Search Tips for TRID

With more than 1.09 million records of published research covering all modes of transportation, TRID is an integrated database that combines the records from the Transportation Research Information Services and the Joint Transport Research Centre’s International Transport Research Documentation. More than 156,000 records contain links to full-text documents. TRID staff have assembled the following tips:

- The engine searches for all terms in a query. To search for a phrase, enclose the phrase within quotes—for example: “traffic signals”—to streamline.
- The engine does not automatically search for the singular and plural forms of a word. To search for word variations, use an asterisk (*) after a partial word. Example: sign* retrieves sign, signs, signals, signalization.
- To combine words in a search, use OR, AND, or NOT in capitals between words or phrases.
- To search on multiple terms, perform what is called a nested search, by enclosing a search within parentheses; for example, (plow* OR salt*) AND “snow removal” can focus the search.

The advanced search (http://trid.trb.org/search.aspx) provides more focus and obtains better results. A user can search specific fields, including title, persons, agencies or publishers, serial or conference, index term, or subject areas. When searching for a person, enter the surname and the given name or initial, if known. Entering terms in multiple fields automatically searches for all terms in the query, and searches can be limited by date, language, or source.

The keyword search box searches all indexed TRID fields: title, abstract, notes, index terms, subject areas, authors, project managers or principal investigators, series, corporate authors, publishers, and funding or performing organizations.

Users may modify a query from the search results page by using the options on the right side of the screen. Search results can be shared by using tools and social networking options from the TRID interface. Subscriptions to RSS feeds of updates of searches also are available.

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High-Level Workshop Crosses the Ocean

TRB is seeking nominations of researchers to participate in the Chan Wui and Yunyin Rising Star Workshop in July 2016. Conducted on a transatlantic cruise from the United States to China, the workshop will facilitate research sharing and connections among early-career and experienced professionals in the fields of transportation and telecommunications.

Prospective fellows should have 1 to 3 years of postdoctoral experience. Candidates for senior fellows should have more than 30 years of academic experience, as well as experience as mentors. Application materials are due November 2, 2015, at 5 p.m. U.S. Eastern time.

Up to eight fellows and four senior fellows will be selected. All communication will be in English, and selected participants will be announced at the 2016 TRB Annual Meeting in January in Washington, D.C.

For more information, visit www.trb.org/Main/Blurbs/172605.aspx.