizes economic prosperity. Mary Brooks examines one industry sector of the North American economic relationship-transportation services-from the perspectives of transport supplier, cargo owner and policymaker.

Ensuring security in international transportation without compromising operational effectiveness is a delicate balancing act. There is concern that economic benefits from NAFTA and the Canada-US



Trade Agreement may have been diminished by the current security focus of American officials. The author addresses these concerns, beginning with a history of NAFTA and subsequent continental economic integration. Succeeding chapters provide an economic and regulatory assessment of the North American transport network, and examine key issues for both cargo interests and surface transport suppliers. The issues of perimeter security and growing regionalization are also explored. The author closes with a discussion of North America's transportation future under the Security and Prosperity Partnership.

The unique insights of North American Freight Transportation will be of interest to policymakers, those in the transport sector, as well as researchers and practitioners in political science and trade economics.

Published by Edward Elgar, in its Transport Economics Management and Policy series, this book is available in North America in July 2008.

<http://myweb.dal.ca/mrbrooks/freighttransport.html>

### **Martin Stopford's Maritime Economics - 3<sup>rd</sup> edition**

New in August 2008 from Routledge

The new edition of Maritime Economics combines a sophisticated historical and theoretical analysis of this large and complex market with a practical explanation of all aspects of the shipping industry.

New and enlarged chapters in this substantially revised third edition cover:

- 5000 years of commercial shipping history
- shipping cycles back to 1741;
- the four shipping markets (freight rates and freight derivatives, second hand ships, newbuilding, demolition);
- latest developments in ship financing techniques
- the theory of maritime trade

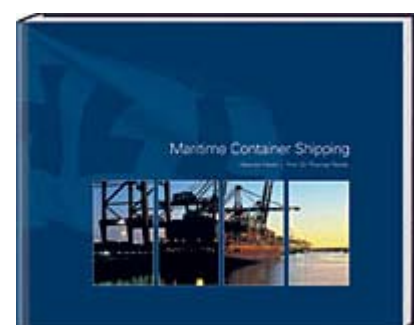
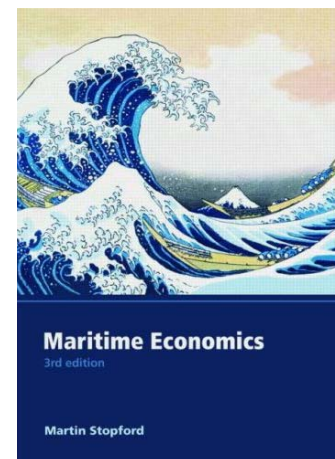
With over 200 illustrations and tables Maritime Economics: third edition is essential reading for students and professionals with an interest in the shipping industry.

Maritime Economics retails at £37.50 but Routledge are offering a 20% discount to IAME members.

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### **Illustrated book “Maritime container shipping”**

Maritime container shipping is the backbone of world trade. More than 90 % of the goods traded worldwide are transported via the seven seas. On 144 pages author Prof. Dr. Thomas Pawlik points out how chains of container transport span the globe and explains the structures of container liner shipping in the newly published illustrated book in a competent and comprehensible manner. The book shows that, apart from liquid cargo, there are hardly any goods nowadays that are not shipped between the ports of the world on board container vessels. In addition to the important duties of the ship's crew, readers get to know the workflows at container terminals and seaport hinterland logistics as well as key aspects of shipbuilding, environmental protection and safety in



container shipping.

The unique photographic material in the sophisticatedly designed illustrated book comes from internationally renowned photographers as well as numerous archives of shipping companies and supplements the information provided. A special highlight is the view through the glass side of a 4,700 TEU container ship on one of the six pages with widescreen shots. The book with an unusual landscape format was printed by means of a sophisticated technique in order to generate spatial depth in the photos. In short, an absolutely informative book about the world of container ships.

144 pages, bound, 120 colour illustrations. Format: 320 x 258 mm. Price: 49.90 euros. German edition: ISBN 978-3-89880-873-6. English edition: ISBN 978-3-89880-874-2.

