



## ***14th PORT PERFORMANCE RESEARCH NETWORK (PPRN) WORKSHOP***

**Tuesday, 23 August 2016**

**Meeting Coordinator and Chair: Mary R. Brooks, Dalhousie University**

Meeting Address: Room EE-1 on the 5th floor, KLU, Grosser Grasbrook 17, Hamburg  
(There is only one set of lifts in the building so the room should be easy to find.)

The Port Performance Research Network (PPRN) is an informal network of maritime economists interested in issues of port policy. It was established at the IAME 2001 meeting in Hong Kong to undertake empirical testing of port governance, and is currently coordinated by Drs. Mary R. Brooks and Thanos A. Pallis. Since then, PPRN has met 13 times.

In phase one of the PPRN's research program, its members produced a summary report of port governance structures and port developments in 14 countries, published in: Brooks M.R. and Cullinane K. (Eds), 2007 [Devolution, Port Governance and Port Performance](#). London: Elsevier. Research from the second phase of findings was published by Elsevier's *Research in Transportation Business and Management* in October 2013. Currently, the PPRN has a number of initiatives underway and work on several continents in progress. The meeting will seek to explore ways to move the current research agenda of PPRN members forward.

The purpose of the meetings is to frame new research and seek concepts for its funding and development. The **Hamburg** meeting will focus on what future research the Network members will undertake and are looking to have ideas and support for. The closed portion of the meeting will discuss how it will be managed beyond 2016. Therefore, the closed portion of the program **will be open only to members as of June 1. Audience participation is expected in all sessions.**

### ***SCHEDULE***

**9:00 AM: Welcome and structure of the day's work (Mary R. Brooks)**

**9:05-9:45 AM: Session 1—Measuring Port Performance: Current Programs and Extensions**

Moderator: Thanos Pallis

**For information:** A review of recent performance measurement developments in North America (FAST Act, SEApport) (Mary R. Brooks, 5 minutes) There is an IAME presentation on evaluating the Transport Canada Fluidity Measurement program in the main IAME program.

**Continuing:** Portopia: an update (Michael Dooms, 10 minutes)

**Continuing:** Portopia: User's perspectives, an update (George Vaggelas, 10 minutes)

Open discussion (25 minutes)

**9:45-10:30 AM: Session 2—Future Research Concepts and New Indicators to be Explored**

Moderator: Mary R. Brooks

**NEW: Joan Mileski and Amir Gharehgozli:** Port performance measurement for bulk terminals (15 minutes)

**NEW: Gordon Wilmsmeier:** Sustainable Performance Measures for Ports (15 minutes)  
Questions & Answers

**10:30-10:45 AM: Coffee Break**

**10:45-12:00: Session 3—Future Research Concepts and Opportunities**

Moderator: Mary R. Brooks

**NEW: Theo Notteboom and Geraldine Knatz:** Identifying interest in an RTBM volume on Port Cooperation Strategies with proposed publication in early 2018 (10 minutes)  
Open Discussion.

**NEW: Francesco Parola** (with Theo Notteboom and Thanos Pallis): Identifying a research agenda on port finance, 10 minutes (Parola); analysis of port authorities' financial performance analysis, 10 minutes (Pallis)

**NEW: Michael Doooms:** Sustainability reporting for ports (IAPH-PIANC proposal (10 minutes)

**Open Discussion:** How can PPRN extend what is measured in a concerted way? Can PPRN think about new ways to measure time through ports: is there a role for 'big data' and industry partnerships?

**12:00-13:00: Port Network Planning**

Closed discussion (network members only) on new leadership for the Network.

**13:00-14:00 PM: Lunch**

**There are some activities organized by the IAME 2016 organizers for the afternoon.**

**Registration deadline: 31 July 2016.**

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