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HERMES - International Collaboration on Transportation Research Workshop

Fertile conditions for true research innovations are becoming more and more important, in order to achieve the next breakthrough in transport as we know it today. Such conditions can only be achieved through a global alliance of the major players in transport research, through harmonised and well organised collaborative activities, for better use of resources and through the search for common solutions to common problems. Major global challenges such as climate change, energy supply, security of the citizen etc, highlight the need for effective global S&T cooperation to promote sustainable development.

The HERMES project, aims to assist in the creation of such conditions and pave the way towards the future of transport. In this frame, the HERMES consortium is organizing a one and a half day **Workshop on “Enhancing International Collaboration in Transportation Research”**, which will be held at the **UIC Headquarters in Paris on the 25th and 26th of April 2013.**

The Workshop aims to engage major players in transport research worldwide and bring them together in round table discussions, to address the obstacles and concerns that restrict closer international collaboration in transport R&D, as well as to provide a list of recommendations on policies and safeguards that will allow the creation of a truly global transport research community.

Industry, Academia, Research establishments as well as Governmental bodies representatives from the EU as well as Japan, Australia, the US and other major players in transport research are expected to attend, creating a unique environment for the assessment of the present international collaboration status quo, for fruitful discussions over international collaboration and ways we can enhance it further and last but not least, finding a common ground towards a global collaboration research policy.

Introductory speeches to highlight the aims of the conference and the needs for closer international collaboration in transportation research will be given by:

- Alessandro Damiani European Commission, Head of Unit, DG Research & Innovation
- Steve Godwin Transportation Research Board, USA
- Toshiyasu Ichioka EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation

Your position and expertise on international collaboration will be of high importance to the aims of the workshop. To register your interest please [click here](#) and fill in the registration form. Attendance to the workshop is free.

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