

CALL FOR PAPERS
FOR A SPECIAL ISSUE OF MARITIME ECONOMICS & LOGISTICS

DRYPORTS

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We invite submissions of papers on the topic of **Dryports** for publication in a Special Issue of **Maritime Economics & Logistics (MEL)** in 2011. We invite you to send your initial ideas to us in the coming weeks (please e-mail: g.wilmsmeier@napier.ac.uk). We will then exchange ideas with you with a view to a deadline for the submission of 200-word abstracts by **April 30th 2010**. The draft papers are due **July 15th 2010** and the full reviewed papers should be ready for final submission to us by **November 30th 2010**.

Key topic areas for papers are: inland terminals, dryports and their relation to ports. Without wishing to limit the focus of submissions, we are particularly eager to receive unique and fresh research analysing:

- How the competitive structure between ports is affected by the development of dryport systems.
- Economic, social and environmental impacts of inland terminal and dryport developments?
- Policy and regulatory issues related to dryports.
- New developments in dryports or inland terminals and best practice from around the world.
- Strategies of shipping lines to reach out into port hinterlands.
- Strategies of rail operators for bundling small flows.
- What co-operation strategies are being adopted by industry.
- How are information flows being managed.

This call is linked directly to the **International Conference on Intermodal Strategies for Integrating Ports and Hinterlands** organised by the Transport Research Institute (TRI) and SEStran and taking place in Edinburgh, Scotland on the **21st and 22nd of October 2010**. The overall aim of the conference is to share information that will help to promote the use of intermodal transport for freight movements.

Although attendance at the conference is not a requirement for submission to this Special Issue, it does provide a unique chance for academics and industry to come together and discuss the increasing role of hinterland access for port competitiveness and to analyse the present issues, recent trends, technological, operational and legislative developments, as well as the challenges to be faced in the future. In consequence, we will invite the authors of the best abstracts/draft papers to participate as a speaker at the conference.

As a speaker at the conference and contributor to the Special Issue we will cover your expenses to participate, if they are not covered from other sources.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Key dates:

April 30th 2010

May 10th 2010

July 15th 2010

July 31st 2010

October 21st - October 22nd

November 30th

Deadline for submission of abstract

Notification of abstracts acceptance

Deadline for submission of draft paper

Refereed papers returned to authors for revision

Presentation of papers at Conference

Deadline for submission of final papers



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