

Thursday, March 20, 2008	
7:30 AM Registration	
8:00 - 8:30 AM Refreshments at Exhibit Area	
8:30 - 8:40 AM Dr. Richard Billo - Symposium Welcome Associate Dean of Research, College of Engineering - The University of Texas at Arlington	
8:40 - 8:45 AM Dr. Nur Yazdani - Symposium Welcome Professor and Chairman of Civil Engineering - The University of Texas at Arlington	
8:45 - 9:00 AM Dr. Mohammad Najafi - Introduction CUIRE Director, The University of Texas at Arlington -- Conference Co-Chairman	
9:00 - 9:30 AM Mr. John Promise - Keynote Presenter Director of Environment & Development - North Central Texas Council of Governments Vision North Texas: Creating Sustainable Infrastructure for North Texas 2050	
9:30 - 10:00 AM Dr. Tom Iseley - Keynote Presenter Professor and Program Director of Construction Management - IUPUI Future of U.S. Freight Transportation	
10:00 - 10:30 AM Dr. Henry Liu - Keynote Presenter President, Freight Pipeline Company Pneumatic Capsule Pipeline (PCP): Recent Progress	
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10:30 TO 11:00 AM	Coffee Break in Exhibit Area
SESSION A1 -- Session Chair: Dr. Larry Slavin, President, Outside Plant Consulting Services (OPCS)	
11:00 TO 11:30 AM	Research on Air Drag of the Underground Freight Transportation System CargoCap, Martin Schmitt and Dr. Gerhard Wagner, Ruhr-University, Germany schmitt@lmf.rub.de or schmitt@lmf.ruhr-uni-bochum.de
11:30 AM TO 12:00 Noon	Joint-Use Buried Pipeline for Utility Cables & Freight Transportation, Dr. Larry Slavin, Outside Plant Consulting Services and Dr. Mohammad Najafi, The University of Texas at Arlington lslavin@ieeo.org
12:00 TO 1:30 PM	LUNCH -- Provided with the Program
SESSION A2 -- Session Chair: Dr. Henry Liu, President, Freight Pipeline Company	
1:30 TO 2:00 PM	A Strategic Approach to the Public Acceptance in The Netherlands of Underground Freight Transport by Means of a Pipeliner Master Course, Dr. Ir Gerard Kruisman, Pipeliner Foundation, Netherlands info@pipeliner.nl
2:00 TO 2:30 PM	CargoCap: Distance Control and Platooning, Peter Knuepfer and Dr. Gerhard Wagner, Ruhr-University, Germany knuepfer@lmf.rub.de
2:30 TO 3:00 PM	The Economic Spin-off and Technology Spill-overs of Underground Freight Transport, Dr. Johan Visser, Delft University of Technology, Netherlands J.G.S.N.Visser@tudelft.nl
3:00 TO 3:30 PM	Coffee Break in Exhibit Area
SESSION A3 -- Session Chair: Dr. Robert M. O'Connell, University of Missouri -- Colombia	
3:30 TO 4:00 PM	A New Choice for Yangshan Deep-water Seaport Container Distribution --Underground Container Transportation System(UCTS), Dr. Guo Dongjun, Dr. Yu Mingjian, Dr. Chen Zhilong, PIA University of Science Technology, China guo_dongjun@163.com
4:00 TO 4:30 PM	Case Study: Evaluation of Construction Cost of Underground Tunnels for Large Diameter Capsule Pipelines, Yu Lou, Dr. Mohammad Najafi, and Dr. Henry Liu, U.S.A. najafi@uta.edu
4:30 TO 5:00 PM	Sizing the Prize -- Presenting the Case for Freight Pipelines, Dr. Roger Miles and Bill Loose, Mole Solutions Ltd., United Kingdom roger_t_miles@yahoo.com
5:00 PM	Reception at Rady Room -- 6th Floor Nedderman Hall UTA

Friday, March 21, 2008	
8:00 AM Registration 8:00 - 8:30 AM Refreshments	
SESSION A4 -- Session Chair: Mr. Ghassan Khankarli, Assistant Area Engineer Collin County area Office, TxDOT Dallas District, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)	
8:30 TO 9:00 AM	The Status Quo and Outlook of the Underground Logistics System (ULS) Development in China, Dr. Qian Qihu, Chinese Academy of Engineering gcyqqh@163.com
9:00 TO 9:30 AM	Stator Section Control of a Linear Induction Propulsion Motor for a Pneumatic Capsule Pipeline System, Dr. Robert M. O'Connell and Dr. Tosaporn Prabripoo, University of Missouri-Columbia oconnellr@missouri.edu
9:30 TO 10:00 AM	Underground Freight Transportation in Urban Areas, Evasio Lavagno and Laura Schranz, Energy Department, Polytechnic di Torino, Italy evasio.lavagno@polito.it
10:00 TO 10:30 AM	Coffee Break in Exhibit Area
SESSION A5 -- Session Chair: Shah Rahman, Vice President, Fibwrap Construction Inc.	
10:30 TO 11:00 AM	Redressing the balance between demand for mobility and supply of transport by means of new modes of transportation, Dr. Willy Winkelmans, University of Antwerp, ITMMA, Belgium willy.winkelmans@ua.ac.be
11:00 TO 11:30 AM	Innovation in the Transport Through High Rate Small Volume Payloads, Dr. Franco Cotana, Federico Rossi, and Amantini, University of Perugia, Italy cotana@crbnet.it
11:30 AM TO 12:00 Noon	Traffic Tunnels and Its Construction Technologies in Soft Ground of Shanghai, Dr. Zhu He-hua and Dr. Yan Zhi-guo, University of Tongji, China zhuhehua@mail.tongji.edu.cn
12:00 TO 1:30 PM	LUNCH -- Texas Barbecue -- Provided with the Program
SESSION A6 -- Session Chair: Dr. Mohammad Najafi, The University of Texas at Arlington	
1:30 TO 2:00 PM	Use of Flowable Fill for Underground Freight Pipeline Construction, Dr. Raja Sekhar Madhyannapu, Dr. Mohammad Najafi, and Dr. Anand Puppala, The University of Texas at Arlington anand@uta.edu
2:00 TO 2:30 PM	Pipeline Safety Considerations for Underground Freight Transportation, Pamela Salvador and Dr. Mohammad Najafi, The University of Texas at Arlington psalvador@fortworth.half.com
2:30 TO 3:00 PM	Renewal of Buried Large Diameter Pressure Pipelines and Conduit Systems Using Fiber Reinforced Polymers, Shah Rahman, Vice President, Fibwrap Construction Inc. shah@fibwrapconstruction.com
3:00 TO 3:15 PM	Coffee Break in Exhibit Area
3:15 TO 3:45 PM	Preliminary Design of Underground Vacuum Pipeline Transportation, Dr. Baosong Ma and Cong Zeng, China University of Geosciences -- Wuhan mabaosong@163.com
3:45 TO 5:00 PM	ISUFT Steering Committee Meeting & Panel Discussion on International Collaboration (Open to all Attendees)
6:00 PM	Conference Dinner at Texas Land & Cattle Restaurant Distribution of the Certificates (16 PDH, 1.6 CEU)
Saturday, March 22, 2008	
9:00 AM	City of Fort Worth Stockyards Tour
12:00 Noon	Lunch at Joe T. Garcia's Restaurant Sponsored by Hanson Pipe & Precast
2:00 PM	Conclusion of Symposium