

## Workshop: Asphalt Process Control – Using Digital Technologies to improve construction performance

Date/Time: 6<sup>th</sup> September, 14:30 – 18:00

Location: Vila Flor Cultural Centre

### Background

Recent advances in intelligent construction machinery have seen several new sensors and software added to asphalt construction equipment. Digital technologies such as GPS, infrared and other sensors, real-time process control, and advanced communication systems enable tracking, visualization, and data mining of key process parameters during asphalt construction, such as logistics, temperature homogeneity, and compaction consistency. Yet, despite the availability of these technologies, implementation is slow, and barriers to technology adoption remain an obstacle. Using the Netherlands as a case, this workshop will address SMART technology implementation for the asphalt construction industry, its benefits, challenges, complications, and strategies to make it successful and sustainable. A panel discussion will include international experiences from the US Minnesota transportation department and global experiences.

### Focus

- Addressing variability in the asphalt construction process
- Digital technologies that will benefit the asphalt construction industry
- How to implement digital technologies efficiently and effectively
- How to overcome challenges of implementation, barriers to technology adoption, and digitalization
- Key organisations to involve in the implementation and sustainable adoption of digital technologies

### Speakers

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|  | <p>Seirgei Miller (PhD) – ASPARi research unit, University of Twente, the Netherlands</p> |
|  | <p>Mr. Curt Turgeon of US Minnesota department of transportation</p>                      |
|  | <p>Dr. George K. Chang, President of ISIC, Transtec Group, USA</p>                        |

## Agenda

| Time                 | Topics  | Speakers     |
|----------------------|---|--------------|
| <b>14:30 – 14:35</b> | Introduction  | All speakers |
| <b>14:35 – 14:40</b> | Why Digitise?   | Miller       |
| <b>14:40 – 15:40</b> | The road to digitisation  |              |
|                      | Addressing challenges of variability and construction quality - the case of the Netherlands & Digital Technologies  | Miller       |
|                      | Lessons from the United States  | Turgeon      |
|                      | Digital Technologies – a global perspective   | Chang        |
| <b>15:40 – 16:10</b> | Mini-breakout Session:<br>1. Given what you have heard, how would you approach implementing digital technologies in your country?<br>2. What factors to consider when considering the broader adoption and implementation of digital technologies?<br>3. Which stakeholders should be driving implementation? | All speakers |
| <b>16:10 – 16:20</b> | Break   |              |
| <b>16:20 – 16:50</b> | Mini-breakout Session:<br>Which STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, OPPORTUNITIES, and THREATS do digital technologies have for the road construction industry?  | All          |
| <b>16:50 – 17:00</b> | Break   |              |
| <b>17:00 – 17:30</b> | Mini-breakout Session:<br>1. What are the first “must” steps to be taken to encourage and foster technology implementation<br>2. What do you think are the essential elements to be included in a Digital Technology Roadmap<br>3. Task – Developing Roadmap 2030   | All          |
| <b>17:30 – 18:00</b> | Panel discussion  | All speakers |
| <b>18:00</b>         | Adjourn   |              |

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