



International Co-operation on
Theories and Concepts in
Traffic Safety



Shamoon College of Engineering
Ashdod, Israel

28th ICTCT Workshop in Ashdod, Israel October 29 & 30 2015

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

How to assess safety problems, especially those of vulnerable road users

The next ICTCT workshop will be held in Ashdod, Israel on 29/30 October 2015. The main topic of the workshop will be vulnerable road users (VRU) of various kinds. An important aspect in this respect is that, in order to analyse the situation of vulnerable road users, empirical data of various types are needed, as accident data alone do not provide all the information about the problems of these groups that finally end up in accidents. Therefore, we will be interested in VRU of different types, in their travel patterns and thereto connected conditions – risks, barriers, efforts, costs – and in relevant differences between different groups. For instance, even though pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists are all VRU there are different issues connected to the different modes. Walking and bicycling are associated more with sustainable modes, gender and age issues, while motorcyclists are of a different character. One issue which deserves special attention, regarding pedestrians and cyclists, is the issue of non-reported accidents. This includes pedestrian falls, which in most countries are not regarded as traffic accidents and are therefore grossly under-reported. The goals of the workshop are

- to discuss different VRU groups as different issues (travel patterns, risks, barriers, efforts, costs) are connected with them.
- In connection with VRU also to take up issues of gender and age
- To discuss especially best practice examples for infrastructure dedicated to different groups (e.g. pedestrians crossings)

Presentations should, as far and as much as possible, be based on empirical studies with the goal to improve the understanding of road users' risks, behaviours and their responses to the conditions in which they take part in traffic. You are welcome to send in abstracts that connect to the above outline.

The structure of the workshop will be shaped according to the contributions that we receive. As usual, ample time for discussion will be given to ensure a comprehensive view on the different topics.

Submission Process

The submission processes will be managed with the help of Easy Chair: For submitting an abstract please use the following link:

<https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ictct2015>

If you have used this system before, you can use the same username and password. If this is your first time using EasyChair, you will need to register for an account by clicking on "sign up for an account". After completing your registration, you will get a notification email from the system with a link which allows you to upload and re-upload the paper to the system by the submission due date. Your abstract (300 to 500 words) includes the following points:

- Background
- Aim
- Method or methodological issues
- Results obtained or expected
- Conclusions

The assessment will be based upon the following criteria: connection to the topic, scientific quality and likelihood to stimulate discussion. Early career researchers get priority, newcomers are stimulated to do their first ICTCT presentation.

If the number of papers accepted exceeds the number of slots for presentation, or if the submitter prefers it, we also offer the option to do poster presentation rather than an oral presentation.

Deadline for submitting an abstract is **15th May 2015**

Information regarding travel, accommodation and registration will follow soon and can also be found on www.ictct.org

The workshop will be organised in close co-operation with the Shamoon College of Engineering (www.sce.ac.il) in Ashdod, Israel.

Important information concerning the full paper:

Related to the annual ICTCT-workshop, a call for papers has been launched for a **special issue** of **Transportation research Part F: Traffic Psychology and Behaviour**. This special issue F will be devoted to road safety as reflected by empirical non-crash data. More information is available on the journal website: <http://www.journals.elsevier.com/transportation-research-part-f-traffic-psychology-and-behaviour/call-for-papers/special-issue-road-safety-empirical-non-crash-data/>

Important information concerning travel assistant:

ICTCT offers travel support for ICTCT members who send an abstract which will be accepted by the Scientific Committee for an oral presentation. Presenters from country category C & D (World Bank definition) will be favoured. Please send your applications till 31st May to: clemens.kaufmann@factum.at