

# *Supply Chain Forum: an International Journal*



## **Call for Papers** **Special issue on City Logistics**

Although vital to keep city centres alive and thriving, urban freight is the source of a range of impacts in city life resulting in various noise, pollution and health or safety problems.

Many experimental solutions have been tried during recent years in many different parts of the world. Most of these actions were launched as standalone demonstrations and brought improvements at a small scale concerning specific zones inside the city.

It is time now to propose holistic approaches which consider the integration of city logistics in the whole transport system of an urban community, linked to the land planning and social strategies of local and city authorities.

This special issue will contain papers focussing on approaches that can challenge current thinking or well known solutions for dealing with freight in cities.

The editors are keen to receive proposals that combine and integrate theories or concepts and associated methodologies or tools which could lead to innovative organisation or exploitation of urban freight systems

The following aspects would be welcomed especially if they are undertaken from an integrated point of view to reduce the impact of freight movements on urban life.

- New transportation solutions (electrical cars, public transport, etc.),
- New mechanisms for control on ordering, monitoring, supervising and executing city delivery,
- Decoupling of supply lines and distribution activities around cities,
- Optimization of terminals connecting long distance transport and urban distribution,
- Organisation of urban distribution of goods (delivery systems, delivery routes, last mile logistics organisation and operation, data collection),
- Development of information systems aiming to improve the whole exploitation or real time transmission,
- Social impacts,
- New regulatory solutions,
- Collaboration between authorities, transportation providers and major customers.

### **The Deadline for submissions is Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 2011**

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Manuscripts should follow [the submission guidelines](#) of the journal

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