



**IPIC** 2018

**5<sup>th</sup>**  
International  
Physical Internet  
Conference

June 18 - June 21, 2018 | Groningen, the Netherlands



university of  
groningen



**TKI DIALOG**  
Dutch Institute for Advanced Logistics

## The conference

IPIC 2018 aims to provide an open forum for researchers, industry representatives, government officials and citizens to together explore, discuss, introduce leading edge concepts, methodologies, recent projects, technological advancements, start-up initiatives, for current and future Physical Internet implementation.

The conference will continue building on the successful 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 conferences with up to 250 participants. Conference topics include inter-connected logistics, PI fundamentals, business models, governance and implementation, cross-chain control, synchromodal transportation, IT systems, stakeholders and their roles.

### Student assignment

Bachelor and master students are invited to join in an international competition to work on an assignment related to the Physical Internet. A jury will select the winning team. A limited number of grants will be made available to the best team to visit the conference and present the work submitted.

### Challenge

A challenge will be organised on Monday June 18th, in order to work on a relevant Physical Internet related question in multi-disciplinary teams.

### Doctoral colloquium

The Physical Internet Doctoral Colloquium provides PhD candidates with the opportunity to present and discuss their research



with fellow PhD candidates and established researchers. One of the key elements of the seminar will be to discuss positioning of the PhD project in well-known and established lines of research and linking it in a founded way to the physical internet. Participation in the colloquium is by invitation. PhD candidates are asked to submit a research proposal or a working paper for review, along with a letter of recommendation.

A limited number of grants will be made available to excellent PhD candidates to cover travel and hotel costs.

## Logistics in the Netherlands

The logistics sector is of enormous economic importance to the Netherlands. The sector generates 55 billion euro annually and provide employment for 813,000 people.

Above all, it is an important service that is an integral part of all other economic sectors. In the Dutch Institute for Advanced Logistics (TKI-Dinalog), knowledge institutes and industry work together on innovative logistics concepts, such as synchromodal transport, urban distribution, e-commerce logistics, and cross-chain collaboration.

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## The City of Groningen

The city of Groningen has a long history as a trading town and fortress, which is still visible from historic warehouses, courts and other buildings. Groningen has the highest usage of bicycles for transportation in the world. Within its boundaries, Groningen has historic warehouses, courts and buildings as well as plenty of modern architecture.

### Digital City

In order to bring the IT sector from good to excellent, entrepreneurs, knowledge institutions and governments have joined forces in the Groningen Digital City action plan. This action plan forms the basis for the development of a healthy and future-proof digital economy.

## The Netherlands, Gateway to Europe

The Netherlands provides a strategic location to serve markets in Europe and beyond. Many international companies use the Netherlands as location for their logistics: as a point of entry into the European Union by sea or air, or as location for their distribution centers. The Netherlands ranks fourth in the Logistics Performance Index.

## University of Groningen

Innovative, research-driven and rooted in the number-one knowledge hub of the Northern Netherlands, the University of Groningen is an internationally oriented university with 30,000 students. The University provides high quality education and research and is currently in or around the top 100 in several influential ranking lists. The University stimulates interdisciplinary research, and highly values interaction with society and industry. The university focuses on three key themes: Energy, Healthy Ageing and Sustainable Society.



# Practicalities

## Conference dates

June 17, 2018	Doctoral colloquium
June 18-21, 2018	Conference
June 22, 2018	Company visits

## Location

City of Groningen

## Submission deadlines

Abstract submission: February 15, 2018  
Paper and poster submission: April 1, 2018  
Application for Doctoral Colloquium: March 1, 2018  
Deadline Student competition: April 1, 2018

## Organisation

IPIC 2018 is hosted by the University of Groningen.

## Further information and contact

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