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NECTAR PhD AWARD

In many NECTAR meetings, workshops and conferences, PhD students present and discuss their work. To recognize the high quality of the research conducted by the best of the PhD students supervised by NECTAR members, NECTAR is proud to announce the 1st Bi-Annual NECTAR PhD AWARD. The award is established in memory of Professor Piet Rietveld, who chaired NECTAR in the years 2002-2007 and who with his exceptional academic abilities inspired and stimulated many young researchers, PhD students and the NECTAR community in general.

The NECTAR PhD Award will be awarded for the best recent PhD thesis work in the NECTAR field. The 1st NECTAR PhD award will consider PhD theses which have been or will be defended between January 2013 and June 2015. We will also consider submissions consisting of sets of journal papers which are to be included in a future thesis, and which are representative for its quality. PhD thesis work can be submitted only by a supervisor who should be a current NECTAR member.

To be considered, the PhD thesis should be in the general realm of NECTAR research, including topics from the fields of regional economics, urban economics, urban/regional planning, geography, transport planning and transport engineering. The PhD thesis should relate to one or more of the NECTAR cluster theme's: networks, policy and environment, logistics and freight, travel, migration and labour market, accessibility, transport security and information and communication technologies.

Papers will be judged by a Committee comprising of former and present NECTAR Presidents, and a selection of the current NECTAR cluster co-chairs. Professor Peter Nijkamp, NECTAR founder and the first NECTAR president, will chair the 1st NECTAR PhD Award Committee. The decision of the committee – which will be rendered March 2015 - will be final.



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The author of the winning paper must present the research at the 13th bi-annual NECTAR conference in Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA, June 14-16, 2015. The winning author will receive a reimbursement for travel and accommodation cost for the conference.

PhD supervisors who wish to submit PhD thesis work for consideration should send (a) an electronic copy of the summary of the thesis and (b) the PhD thesis (or collection of papers) in PDF format before January 16, 2015 to the NECTAR secretariat (Ana Condeço-Melhorado) at Ana.CONDECO@ec.europa.eu.