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## ***Supply Chain Networks vs Platforms: Innovations, Challenges and Opportunities***

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The 24<sup>th</sup> ISL is organized by the Centre for Concurrent Enterprise, Nottingham University Business School, UK in conjunction with Cardiff Business School, UK and the Technical University of Darmstadt, Germany. The event is supported by Nottingham University Business School and the Institute for Advanced Manufacturing University of Nottingham, UK.

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME AND SYMPOSIUM AIMS

The fundamental goals of good logistics are to manage the movement of materials from the point of acquisition to the point of final consumption, as well as the associated information flows, with a view to providing excellent customer service at a reasonable cost. Achieving these goals requires fast and efficient management of internal and external resources within the context of global supply chain networks. Papers will represent the latest in academic thinking and case examples of successful implementations of ideas, models and concepts. The wider audience will therefore benefit from the knowledge and experience of leading practitioners and academics in this area.

The 24<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Logistics aims to provide a forum for discussion between leading academics, researchers and practitioners who specialise in the area of logistics and supply chain management and to promote excellence in this field. The chosen theme for ISL2019 is "**Supply Chain Networks vs Platforms: Innovations, Challenges and Opportunities**". We welcome papers original contributions on the developments in theory and practice in the area of logistics and supply chains. The 24<sup>th</sup> ISL aims to provide a forum for both academics and practitioners to discuss the current and future research in the area of logistics and supply chain management. Papers will represent the latest in academic thinking, as well as case examples of successful logistical implementations.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

This major event for international scholars in the areas of Logistics, Operations and Supply Chain Management will be held in Würzburg, Germany, and has been chosen after the successful symposia held in Bali Indonesia in 2018, Ljubljana, Slovenia in 2017, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, in 2016, the University of Bologna, Italy, Ho Chi Minh City 2014, Vienna 2013, Cape Town, 2012, Berlin, 2011, Kuala Lumpur, 2010, Istanbul, 2009, Bangkok, 2008, Budapest 2007, Beijing 2006, Lisbon 2005, Bangalore 2004, Sevilla 2003, Melbourne, 2002, Salzburg, 2001, Iwate 2000, Florence 1999, Padua 1997 and Nottingham 1995 and 1993.

## SYMPOSIUM TOPICS

**Contributed papers may deal with, but are not limited to the following:**

- Digitalisation of supply chains and logistics
- Human-machine interaction in logistics
- Boundaries between supply chain networks and platforms
- Supply chain connectivity as part of the Internet of Things/Industry 4.0
- Implications on inventory and warehouse management – deciding on how much stock to hold and where this should be held, as well as issues relating to warehouse operations.
- Supply chain innovations
- Managing big data across supply chains and platforms
- Smart, connected transportation
- Sustainability issues in connected logistics and supply chains

## BEST DOCTORAL PAPER

The ISL advisory committee is pleased to once again announce the Annual Best Doctoral Paper Award, to be awarded at the 24th ISL conference. The award is designed to recognise and encourage new ideas and targeted research in the field of logistics and supply chain management. Doctoral candidates are hence invited to submit appropriate research papers. The paper will be reviewed by the members of the PhD Award Committee, who will consider aspects such as originality, contribution, and quality of presentation. The prize will be awarded at the conference. The winner will receive \$100 (or equivalent) and a certificate. The conditions are:

1. The student must be PhD-candidate at the time of abstract submission.
2. The submitted paper must report on original research conducted mainly by the PhD candidate.
3. The paper must be presented by the student at the conference.
4. The student must be the first author.

Following the conference, a brief personal profile of the winner should be sent for inclusion on the ISL website.

## SUBMISSION PROCESS

### 1. TYPE OF PAPER

This year, two types of paper submissions are available:

- **Full papers:** The complete paper (including abstract) is submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 and will be subjected to a full peer review process. If accepted, authors will be expected to make changes consistent with the reviewers' comments before final submission by 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019.
- **Working papers:** These may represent early stage research ideas or initial findings. Only an abstract is needed for review by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. If accepted, a full paper will be required by 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019. The full paper will not be peer reviewed.

In both cases, papers must be no more than 8 pages and comply with the formatting style of the conference. Failure to do so may result in the paper being returned to the author or rejected. In the Proceedings, peer reviewed full papers will be with an asterisk on the contents page.

### 2. ABSTRACT

All papers require an abstract, and these should not contain the authors' details. There are five headings which are obligatory (Purpose, Design, Findings, Value and References); the other two (Research implications and Practical implications) may be omitted if they are not applicable to your paper. Abstracts should contain no more than **500** words. Write concisely and clearly. The abstract should reflect only what will appear in the full paper.

