Welcome to the UMTI Newsletter!

As a UM research institute, we continued to conduct quality collaborative research on Arctic shipping, climate change adaptation, and transport logistics. In addition, we initiated numerous outreach activities, including knowledge workshops, Speaker Series, and International Exchange Program. Moreover, we resumed the Certificate in Logistics (CLog) Program and introduced a new Book Series for Transport Research. We also welcome 2 new staff, 5 new Associates, and 2 new Student Associates. In retrospect, it has been a busy but very fruitful year for UMTI. This newsletter gives you a synopsis on our major activities throughout 2017.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas.

UPCOMING UMTI CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

Fields on Wheels Conference 2017: This year’s theme is “NAFTA 2018: Implications for Agricultural Trade and Transportation”. The conference will be held on December 15 (Friday), 2017 at Four Points South Hotel, Winnipeg. More information can be found at: umanitoba.ca/faculties/management/ti/fields-on-wheels-2017.html

5th Young Scholars Conference on China Studies: Co-organizing with the Hong Kong Baptist University, Tsinghua University, Academia Sinica, and University of Queensland, the conference will be held in Hong Kong, China, December 18-19, 2017. This year's theme is "New Orders in Global Politics and Economics: The Challenges and Opportunities of China Studies". More information can be found at: csconference.wixsite.com/homepage

UMTI Speaker Series: “Direct from Mexico: CentrePort Canada’s New Initiative for FDI” will be delivered by Mr. Jose Manuel Castellon, Manager of MarketPort Canada on December 5, 14:30-16:30 at Drake Center 343. umanitoba.ca/faculties/management/academic_depts_centres/centres_institutes/ti/media/Direct_Shipments_Mexico_Abstract.pdf
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U of M Symposium (in conjunction with the Royal Society of Canada’s Celebration of Excellence)

NOVEMBER 23, 2017 — Adolf K.Y. Ng was invited as a panel speaker for the U of M Symposium, held in conjunction with the Royal Society of Canada Celebration of Excellence, themed “Climate Change: From Challenges to Opportunities”. During the Symposium, Adolf shared his expertise knowledge on the current rail and transportation disruption to the town and port Churchill and its impacts on livelihood.

UMTI director talks Churchill with CBC:

NOVEMBER 20, 2017 — Adolf K.Y. Ng shared his view with CBC News on the latest lawsuit and development of the disrupted rail line to Churchill. The future of the rail line to Churchill remains uncertain. Its fate hinges on a lawsuit between OmniTRAX and the Canadian Federal Government. A new, powerful player has also entered into the picture: Fairfax Financial Holdings joins two groups representing northern communities and First Nations which have been trying to purchase the Hudson Bay Railway and Port of Churchill. The full article can be found at: www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/churchill-never-a-dull-moment-1.4408786

UMTI members awarded the U of M/UMFA Merit Awards 2017

OCTOBER 2017 – 3 UMTI members have been awarded the U of M/UMFA Merit Awards 2017:

- Changmin Jiang (Outstanding Research, Scholarly Work and Creative Activities)
- Lukas Neville (Outstanding Teaching)
- Adolf K.Y. Ng (Combination of Outstanding Teaching, Services, and Research, Scholarly Work and Creative Activities)

UMTI director appointed senior editor of European Journal of International Management

OCTOBER 5, 2017 — Adolf K.Y. Ng has been appointed as a Senior Editor of the European Journal of International Management (EJIM), effective October 1, 2017. As Senior Editor, Adolf will handle submitted papers in the areas of transportation, logistics, statistics, and IT, as well as getting involved in EJIM’s strategic development. At the same time, Changmin Jiang, Zaili Yang, and Gordon Wilmsmeier (all UMTI Associates) have also been appointed to EJIM’s Editorial Board. The journal’s website can be found at: www.inderscience.com/jhome.php?jcode=ejim

UMTI director shares knowledge on dry ports at UN think tank meeting

APRIL 21, 2017 — Adolf K.Y. Ng was invited by the UN’s International Think Tank on Landlocked Developing Countries (LDCC) to share his expertise knowledge on dry ports and regional development for landlocked developing countries during the LDCC’s conference, “Exploring Connectivity in Landlocked Developing Countries”. The conference took place in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on April 20, 2017.
During the conference, Adolf highlighted the importance of dry ports on the transforming the economic structure of landlocked countries and regions, while he also emphasized on the need for a comprehensive plan for dry port development rather than only the installation of physical infrastructures.

SELECTED SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS


UMTI Book Series for Transport Research

The UMTI Book Series for Transport Research aims to promote high quality, collaborative research, and scholarly publications in transport and logistics between UMTI researchers, associates, and students with other scholars, researchers, and students in Canada and other parts of the world.

The Series’ first book – Transport Nodal System co-authored by UMTI staff and associates will be published in January 2018.