[info@heel-verlag.de](mailto:info@heel-verlag.de) as well as [www.amazon.de](http://www.amazon.de)

## **UNCTAD's Transport Newsletter**

With rising oil prices and their impact on fuel prices and transport costs, analysts are concerned about the potential implications for global trade growth and changing trade patterns; UNCTAD's next Transport Newsletter will discuss some of the key issues in an article on "Fuel prices, transport costs and the geography of trade".

Trade facilitation is the topic of articles on trade facilitation opportunities for landlocked and transit developing countries, a study on the economic impacts of container scanning legislation, the trade facilitation committee of Afghanistan, information and communication technologies for trade facilitation and a single window initiative in Central Asia.

We further report on recent and upcoming meetings and introduce new publications which we believe are of interest to policy makers and practitioners in international transport and trade facilitation.

<http://extranet.unctad.org/transportnews>



*Shipping in Minsk, July 2008*

## Upcoming events, courses and calls for papers

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### The World Ocean in Globalization: Challenges for Marine Regions



International conference on marine affairs and the Law of the Sea

Oslo, 21-23 August 2008

Organizer: Fridtjof Nansen Institute

#### Introduction

In connection with its 50th anniversary, the Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI) convenes this international conference on marine affairs and law of the sea, to provide an independent and qualified forum for the exchange of views, analyses and comments on challenges for seas and marine regions, and their resources, in the face of increasing globalization.

This is the third international conference organized by the FNI to discuss challenges for the international cooperation on oceans and seas in general, and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea in particular. The previous conferences were held in 1983, following up on the adoption of the Convention, and in 1998, addressing implementation aspects following the entry into force of the Convention.

Today, the Convention has 155 parties and is widely accepted as an established legal and policy framework for the world ocean. It is now 25 years since the Convention was adopted - an anniversary that can serve as a good occasion to assess the state of affairs that the Convention aims at regulating.

In the past quarter-century, however, various aspects of globalization - affecting also on the use of the seas - have likely had more impact on the state of the marine environment and resources than all human activities have had in the entire span of human history before. Against this backdrop, the conference has three thematic foci:

- Challenges posed by globalization
- Interaction between global and regional regulatory and policy responses
- Technology and science: Interface with ocean law and policy development

Through these themes, the conference will address several key issue-areas, including high-seas fishing and international navigation in particular

There will be a social program in addition to the scientific program, including receptions on the evenings of 20, 21 and 22 August, a banquet on 23 August, and Oslo sightseeing on 24 August.

#### Venue and accommodation

The conference will be held at the Telenor EXPO Conference Center at Fornebu, just outside of Oslo and close to FNI.

Recommended accommodation is the Radisson SAS Park Hotel, a 5-minute walk from the conference center. Accommodation here should be booked via the organizers

## Registration

Participation is limited to 200 participants. We strongly recommend early registration.

## Participation fee

NOK 2600 / USD 510 / EUR 330

The participation fee covers the following:

Lunches on 21, 22 and 23 August, coffee breaks, banquet on 23 August, receptions on the evenings of 20, 21 and 22 August (incl. transport), Oslo sightseeing on 24 August, all conference materials and conference summaries/proceedings.

Participation will not be registered until payment has been received.

## Organization

FNI has established the following Organizing Committee to direct the preparations and implementation of the conference:

Conference Chairman: Mr. Peter Johan Schei, Director

Conference Program Chairman: Dr. Davor Vidas, Senior Research Fellow and Director of FNI's Marine Affairs and Law of the Sea Programme

Head of Conference Secretariat: Mr. Claes Lykke Ragner, Project Administrator

## Contact

For all inquiries regarding the conference, please contact Mr. Claes Lykke Ragner, Head of Conference Secretariat, Fridtjof Nansen Institute, P.O.Box 326, 1326 Lysaker, Norway

[clr@fni.no](mailto:clr@fni.no)

[www.fni.no/conference/](http://www.fni.no/conference/)



*Sugar exports out of Port Louis, April 2008*

## Miscellaneous from, for and about Maritime Economists

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### 3rd MEL PhD COMPETITION (2005-2008)

THE 'PALGRAVE MACMILLAN' PRIZE IN MARITIME ECONOMICS & LOGISTICS (MEL)

In pursuit of its commitment to promote quality research and strengthen research links, particularly among young researchers, MEL organizes its third Competition for the best PhD Theses that have been successfully defended during the period 1st July 2005 to 30th June 2008.

