



3rd 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 his third 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 3rd NECTAR PhD award will consider PhD theses written in English which have been or will be defended between June 2017 and May 2019. 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 NECTAR member (i.e. 2018 and 2019 membership is paid).

To be considered, the PhD thesis should be in the general realm of NECTAR research, including topics from the fields of regional and urban economics, transport economics, urban/regional planning, 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, tourism, recreation and leisure and information and communication technologies.

Dissertations will be judged by a Committee comprising of former and present NECTAR Presidents, and a selection of the current NECTAR cluster co-chairs. Professor Aura Reggiani (University of Bologna) will chair the 3rd NECTAR PhD Award Committee. The decision of the committee – which will be rendered early April 2019 - will be final.



The author of the winning thesis must present the research at the 15th bi-annual NECTAR conference in Helsinki, June 5-7, 2019. The winning author will receive a reimbursement for travel and accommodation cost for the conference. PhD supervisors should make sure the nominated PhD student is willing and able to attend the conference.

Criteria for assessment are scientific quality, originality of contribution to knowledge within the NECTAR field of research, societal relevance and writing/presentation.

PhD supervisors who wish to submit their 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 31, 2019 to the NECTAR secretariat (Ana Condeço-Melhorado) at nectar.secretariat@gmail.com.

NECTAR is a European-based scientific association. The primary objective is to foster research collaboration and exchange of information between experts in the field of transport, communication and mobility from all European countries and the rest of the world. It is a multidisciplinary social science network bringing together a wide variety of perspectives on transport and communication problems and their impacts on society in an international perspective. For further information on NECTAR, use the link: <http://www.nectar-eu.eu>.