

Nectar Newsletter February 2014

A new Team

It is my pleasure to announce the changes in NECTAR leadership which started January 2014. Aura Reggiani, Eric Verhoef, Roberto Patuelli and Knut Sandberg Eriksen have resigned from their positions as respectively chair, vice chair, treasurer and secretary. First of all, I would like to use this opportunity to thank Aura for six years of NECTAR leadership in which she organised the Arlington, Antwerp and Azores conferences and helped organising many cluster meetings. These were wonderful experiences. The "A" era has now come to an end, and I am honoured and excited to take over Aura's position as chair. I would also like to thank Eric, Roberto and Knut for their great efforts in making NECTAR the success it currently is.

We welcome Cathy Macharis as vice chair and Ana Condeço as secretary. Juan Carlos Martin will remain on board as vice chair and Thomas de Graaff will change his position from web master to treasurer. I look forward work to with you in the new team, together with the cluster coordinators and the NECTAR newsletter editors Sandra Melo and Andrea de Montis.

The year 2014 already promises to be an inspiring NECTAR year with several cluster meetings already planned (see "Upcoming NECTAR events").

Karst Geurs, Enschede, March 10, 2014

The new chair: Karst Geurs



Karst is Full Professor of Transport Planning at the Centre for Transport Studies, Faculty of Engineering Technology, University of Twente, the Netherlands. His research focuses on accessibility analysis and modeling, land-use and transport interactions, transport policy evaluation and sustainable transport. He has been active in NECTAR since the Arlington conference in 2009 and has been co-chair of cluster 6 since 2010.

He has edited a book with Kevin Krizek and Aura Reggiani within the Edward Elgar series on Accessibility Analysis and Transport Planning, based on a NARSC special session in 2010, and currently guest editor of two special NECTAR journal issues.

The new vice chair: Cathy Macharis



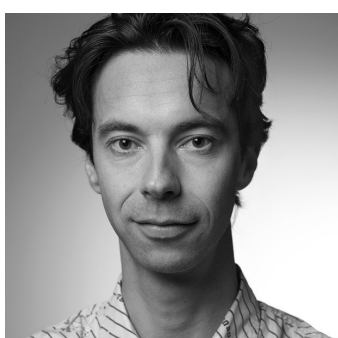
Cathy is Professor at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and visiting professor at the University of Gothenborg. Her research group MOBI---Mobility, Logistics and Automotive Technology---is an interdisciplinary group focusing on sustainable logistics, electric and hybrid vehicles and travel behaviour. She has been involved in several regional, national and European research projects dealing with topics such as the location of intermodal terminals, assessment of policy measures in the field of logistics and sustainable mobility, electric and hybrid vehicles, etc. She published several books and wrote more than 100 papers. She is the chairwoman of Brussels Mobility Commission. She started in 1999 the NECTAR cluster on freight transport. The NECTAR cluster animators (currently together with Sandra Melo and Johan Woxenius) have been organising several meetings around Europe, which resulted in a book on city distribution within the NECTAR series, special issues and joint papers.

The new NECTAR secretary: Ana Condeço



Ana has a Ph.D. in geography by the University of Alcalá (Spain). She is currently working as a research fellow at the Joint Research Centre -- Institute of Prospective Technological Studies. Her main research interests are in the field of transport network analysis, transport planning and urban mobility, accessibility analysis, spillover effects of transport infrastructure and regional dimension of transport innovation. She has actively participated in NECTAR, especially in Cluster 6, where she participated in the organizing committee of three cluster meetings (Madrid; 9th World RSAI congress in Timisoara; and Seville) and is a co-editor in a NECTAR Series volume (published by Edward Elgar) on Accessibility and Spatial Interaction.

The new treasurer: Thomas de Graaff



Thomas is an assistant professor in the Department of Spatial Economics at the Free University Amsterdam. He holds a Master's degree in business econometrics from the Free University in Amsterdam in 1997 and a Ph.D. in economics from the Department of Spatial Economics at the Free University Amsterdam. His Ph.D. thesis dealt with ethnic cluster forming and endogenous dynamics in international migration patterns. After obtaining his Ph.D. in 2001, he continued working at the department of Spatial Economics as a researcher and subsequently as an assistant professor. He has been mainly active in NECTAR cluster 4 (commuting, migration and labour market) and have maintained the NECTAR website between 2009 and 2013. Spatial location patterns of households and firms, accessibility regional economic development, spatial econometrics, and migration theory are among his main research interests.

The new NECTAR webmaster: Stefanie Peer



Stefanie has obtained her PhD from the VU University Amsterdam in 2013 with her dissertation entitled "Trip scheduling, travel time variability and traffic information". Her work in the area of transport economics is both theoretical and empirical. She has been involved in various national and European research projects, mainly covering peak avoidance experiments and sustainable commuting. Currently she is employed as post-doctoral researcher at the VU University Amsterdam, as well as at the Vienna University of Economics and Business, where she will start a tenure-track position in March 2014. She attended the NECTAR Conference in Antwerp in 2011, and was also present at most Kuhmo-NECTAR (now ITEA) conferences over the past years. She followed the Kuhmo-NECTAR summer school in 2008, and gave tutorials there in 2013.

Upcoming Events

- 24—25 April 2014 (Liege, Belgium): Cluster 1 Meeting on "Efficient European Multimodal Network"
- 30 April—1 May 2014 (Beer-Sheva, Israel): Joint Cluster 2 & Cluster 7 Meeting on "Evolving Perspectives on Sustainability and Security in Transport"
- 27—29 May 2014 (Bangkok, Thailand): Special Cluster 4 Session on "Migration and Commuting---Consequences for Local Labor and Housing Markets"
- 12—13 June 2014 (Stockholm, Sweden): Cluster 4 Meeting on "Commuting, Migration, Housing and Labour Market"
- 24—27 June 2014 (Delft, The Netherlands): Special Cluster 6 Session on "Accessibility and Evaluation", within the World Symposium on Transport and Land Use Research (WSTLUR) Conference.

Nectar member in the news

The Edward L. Ullman Award for outstanding contributions to the field of transportation geography will be awarded to NECTAR member **Bert Van Wee**, Professor in Transport Policy at Delft University of Technology (<http://www.tbm.tudelft.nl/?id=30155>) and scientific director of TRAIL research school (<http://www.rstrail.nl>). Dr. Van Wee is well-known in the field of transport geography for his theoretical and conceptual work on accessibility showing a new way of linking a relationship between urban land use and transportation. Bert will receive the award in the upcoming AAG conference in Tampa, Florida. We congratulate Bert with this achievement.