Submissions will be peer-reviewed by an international Jury composed by:

Professor Pierre Cariou, World Maritime University, Sweden

Professor T.C. (Edwin) Cheng, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, HK

Professor Hercules Haralambides, Erasmus University Rotterdam, NL

Professor Yehuda Hayuth, Israel Institute of Technology, Israel

Dr. Jan Hoffmann, UNCTAD, Switzerland

Professor Peter Marlow, Cardiff University, UK

Professor Nikitas Nikitakos, University of the Aegean, GR

Professor Tae Oum, University of British Columbia, Canada

Professor Harilaos Psaraftis, National Technical University of Athens, GR

Professor Michael Roe, University of Plymouth, UK

Professor Siri Petersen Strandenes, NHH, Norway

Professor Wayne Talley, Old Dominion University, USA

Professor George Vlahos, University of Piraeus, GR

The “Palgrave Macmillan” Prize for best PhD thesis, accompanied by a prize of €1,000, will be awarded at a ceremony that will take place in November 2008, in Rotterdam. Finalists will be given the opportunity to present their subject and the second and third best PhD thesis will be awarded € 750 and € 500 respectively. Authors are expected to join the ceremony that will also celebrate MEL’s decennial.

Authors should submit three copies of their thesis to MEL’s editorial address in Rotterdam, plus an approximately 6000 words paper comprising the essence of the thesis (in electronic version) to Michele Acciaro, Center for Maritime Economics and Logistics, Erasmus University Rotterdam ([acciaro@few.eur.nl](mailto:acciaro@few.eur.nl)) no later than the 15th of September 2008. Submissions should be accompanied by a letter from the competent university authorities confirming that the PhD Thesis was defended between 1st July 2005 and 30th June 2008.

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telephone: 0031 – 10 – 408 1991. [www.palgrave-journals.com/MEL](http://www.palgrave-journals.com/MEL)*

## **Marine Traffic**

An interesting website that provides real-time data on maritime traffic based on ships' AIS data.

[www.marinetraffic.com](http://www.marinetraffic.com)

## **Research on liner market concentration**

Iñaki Alcedo, member of IAME, professor of Maritime Economics in the Nautical High School (University of Basque Country) of Basque Country (UPV/EHU), would like to collaborate and work with any group investigating or working on research and/or projects on maritime economics. I am working on my PhD (on Liner Market Concentration and Corporative Strategies) but any other matter on shipping would be of interest too. Further details upon request.

Contact: [inaki.alcedo@ehu.es](mailto:inaki.alcedo@ehu.es), Phone+34946014840

## **Hellenic Association of Maritime Economists**

The General Meeting of the Hellenic Association of Maritime Economists (ENOE' for Greek speakers) elected in June the new Council of the association.

The new Council is as follows: President: Alkis Korres, Vice-president /Treasurer: Costas Chloumoudis; Secretary General: Thanos Pallis; and Members: Helen Thanopoulou, Manolis Kavousanos, and Harilaos Psaraftis. John Lagoudis, Katerina Konsta and John Patiniotis were elected as Alternate members

The 70 members strong Association, established in 2006, with the aim being to further promote the cooperation of its members and the advancement of maritime economics related activities in Greece, either at research or industry practices level. Most ENOE members are also members of IAME, with the two IAME Council members currently affiliated with Greek institutions (Helen Thanopoulou and Thanos Pallis) being members of ENOE Council as well.

For further info you may contact ENOE at: [enoe@enoe.gr](mailto:enoe@enoe.gr), or the ENOE Secretariat: Mr. Thomas Vitsounis, [vitsounis@aegean.gr](mailto:vitsounis@aegean.gr)

## **Study on Container Terminal Optimisation with the use of Stochastic Modelling**

A new study on Container Terminal Optimisation with the use of Stochastic Modelling has been completed by Dr. Ioannis N. Lagoudis, Adjunct Lecturer at the Department of Shipping Trade, University of the Aegean and Head of Research and Development at XRTC Ltd.

