# URBANAND MARITIME TRANSPORT

27<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Urban and Maritime Transport and the Environment

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The International Conference on Urban Transport and the Environment successfully reconvened for 27 years, always attracting a wide international spread of delegates, well established as the premier event of its type.

Meanwhile, the substantial growth of maritime shipping has resulted in large transported quantities around the world, creating a demand for innovative solutions for ports and fleets, well reflected by the success of the First International Conference on Maritime Transport, held in 2019.

These two apparently parallel topics meet in the transport and environmental management of coastal cities, both being affected positively and negatively by landslide and seaside traffic.

The continuing requirement for better urban transport systems and the need for a healthier environment creates a fertile environment for original ideas, innovative approaches and applications of advanced technologies, their tests and evaluations in practice. Moreover, there is a growing need for integration with IT systems and applications to improve safety and efficiency.

Maritime Transport is highly interconnected with rail, road and air services, as well as inland waterways. Each of these must therefore operate complimentary of one another to maximise efficiency and respond rapidly to variable economic and political contingencies. The variety of topics covered by the conference reflects the complex interaction of the transport systems with their environment and the need to establish integrated strategies. The aim is to arrive at optimal socio-economic solutions while reducing the negative environmental impacts of transportation systems typically by interdisciplinary approaches. Therefore, the conference will focus on multidisciplinary research and development, as well as operational experiences.

The conference started in Southampton in 1995; continuing in Barcelona (1996); Acquasparta, Italy (1997); Lisbon (1998); Rhodes (1999); Cambridge, UK (2000); Lemnos, Greece (2001); Seville (2002); Crete (2003); Dresden (2004); Algarve (2005); WIT Campus in the New Forest (2006); Coimbra (2007); Malta (2008); Bologna (2009); Limassol (2010); Pisa (2011), A Coruña (2012), Kos (2013), Algarve (2014), Valencia (2015), Crete (2016), Rome (2017), Seville (2018), Aveiro (2019) and Bilbao (2020).

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# Location

Situated on the eastern coast of Spain, Valencia is the third largest city and has one of the biggest ports on the Mediterranean, famous for having recently hosted the America's Cup. A large historic city centre makes Valencia a popular tourist destination with many ancient monuments, museums and sights of interest. Traditionally, visitors have been drawn to the region for its food, with "Paella" having originated from the city. In recent years, the city has seen an increase in tourism due to "The City of Arts and Sciences", project designed by Valencia's own Santiago Calatrava. The structure houses an IMAX cinema, Europe's largest aquarium, interactive educational exhibits in the Príncipe Felipe Science Museum and the avantgarde Opera House.

## Venue

The Hotel Valencia Oceanic is situated near the centre of Valencia. Only a short distance from the City of Arts and Sciences, the harbour and downtown, the hotel is close to most that the city has to offer. With 200 rooms all with highspeed internet access, a 24 hour fitness centre, pool, sauna, bar and restaurant, the hotel has all the amenities guests may require.



# **Benefits of Attending**

### **USB** Drive

Delegates will receive a USB drive at the conference containing the presented papers.

### Publication

Papers presented at Urban and Maritime Transport 2021 are to be published in a Volume of WIT Transactions on the Built Environment (ISSN 1743-3509). The publication will be available in both electronic and hard copy.

### Indexing

The WIT Transactions are DOI registered with CrossRef and are currently listed in indexing services such as Scopus and Google Scholar, as well as being submitted to the Web of Science. All conference books are listed in the British Library and American Library of Congress.

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### **Reduced Fee for PhD Students**

The Wessex Institute believes in the importance of encouraging PhD students to present and publish innovative research at its conferences. As a result, the Institute offers PhD students a much-reduced conference fee.

### Networking

Participants can present their research and interact with experts from around the world, as part of a unique community.

### **Journal Publication Opportunity**

After the conference, delegates will be invited to submit an enhanced version of their conference paper to one of the WIT Press International Journals.

# **Conference Topics**

The following list covers some of the topics to be presented at the conference. Papers on other subjects related to the objectives of the meeting are also welcome.

Traffic planning, control and management Urban and marine policy and governance Mobility and public spaces in smart cities Logistics and urban freight distribution **Freight handling and transport** Positioning, route planning and monitoring and fleets management Public transport systems planning Urban vehicle technology Naval technology Pollution and the protection of the marine environment Socio-economic implications and impacts **Guided transport systems** Ports and inland waterborne operation Impacts on land and coastal use Intermodal and multimodal transport systems Innovative electric transportation Land and marine GIS Meteorology and oceanography issues Reliability, availability and maintainability Safety, security and risk analysis Accident analysis and investigations Innovative and renewable energy sources, infrastructures and fleets Effects of human behaviour on demand and operation Transport system modelling and simulation Ro-Ro, Ro-Pax and cruise shipping **Containers and bulk shipping** International standards and regulations **Transportation infrastructure development** Intelligent and advanced transport systems **Education and training initiatives** History of cities and navigation **Case studies** 

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# **Submission Information**

### Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be submitted as soon as possible.

Abstracts should clearly state the purpose, results and conclusions of the work to be described in the final paper. Final acceptance will be based on the full-length paper which, if accepted for publication, must be presented at the conference.

The language of the conference will be English.

Online submission: www.witconferences.com/transport2021

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