

Summary of the 5th International Symposium “Networks for Mobility 2010” in Stuttgart, Germany

The Networks for Mobility Symposium Management is happy to announce the success of the 2010, 5th International Networks for Mobility Symposium. This year saw over 150 participants from more than 35 countries and from all continents. The participants were a mixed group of regional planning and transportation employees from private industry, governmental institutions, research fields, and students in both PhD and bachelors/masters programs. A special addition to this year’s Symposium was the attendance of many former University of Stuttgart students who had previously participated in the Masters in Infrastructure Planning Alumni Conference earlier in the same week.

On the day before the 2-day Symposium, some attendees took advantage of the three tutorials that were offered by two of the FOVUS institutes. The tutorials were on the topics of evaluating urban transportation investments, positioning and map matching for traffic application, and innovative approaches to railway capacity analysis.

During the Symposium, there were 10 plenary session presentations on the following three main topics:

- Sustainable Mobility in Metropolitan Regions
- Future of High-speed Ground Transport
- Route Choice and Traffic Assignment

In addition to the plenary sessions, a total of 34 presentations were held in 9 separate parallel sessions on a wide variety of regional planning and transportation related topics. The Networks for Mobility Symposium also included a poster session with 25 posters in the categories of:

- Transportation System Planning
- Traffic Control and Telematics
- Transportation and the Environment

Highlights from the Symposium included the presentations on the topic of maglev (magnetic levitation) transportation, route choice and traffic assignment, and sustainable city planning. The fact that all of the breaks, the poster session, and banquet took place in the atrium of the

venue made for very good networking setting. In addition to the presentations and networking, on the first day of the Symposium, participants were also able to take a hand-on look at the new SSB hybrid bus made by Mercedes-Benz.

With an ever increasing number of participants, the next Symposium is sure to be even bigger and just as successful.

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