

## FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

The 6th International Symposium on Transportation Network Reliability (INSTR) will be held in Nara, ancient capital of Japan, from 2-3 August, 2015. The symposium is jointly organised by the Department of Urban Management, Kyoto University, and the Japan Society of Transportation Engineering. The INSTR series is the premier gathering for the world's leading researchers and professionals interested in transportation network reliability, to discuss both recent research and future directions in this increasingly important field of research. For further details, see <a href="http://trans.kuciv.kyoto-u.ac.jp/instr2015/index.html">http://trans.kuciv.kyoto-u.ac.jp/instr2015/index.html</a>

#### Topics

A special focus of this symposium will be the increasing practical value of reliability improvements for project evaluation. In particular the value of infrastructure investments to improve network resilience to counter large disasters is nowadays a critical issue. Contributions that discuss this issue are specifically encouraged for this symposium though the scope of this conference is wider and includes all aspects of analysis and design to improve network reliability, including;

- User perception of unreliability and vulnerability
- Public policy and reliability of travel times
- The valuation of reliability
- The economics of reliability
- Network reliability modelling and estimation
- · Transportation network robustness and resilience
- Reliability of public transportation
- Travel behaviour under uncertainty
- · Risk evaluation and management for transportation networks
- · ITS to improve network reliability
- Vehicle routing with uncertainty
- Disaster relief distribution

### **Format Submission**

To present a paper at this conference, an extended abstract (1,000 words) should be submitted electronically (word or pdf format) to the organisers through our website by 13 June 2014 (submission page) for the first round review. If the abstract is accepted, a full length manuscript will need to be submitted by 19 December 2014 for final evaluation. The evaluation will be undertaken by references drawn from the International Committee of the INSTR and other prominent researchers from around the world. Final acceptance of a paper will thus be based on peer review of the full paper. Authors of accepted paper will be asked to produce a final camera ready manuscript in Word format by 20 May 2015, for publication in the proceedings of the Symposium. It is further envisaged to arrange special issues in prominent journals with papers drawn from the symposium proceedings.

Deadlines			
<ul> <li>13 June, 2014</li> <li>3 September, 2014</li> <li>19 December, 2014</li> <li>16 March, 2015</li> <li>20 May, 2015</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Submission of extended abstract (1,000 words)</li> <li>Notification of acceptance of abstract</li> <li>Submission of full papers of peer review</li> <li>Notification of acceptance of full paper</li> <li>Submission of full, revised papers in camera-format</li> </ul>		

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