

## International Research Group (IRG)

International Research Group (IRG) is organized in order to activate international cooperative researches among the EASTS regular members who are belong to different EASTS domestic society. The research activities of IRG are expected to contribute to the progress of transportation researches in eastern Asia and also the promotion of EASTS.

Now, several IRGs are conducting projected research respectively.

EASTS expects the member of EASTS to establish a new IRG. If you are interested in organizing a new IRG, please submit designated application form to the Secretary-General of EASTS in time for annual EASTS Board meeting will be held during the 2015 EASTS conference in September.

- **Advantages of IRG**
- **Expectations of IRG**
- **Requirements of IRG**
- **Applicaition for a new IRG**
- **Support for member recruitment**
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### ➤ **Advantages of IRG:**

- 1) IRG can utilize the EASTS official website and mailing list to announce its activities to the members of EASTS.
- 2) IRG can utilize the EASTS sponsorship.
- 3) IRG has a high possibility to hold a special technical session at biennial EASTS conference.
- 4) IRG is eligible for the ICRA research grant (<http://www.easts.info/activities/icra/icra.html>).

### ➤ **Expectations of IRG:**

- 1) IRG is expected to hold seminars and symposia as a part of EASTS activities.
- 2) IRG is expected to invite and activate young researchers.
- 3) IRG is expected to apply for research grant other than ICRA.

### ➤ **Requirements of IRG:**

- 1) Representative of the IRG must be an EASTS regular member who is selected by the respective domestic society.
- 2) At least three members of the IRG must be EASTS regular members belonging to each different domestic society as a general rule. However, only this year, "three members" can be eased to "two members" as an exception.
- 3) IRG is required to achieve its original research plan within five years.
- 4) IRG is required to submit the annual activity report to the Board of EASTS.

5) IRG is required to submit the summary report to the Board of EASTS in time with the end of research period.

➤ **Points of Evaluation**

Positive Evaluation

- Title of IRG is clear.
- Purpose and mission are well defined.
- Research plan is appropriate.
- Research members are sufficient.
- Contribution to small domestic societies is considered.
- Development of young researchers is considered.
- Amount of research funds is reasonable.
- Source of research funds is well considered.

➤ **Application for a new IRG**

Now, the secretariat of EASTS would like to accept application for organizing a new IRG. Please complete the designated application form and send it to the following e-mail address:

[irg\[at\]easts.info](mailto:irg[at]easts.info)(please change [at] to @ when you send e-mail).

> Application form is [HERE](#).

(Link : <http://www.easts.info/activities/irg/irgapplication.doc>)

➤ **Support for member recruitment**

It is not easy work to assemble the appropriate research members at the proposal preparation stage of a new IRG. To reduce this difficulty in member recruitment, the secretariat of EASTS will offer its support to recruit research members for your proposed IRG.

If you would like to utilize the support for member recruitment, please complete the preliminary proposal form and send it to the following e-mail address:

[irg\[at\]easts.info](mailto:irg[at]easts.info)(please change [at] to @ when you send e-mail).

The secretariat of EASTS will disseminate the information about the member recruitment to EASTS regular members and other interested persons by e-mail and website.

## ➤ Procedure of the approval of new IRG

Following flow chart describes the procedure of the approval of new IRG



## ➤ Important date

- Call for Proposals	27th Jun 2015
- Deadline of Submission of Applications	20th August 2015
- Approval of the Applications at the Board meeting	11th September 2015
-Notification of Acceptance of new IRG	13th September 2015

## ➤ Contact us

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