The study examines the investment and divestment phenomena present in the port container terminal industry. Data have been collected from a hub port of the Eastern Mediterranean and are analysed with the assistance of stochastic theory. Birth and Death modelling is applied in a number of scenarios where the behaviour of the container terminal system during the vessels' berthing process (loading/unloading) and the containers' storage process in the container yard are estimated and documented. Results show that stochastic modelling can assist in the decision making process of critical operational and investment decisions and at the same time enables the identification of the financial implications these decisions could have on both terminal operators and their customers.

This post-doctoral study has been financed by the Greek State Scholarships Foundation, and a copy is available from the author upon request.

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## Ricardo Sanchez in Chile

Ricardo J. Sanchez has been appointed Assistant Professor of the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Escuela de Administración, and Economic Affairs Officer of UNECLAC (United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean), Officer in Charge for logistics, maritime and port affairs.

Ricardo Sanchez, [ricardo.sanchez@cepal.org](mailto:ricardo.sanchez@cepal.org)

## Survey on reliability of door-to-door operations

INRETS, the French institute for Transport and Safety Research, in co-operation with the Joint Transport Research Centre of the OECD and the International transport forum are carrying out a survey on the reliability of door to door container transport chains.

This questionnaire tends to evaluate the factors impacting on the reliability of door to door container transport chains. Your answers will be used for an analysis that will be finished by the end of August.

We would like to ask you to fill the questionnaire by clicking on this link, complete and submit. The link: <http://inrets.fr/ur/splot/questionnaire/QuestionnaireOCDE.htm>

*For more information, contact Antoine Fremont at [antoine.fremont@inrets.fr](mailto:antoine.fremont@inrets.fr), Jari Kaupplia at [Jari.kauppila@oecd.org](mailto:Jari.kauppila@oecd.org), Pierre Franc at [pierre.franc@inrets.fr](mailto:pierre.franc@inrets.fr), or Pidor Chhiv at [pidor.chhiv@inrets.fr](mailto:pidor.chhiv@inrets.fr)*

## Research for UNCTAD

UNCTAD might have an opportunity for a young econometrician, ideally with an interest in shipping, transport costs, fuel prices, and gravity models, to work on a four-month assignment, starting in September 2008.

*For further information please contact Hassiba Benamara, [hassiba.benamara@unctad.org](mailto:hassiba.benamara@unctad.org).*

## Vacancies in Antwerp

The Research Centre on Commodity Flows at the Department of Transport and Regional Economics at the University of Antwerp is seeking to fill 3 extra junior research vacancies, two in the field of transport economics, one in the field of transport engineering. Candidates should have a Masters degree, be willing to join mid July 2008, and will be offered a contract to end 2011, under annual evaluation.

*The full job offer information and application possibilities are online at [www.ua.ac.be/commodityflows](http://www.ua.ac.be/commodityflows)  
For further details, the Research Centre can be contacted through [steunpunt.goederenstromen@ua.ac.be](mailto:steunpunt.goederenstromen@ua.ac.be)*

## Maritime Profile Theo Notteboom

### Introduction

I was born in Antwerp, the second largest city in Belgium, on 8 August 1970 (so on 8/8/08 I turn 38). In the late 1960s, my parents left the countryside in Flanders to start up a business in the city of Antwerp. I have lived in and around Antwerp all my life, despite many trips abroad. Since a few years I am married to Guo Hui who was born in the northern city of Harbin in China. This has resulted in a very enjoyable Euro-Asian lifestyle.

After completing my Master's in Applied Economics at the University of Antwerp, I was predestined to step into the fruit wholesaling business of my father (that's where I got in touch with port operations). I never did. My work in academic circles started almost incidental with an interim position



as research assistant at the Department of Transport Economics of RUCA (at that time one of the three universities of Antwerp) under the guidance of Prof. Willy Winkelmans. What was supposed to be a temporary job became the start of a career at the University of Antwerp. The quality of the research team (Willy Winkelmans, Alain Verbeke, Chris Peeters, Chris Coeck and Eddy van de Voorde to name but a few), the good working conditions and the presence of Europe's second largest port in the university's backyard meant that I was never tempted to take up a challenge elsewhere. New career opportunities arose when the University of Antwerp welcomed the start of ITMMA (Institute of Transport and Maritime Management Antwerp) in 1996. I got my Ph.D. in 2000 with a dissertation on the changing role of ports in the triptych foreland-port-hinterland.

