

Press release (13 March 2009)

3rd International Seminar on Railway Operations Modelling and Analysis RailZurich2009

On 11 – 13 February 2009, the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology ETH Zurich hosted 125 participants from 20 countries at the 3rd International Seminar on Railway Operations Modelling and Analysis (ISROR). Railway researchers from Switzerland, Germany, the Netherlands, Great Britain, Austria, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Norway, France, Spain, Belgium, Italy, Greece, Slovakia, Portugal, United States, Australia, Taiwan, and Japan were present. They come from universities, railway operators and infrastructure companies, research institutes, consulting companies, and public administrations.

The program comprised key-note speeches by Mr. Bernard Guillelmon (CEO of BLS) on 'Challenges and Solutions of BLS Traffic Management' and Dr. Peter Eichenberger from SBB on 'ETCS in the Crossfire of Safety, Capacity, Economics and Politics'.

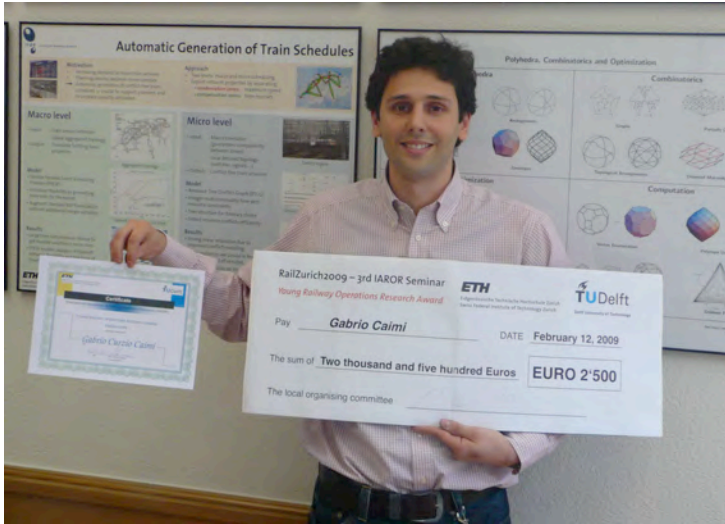


Key-note presentation by Dr. Peter Eichenberger, ETCS specialist at SBB

In total 35 talks in parallel sessions on topics, like timetabling, capacity, rescheduling, robustness and optimisation were held. The 7th Framework of EU-sponsored research project ARRIVAL were devoted Special Sessions.

The technical visits included a trip by the new low-floor tramcar of Verkehrsbetriebe Zurich and demonstrations of innovative rail traffic management and automation systems from systranis and SBB in Zug and Lucerne.

The members of the organising committee and of the IAROR Board selected the contributions by Gabrio Caimi (ETH Zurich) as winner of the Young Researcher Award (worth EUR 2'500). The IAROR Board also nominated 7 papers for a special issue in the journal *Transportation Planning and Technology*. These papers will still be reviewed and revised more in detail.



Gabrio Caimi, winner of the Young Railway Operations Research Award

The Board of IAROR as well as the chair were re-elected and consists of I.A. Hansen/the Netherlands (President), E. Wendler/Germany (Vice-President), A. Radtke/Germany, R. Watson/United Kingdom, J. Rodriguez/France, A. Wardrop/Australia, T. White/United States, A.H. Kaas/Denmark, S. Ricci/Italy and M. Lüthi/Switzerland. N. Tomii/Japan and D. Hürlimann/Switzerland were elected as new IAROR Board members.

The 4th ISROR will be held on February 2011 at the University of Rome “La Sapienza”.