- **Purpose of this paper:** What are the reason(s) for writing the paper or the aims of the research?
- **Design/methodology/approach:** How are the objectives achieved? Include the main method(s) used for the research. What is the approach to the topic and what is the theoretical or subject scope of the paper?
- **Findings:** What was found in the course of the work? This will refer to analysis, discussion, or results.
- **Value:** What is new/original in the paper? State the value of the paper and to whom.
- **Research limitations/implications (if applicable):** If research is reported on in the paper this section must be completed and should include suggestions for future research and any identified limitations in the research process.
- **Practical implications (if applicable):** What outcomes and implications for practice, applications and consequences are identified? Not all papers will have practical implications but most will. What changes to practice should be made as a result of this research/paper?
- **References:** For working paper submissions only, please provide THREE relevant references.

### 3. FULL PAPERS

Full papers should be a maximum of 8 pages long, and comply with the style guidelines of the conference and details of these can be found on the website. It is expected that the only changes made to the full paper after initial submission will be reflective of feedback received from reviewers. For the initial submission, please ensure that the paper does not contain the authors' details; these can be added once the review process has been completed.

#### 4. SUBMISSION

Full papers and all abstracts should be submitted on-line by the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. Please visit our website at <http://www.isl21.org> and register for full details and instructions. The corresponding author should be the one to upload the documents. If you are unable to use the on-line system, please contact the Symposium Administration by e-mail: [isl21@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:isl21@nottingham.ac.uk)

If the paper is to be considered for the PhD award, this must also be indicated at the time of initial submission. Failure to do so will result in the paper not being considered for the award.

Papers and abstracts will only be accepted for review on the condition that the manuscript has not been copyrighted, published, presented or accepted for presentation at a professional meeting and is not currently under review for presentation at another professional meeting.

Authors must register for, and attend, the Symposium to present the paper if it is accepted.

All accepted papers will be published in the Symposium Proceedings, provided completed papers are received by the appropriate deadline and conform to the format, length requirements and within the layout guidelines ([www.ISL21.org](http://www.ISL21.org)).

Full Paper/Abstract Deadline: **31<sup>st</sup> January 2019**

The decision regarding acceptance, and for reviewers feedback to be given to full papers, will be made by the end of mid-March 2019.

Final Deadline for Revised Full Paper and Working Papers: **8<sup>th</sup> May 2019.**

Please visit our website <http://www.isl21.org> for templates and up-to-date information on the conference.

#### 5. PUBLICATION OF PAPERS & JOURNAL SPECIAL ISSUE

A Booklet of Abstracts and the Conference Proceedings with an ISBN number will be made available on the website.

ISL 2019 is collaborating with *its long term partner the International Journal of Logistics Management (IJLM)*, whereby selected manuscripts will be invited to submit to the journal.

#### 6. SCHEDULE

##### SUNDAY, July 14<sup>th</sup> 2019

Registration  
Workshop (details to follow)  
Get-together Reception

##### TUESDAY, July 16<sup>th</sup> 2019

Parallel Scientific Sessions  
Closing Session, including Keynote Address  
Symposium Dinner

##### MONDAY, July 15<sup>th</sup> 2019

Registration  
Opening session and Keynote Address  
Parallel Scientific Sessions

##### WEDNESDAY, July 17<sup>th</sup> 2019

Industrial Visit (optional, and with additional charge)

#### CENTRE FOR CONCURRENT ENTERPRISE, NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY BUSINESS SCHOOL (UK)

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#### WÜRZBURG, GERMANY

Würzburg offers a special mix of culture and ambiance, of world heritage and wine festivals, of modern and classical music, of avant-garde and age-old traditions, of sciences and party atmosphere that make this city popular. The stunning historical architecture provides the perfect setting for everything Würzburg has to offer: The Residenz Palace, a Unesco World Cultural Heritage Site, the view from the Fortress Marienberg across the many towers rising above the city – the cathedral, the Marienkapelle, the town hall, and the Käppele. Quaint restaurants and traditional wine taverns offer local products (Würzburg is one of the best wine-growing regions in Germany). It is also home to about 36,000 university students. Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen once taught here and discovered X-rays that have transformed our lives. Over the years, 14 Nobel price laureates studied and carried out research at the University of Würzburg. This city is situated along the Main river, which provides a wonderful opportunity to discover the area by boat.