

Welcome Message

On behalf of the Technical and Organizing Committees of the 2013 International Conference on Advanced Logistics and Transport (ICALT), we would like to welcome you!

The conference aims to bring together researchers and practitioners to discuss issues, challenges and future directions, share their R&D findings and experiences in the following areas:

- Accessibility, Mobility, Security, and Safety (AMSS)
- Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
- Information & Communications Technology and Systems (ICTS)
- Modeling the Complexity of Logistics Systems (MCLS)
- Logistics & Supply Chain Management (LSCM)
- Optimization and Logistics Challenges (OLC)
- Intelligent Machines (SIMTA)

The conference has gathered, in long and successful series, the most outstanding scientists and practitioners in all areas of Logistics, Transport, and their applications. Research in this area comprises a wide spectrum of directions, both theoretical and practical, with a perspective which aims to be useful both to people in the academia and in the industry. The conference reflects all these aspects in detail and offers the possibility of discussing and comparing the latest results obtained by researchers all over the world. This makes the ICALT 2013 a major international forum for researchers, practitioners, policy makers, industries, and all people who are interested in the latest developments both of research and application of logistics and transport.

To deal with this wealth of activity, the conference program features plenary lectures, regular sessions, special sessions, doctoral consortium, tutorials, workshop, and social meeting that, taken together, allow leading researchers the opportunity not only to present their independent research but consider new avenues and research directions that will become the future of the field of logistics and transport.

Organizing international conference has been a complex task involving many people for a number of different aspects. We therefore like to thank everyone who contributed to the organization: without their valuable efforts the meeting could not have been held. In particular, we thank the members of the technical program committees and the reviewers for their outstanding contribution in reviewing the papers and ensuring an outstanding quality for the conference. We thank the tutorial lecturers and the workshop speakers for their valuable contribution to the dissemination of fundamental, advanced, or emerging knowledge in our field. We also thank the general co-chairs and all people who coordinated and organized the operating aspects of the conference, namely logistics, publication, publicity, and social functions. Last, but not least, we like to really thank all authors and attendees: without their highly valuable contributions and presence no conference can be truly successful.

We look forward to you joining us in making this conference a memorable event for decades to come. We wish all the attendees an enjoyable participation and a wonderful time in Sousse!

Mourad Abed & Mounir Benaissa
Conference Chairs
Proceedings Editors