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Details can be found at: www.elsevier.com/books/transportation-nodal-system/ng/978-0-12-811067-6

UMTI Speakers Series

The UMTI Speaker Series aims to attract distinguished scholars in transportation and logistics in Canada and around the world to visit UMTI and share their knowledge and research experience with UMTI, Asper, and UM communities. In 2017, UMTI has organized 10 such events, as follows:

- Direct from Mexico: CentrePort Canada’s New Initiative for FDI
  Mr. Jose Manuel Castellon, MarketPort Canada, Canada
- Disaster Adaptation Investment with Inter- and Intra-port Competition and Cooperation
  Prof. Anming Zhang, Sauder School of Business, University of British Columbia, Canada
- Port-logistics in Prince Rupert and Northern BC: lessons and questions for development in remote urban regions
  Prof. Peter Hall, Urban Studies Program, Simon Fraser University, Canada

- Planning, financing and management of ports and terminals
  Dr. Bart Wiegmans, Civil Engineering and Geosciences, Delft University of Technology, Netherlands

- Challenging traditional beliefs – A reflection on the state and strategies of the liner shipping industry
  Prof. Gordon Wilmsmeier, School of Management, Universidad de los Andes, Colombia

- Ice roads and Cargo Airships – State of the Technology and Opportunities for the North
  Prof. Barry Prentice, Asper School of Business, University of Manitoba, Canada
  Ms. Judy Klassen, Manitoba Liberal Party and MLA for Kewatinook, Canada

- Improving the Economic and Environmental Benefits of Crop Straw Utilization in China Through an Ecological-Economic Model
  Dr. Hairong Huang, Department of International Trade, School of Economics and Management, Zhejiang Sci-Tech University, China

- Cascading Feeder Vessels and the Rationalization of Small Container Ports
  Dr. Jason Monios, Transport Research Institute, Edinburgh Napier University, UK

- Rail in Circumpolar and Thin Markets: Opportunities or Non-Starter?
  Mr. Al Phillips, A.J. Phillips and Associates, Canada

- Canton–Hong Kong–Macau: Intercity Competitions and Commercial Interactions Before the 20th Century
  Dr. Ka-Chai Tam, Department of History, Hong Kong Baptist University, China

**UMTI CONFERENCES**

**International Workshop on Transportation, Logistics and Regional Development**

On September 22, 2017, in collaboration with the Shanghai Maritime University, China (SMU), UMTI co-organized the International Workshop on Transportation, Logistics and Regional Development held in Winnipeg, MB, Canada. There were more than 80 participants, including Dr. Digvir S. Jayas, the VP (Research and International) of UM, Prof. Youfang Huang, President of SMU, and Mayor Blair Skinner, the Mayor of the Municipality of Pinawa, Mr. Shane Li, Directors of North Forge East and Mr. Alberto Valesco, World Trade Centre Winnipeg. Following the presentations on shipping and maritime logistics, a panel discussion on the impacts of transportation logistics on international trade was arranged.
INTERNATIONAL STUDY EXCHANGE PROGRAM

During June 12-17 2017, UMTI and Asper School of Business co-organized an 8-day International Study Exchange Program – ‘An Experiential Introduction to The Business Environment and Culture of Canada’. 24 students from Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Lingnan University in Hong Kong, China and 7 students from Asper School of Business participated in the program. The Program included business workshops on timely business topics taught by Asper faculties, technical visits to CN Rail and Manitoba Hydro, social activities, and interactions with business leaders in Winnipeg (e.g., Hong Kong-Canada Business Association). Upon its success, UMTI and Asper are planning the 2nd Study Exchange Program in 2018 Summer which will involve 16 days in Canada and Hong Kong, China.

CERTIFICATE IN LOGISTICS (CLog)

Certificate in Logistics Program (CLog) is a program designed for extended education for persons who wish to enhance their career in the transportation and logistics industry. This program is offered in coordination with the Red River College (RRC) program – Transportation and Distribution Management. The courses offered by UMTI match the curriculum of the Canadian Institute of Traffic and Transportation (CITT) and are recognized for the CITT-Certified Logistics Professional (CCLP) designation.

The CLog Program was resumed in September 2017 with 2 courses (Logistics Fundamentals and Legal Issues in Transportation). 4 more courses (Transportation Policy and Regulations, Marketing Services, Economic Applications in Transportation and Risk Assessment and Safety) will be offered in January 2018.

NEW MEMBERS IN 2017

Staff – Dr. Mingyan (Yumi) Yu (Administrator & Research Assistant) and Dr. Mawuli K. Afenyo (Postdoctoral Fellow); Associates – Ms. Nicole Barnabé (Asper, UM, Canada), Dr. Girish Gujar (HK Polytechnic University, China), Dr. Lukas Neville (Asper, UM, Canada), Dr. Bart Wiegmans (Delft University of Technology, Netherlands), Dr. Gordon Wilmsmeier (Universidad de los Andes, Colombia); Student Associates – Ms. Anh Tran (Asper, UM, Canada), Ms. Xize Wu (Asper, UM, Canada)

WELCOME ONBOARD!

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