

Dear NECTAR friends

I hope this message finds you in good health. The outbreak of the NECTAR pandemic in March has impacted the organisation of many NECTAR events. Most events have been rescheduled to 2021, and one event has so far been organised online. With this message I would like to give you an update of upcoming, cancelled and rescheduled events. Some clusters are setting new dates for rescheduled workshops and some are considering to organise online events in the fall. We will post updates on the events on the NECTAR website: <https://www.nectar-eu.eu/>

Furthermore, I would like to use this opportunity to congratulate John Östh, Uppsala University and Cluster 4 co-chair and Robin Hickman, University College London and Cluster 1 co-chair, for their promotion to full professor. Well done!

I hope you have a great summer!

Best,

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NECTAR chair

## Postponed Workshops and Special Sessions

The Western regional science (WRS) March 18-21, 2020 Hawaii USA was cancelled, including the CL5 special session Regional Science and Tourism. WRS will be combined with NARSC, November 11-14, 2020, in San Diego. NECTAR Clusters 5 (Leisure, Recreation and Tourism) and 6 (Accessibility) are organising a NECTAR special session at NARSC on Regional Science and Tourism in the Era of Global Uncertainty. A call for paper has been distributed already.

A Cluster 5 Special Session "ICT, Transport and Tourism" was to be organised at the June Regional Science Association World Congress in Marrakech. RSAI was postponed and is considering multiple future options, including holding the World Congress in Morocco in May 2021.

A Cluster 6 Special session "Accessibility and Quality of Life" at the World Society for Transport and Land Use Research (WSTLUR) Conference hosted by Portland State University, USA, has been postponed from July 2020 to August 2021.

NECTAR Cluster 3 (Logistics and Freight) workshop on "Intermodality and synchronomodality in the European Modular System", organized by University of Zaragoza and planned for June 4-5 2020, will be postponed to June 3-4 2021.

NECTAR Cluster 5 workshop "Policies and Strategies in Sustainable Tourism", hosted by BBW University of Applied Sciences, Berlin, planned for 18th & 19th of June, will be postponed to end June – early July 2021. The final date will be announced soon.

The NECTAR Cluster 6 (Accessibility) and Cluster 4 (Travel, Migration, Housing and Labour Markets), together with the Joint Research Centre (JRC) are organizing a joint workshop "Challenges for Transport and Accessibility Policy: New Data Sources and Mobility Options". The meeting was planned for 1- 2 October 2020 in Seville, Spain, and is rescheduled to early October 2021.

## Cancelled NECTAR workshop

The NECTAR cluster workshop "Social and Health Implications of Active Travel Policies" originally planned for 26-27 March at the University of Venice was rescheduled to October 15-16, 2020, but given the uncertainty of the pandemic the decision has been made to cancel the workshop. The ambition is to organise a new NECTAR event in Venice in 2022.

## 2021 NECTAR International Conference



Given the uncertainty of the global COVID pandemic, we decided to postpone the biennial NECTAR conference hosted by the University of Toronto to November 7-9, 2021. This is in the same week as the NARSC 2021 conference in Denver (Colorado), organized Nov 10-13, 2021. This allows NECTAR members to combine both conferences in one trip.

## Workshop report

Cluster 8 co-chairs Tuuli Toivonen and Luc Wismans organised a NECTAR special session at Mobile Tartu Conference in Estonia on Mobile phones, travel and transportation. The conference was organised online June 30, 2020. More than 240 participants from 48 countries registered. The special session comprises 5 online presentations. Mobile Tartu 2020 Virtual Conference playback is available at [www.worksup.com](http://www.worksup.com) (enter an event id: MOBILETARTU2020).

## Scheduled NECTAR events

November 11-14, 2020, special session(s) on "Tourism and Regional Science in the Era of Global Uncertainty, 2020 North American Regional Science Council (NARSC) in San Diego, CA

June 3-4 2021, NECTAR Cluster 3 (Logistics and Freight) workshop on "Intermodality and synchronomodality in the European Modular System", organized by University of Zaragoza

Aug. 9-13, 2021. Cluster 6 Special session "Accessibility and Quality of Life" at the World Society for Transport and Land Use Research (WSTLUR) Conference hosted by Portland State University, USA,

Nov 7-9, 2021, biennial NECTAR conference, the University of Toronto, Canada