

INFORMS Transportation and Logistics Society (TSL)

Second Triennial Conference

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The INFORMS Transportation and Logistics Society (TSL) conference is globally renowned as a paramount scientific gathering within the transportation science and logistics domain including but not limited to air transportation, facility logistics, freight transportation and logistics, intelligent transportation systems, and urban transportation planning and modeling. This year's event took place at Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois, USA, bringing together the most distinguished minds in transportation and logistics from around the world. The conference provided an exceptional platform to exchange innovative ideas and explore emerging research directions. The diverse spectrum of advanced practices, theories, and methodologies presented during the event showcased the dynamism of the field.

A wide array of topics was covered, including smart city logistics, vehicle routing challenges, electric vehicle solutions, drones integration, humanitarian logistics, and the integration of machine learning. These subjects deeply resonated with my research interests, offering a wealth of engaging content that was both captivating and pertinent.

For me, a highlight of the conference was my presentation on "The Restaurant Meal Delivery Problem with Ghost Kitchens" during the Freight Transportation and Logistics track in the Dynamic Vehicle Routing session. The positive reception from the audience led to valuable interactions with fellow researchers who share my passion.

The conference undoubtedly proved to be an exhilarating experience. Meeting the brilliant minds behind the papers I have read and forging new connections with peers in the field holds immense potential for future collaborations and mutual growth. The array of enlightening talks I attended expanded my intellectual horizons and renewed my enthusiasm for advancing the field. Excursions in the lively city of Chicago provided a perfect blend of intellectual stimulation and leisurely exploration.

Reflecting on my participation in the INFORMS TSL conference, I am poised to harness the insights gained, connections established, and newfound motivation to propel my research journey forward. This event undoubtedly marks a significant milestone in my academic and professional path within the dynamic transportation and logistics sphere.

Drawing from my enriching experience, I highly recommend to researchers and students in the transportation and logistics field who are considering participation in future INFORMS TSL conferences to attend.

Finally, I would like to thank the Israeli Smart Transportation Research Center for funding my amazing travel for a great conference. I appreciate it a lot and hope to make the best out of it, in terms of my personal research and career development in the smart transportation domain.

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Supervisor's signature

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tzur Michal", with a horizontal line underneath the name.