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## **Euro Working Group Transportation (EWGT) 2023**

**6-8/09/23, Santander, Spain**

In early September 2023, I had the privilege of presenting my thesis at EWGT23. This conference, organized by the Euro Working Group Transportation, marked its 25th anniversary and was held at the University of Cantabria in Santander, Spain.

First and foremost, I would like to express my gratitude to the Israeli Smart Transportation Research Center for providing the foundation and support necessary for my participation in this conference. With the collaboration of Dr. Oren Nahum and Dr. Yuval Hades, we presented our work titled “A Combined Simulation-Optimization Emergency Evacuation Planning Framework Considering Residents and Tourists”.



During the conference, numerous PhD students, alongside doctors and professors, presented a wide range of research in the field of transportation. The works were highly diverse and approached the transportation field from various perspectives.



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The conference was hosted in a single university, utilizing six halls concurrently, with one of them serving as the main hall. A program detailing the topics of each session was published, requiring attendees to select the topics they were most interested in. I found it quite challenging to select the sessions I wanted to attend, because only the titles were published without accompanying abstracts.

This was my first conference where I presented during my study, and it was a valuable experience. I learned a lot from the presentations of others and had the opportunity to meet many fellow students and doctors, which could potentially lead to future collaborations. During my presentation, I received several questions, some of which I plan to incorporate into my ongoing research.

In summary, the Euro Working Group Transportation offers an excellent platform to present research and stay updated on the latest developments in the transportation field. I highly recommend that any student involved in transportation consider attending this event. The next conference is scheduled to take place in Lund, Sweden from September 4th to 6th, 2024. I am personally planning to attend this conference myself.

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