LOGISTICS RESEARCH News
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To the
Readers, Authors,
Members of the Editorial and
Advisory Boards

I. New issue alerts

If you access the LOGISTICS RESEARCH homepage you will be able to read and download for free selected original articles of two upcoming issues:
http://www.springer.com/engineering/production+eng/journal/12159:

Opening the fourth year of publication will be the general Issue Vol. 4, Nr. 1, which features

- Robert Obermeier: Variable versus fixed weighted aggregate inventory to sales ratios: the effect on long term trends for Germany;
- Bikram Bahinipati and S. G. Deshmukh: E-Markets and supply chain collaboration: A literature based review of contributions with specific reference to the semiconductor industries;
- Hokey Min and Ilsuk Kim: Green supply chain research: Where are we going?
- Helena Carvalho, Susana Azevedo, V. Cruz-Machado: Agile and resilient approaches to Supply Chain Management Influence on performance and competitiveness;
- Magnus Lindskog: "Systems theory - myth or mainstream?”;
- Editorial on “Empirical research and the assessment of data quality”.

In addition, there will be a special issue on “Greening logistics”. It will have six articles selected from a large number of submissions to the 12th World Conference on Transport Research at Lisbon/Portugal of 2010 on “Greening Logistics”. The issue is co-edited by Michael Browne (University of Westminster, UK), Rosario Macario (Lisbon Technical University) and Werner Rothengatter (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany):

- Johannes Igl: Estimating the effect of changing retailing structures on the greenhouse gas performance of FMCG distribution networks;
- Jose Holguin-Veras: Approximation model to estimate joint market share in off-hour deliveries;
- Gernot Th. Liedtke: Estimation of the benefits for shippers from a multimodal transport network;
- Sönke Behrends: The effect of transhipment costs on the performance of intermodal line-trains;
- Deepak Baindur: Success factors for developing viable Motorways of the Sea projects in Europe;
Wendelin Gross, Cristina Hayden, Christian Butz: About the Impact of Rising Oil Prices on Logistics Networks and Transportation Greenhouse Gas Emission.

II. Coming up in 2012/13

There are three thematic issues under preparation:

On June 13-14, 2012, the 6th International Scientific Symposium on Logistics will be held in Hamburg. LOGISTICS RESEARCH is planning to publish some of the best papers in a forthcoming special issue.

In September 2012 the 6th International Symposium on “Networks for Mobility” will be held. Information on this event is found on the www.networks-for-mobility.net website. LOGISTICS RESEARCH is planning to publish some of the best papers in a forthcoming special issue.

A call for papers on “Logistics Business between Competition and Cooperation” is attached to this newsletter, which has been prepared by Hans-Dietrich Haasis, Herbert Kopfer and Jörn Schönberger of the University of Bremen. The deadline for submissions is October 31, 2012. Accepted papers will be published in another special issue planned to appear in the first half of 2013.

Several other thematic issues are under consideration. We are encouraging our readers to suggest topics and to become guest editors of future thematic issues.

III. Survey on doctoral theses completed in 2011

As an additional service to readers of our journal we plan to revive an idea from the predecessor journal of LOGISTICS RESEARCH, the academic journal publication “Logistik Management”, which was published by the “Kommission Logistik” of the German Academic Association for Business Research (VHB) from 1999 through 2008: Based on an survey of the association’s members a comprehensive list of doctoral dissertations was assembled and published annually.

We like to ask the about 700 international professors and universities currently on the LOGISTICS RESEARCH newsletter mailing list to help us assemble for the first time a worldwide list of recent dissertations in the field of Logistics and Supply Chain Management. In a few days you will receive a separate email request to kindly name the authors and titles of dissertations which have been completed 2011 in your institution.

Best regards, yours

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Special Issue
LOGISTICS RESEARCH

Call for Papers
„Logistics Business Between Competition and Cooperation“
Submission Deadline: October 31, 2012 (notification: December 31, 2012)

Logistics service providers are severely affected by the ongoing turbulences in the worldwide trade. Seeking for adequate mechanisms to stabilize logistics operations and profitability in critical and threatening situations, the concerned enterprises have recognized the necessity to revise their way of doing business. An important conclusion and a lesson learnt from those who dealt with the challenges is that a close cooperation between partners is necessary to master challenges arising from highly volatile markets and changing business environments. Even formerly competing enterprises enforce cooperation now in order to maintain market shares and to ensure their economic viability. There is empirical evidence that the approaches employed reactively during crises are also appropriate to prevent a fall back into the next crisis during upcoming phases of economic depression. However, the general question is: Are these cooperative approaches compatible with the inherent competition in the logistics market?

We invite researchers and practitioners to contribute to this special issue by submitting their reports on approaches coping with the outlined challenges. Contributions from business studies, engineering sciences and applications, computer sciences, mathematics or any other discipline involved in the logistics business are expected. We are also searching for applications from maritime industries, manufacturing or any other business that demonstrate the effects of adjusting the relationships among business partners temporarily or permanently. The following topics (and any other related ones) are of special interest: cooperative business and value creation models for logistics activities, scalability of interactions within the range from pure competition to close cooperation, decision support and tools enabling and supporting cooperative business like collaborative planning. Reports from successful examples, e.g. from the maritime industry, are also in the focus of this special issue.

A special invitation goes to young researchers and PhD-candidates working in the field outlined above. We explicitly encourage them to contribute to this special issue by submitting high quality papers reporting their projects, concepts and the achieved results.

All papers submitted for this special issue should report original work. Each manuscript should be introduced by a clearly formulated research hypothesis. The research or analysis methods have to be described and the investigation results should be presented in a way that allows deciding if the research hypothesis is verified or disproved.

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