About 16 years later, I am still serving the University of Antwerp, now as president of ITMMA. In the meantime, ITMMA has become an official inter-faculty institute of the University of Antwerp. I am still affiliated with the Faculty of Applied Economics of the University of Antwerp and I have recently taken a position as part-time professor in maritime transport at the Antwerp Maritime Academy. I am responsible for quite a number of courses on port economics and management, inland transportation, shipping markets and maritime technology. I hold a visiting professorship at Dalian Maritime University in China and had the pleasure of giving guest lectures at a dozen other universities in Asia, US/Canada and Europe.

As is expected from an academic, I have published in academic journals and books mainly on transport and maritime economics, transport geography and transport policy, including market organization, spatial developments, maritime transport and inland transportation. My research output covers applications to Europe, Asia/China and North-America. I have been involved as promoter or co-promoter in about forty academic research programs and consultancy studies on the maritime industry and logistics topics commissioned by private companies and government departments in Europe and East Asia.

I attended my first IAME conference in 1998, when the conference was held in Antwerp together with the 8<sup>th</sup> WCTR conference. From that moment on I have tried to attend each IAME annual conference. In 2006, I became a Council member of IAME. In addition, I am also a member of the board of Directors of BIVIC (Benelux Inter-University Group of Transport Economists), BITO (Belgian Institute for Transport Organizers) and a 'working member' of the Belgian Royal Academy of Overseas Sciences. I am an editorial board member of several academic Journals including Journal of Transport Geography, Maritime Policy and Management and WMU Journal of Maritime Affairs.

**Who or what has been the greatest influence on your life?**

Probably my father. He gave me the freedom to venture into the academic world. I have learned a lot from his down-to-earth mentality and his hands-on approach. He is now enjoying a well-deserved retirement.

**What objects do you always carry with you?**

Keys, a watch and a cell phone.

**What is your favourite word ?**

Multi-disciplinary. We all seem to give our own meaning to this word.

**What is your favourite book?**

I have not one particular favorite book. I have a great interest in books that take you to far-away places or eras of remarkable technological progress.

**What is your favourite song or piece of music?**

Among the oldies, 'Everybody's talking' of Harry Nilsson. It is not the best song at all, but it brings back very nice memories of my childhood. Among contemporary music, I particularly like the recent albums of Seal and Leona Lewis.

**What is your favourite restaurant and Jazz Club?**

The atmosphere and scenery offered by a restaurant are as important to me as the food. Some good examples: Danieli Il Divino in Antwerp (in the park of a chateau), Chart House Restaurant (along the Hudson River and with a spectacular view on the Manhattan skyline) and the revolving restaurant at Menara Kuala Lumpur (at a height of 276m).

**What has been your best past investment?**

Starting a (new) life with my wife.

**What do you do to relax?**

Tourism trips and sports.

**What keeps you awake at night?**

Annoying sounds such as the sound of a mosquito or the banging of door/fence, etc.. . For the rest I am a sound sleeper.

**If you weren't in your current profession, what would you like to have been?**

An architect. I have a keen interest in architecture, especially urban architecture aimed at developing large public spaces. I particularly follow waterfront redevelopment projects around the world in major port cities such as Barcelona, Rotterdam, Shanghai, Sydney and Antwerp. These kinds of projects are very challenging to architects and urban planners.

**What is your favourite journey?**

Life.

**What makes you angry?**

Racism and slow/inflexible administration.

**What makes you laugh?**

Many things, ranging from children asking very direct questions or imitating adults, to stand-up comedians and funny situations you sometimes end up in.

**What is your main vice?**

Today is the first day of the rest of my life.

**What would your epitaph be?**

I like the one Winston Churchill put forward: 'I am ready to meet my Maker. Whether my Maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter.' My epitaph will be more modest for sure.

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