

Dear colleague,

We are very pleased to invite you to join the CHOIR symposium "Healthcare logistics: balancing between practice and theory", being held at the University of Twente (The Netherlands) on December 13 to 15, 2017.

On Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup>, a practitioners day is organized (nb: the main language of this day will be Dutch), to discuss the challenges and solutions for efficient planning of cancer care processes with healthcare planners, clinicians and operations researchers.

On Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup>, the scientific program starts with presentations about the logistics of the blood supply chain, including presentations of John Blake (Dalhousie University, Canada) and Inneke van Nieuwenhuyse (UHasselt and KU Leuven, Belgium) finishing with the public thesis defense of Sem van Brummelen, titled: "Bloody fast blood collection".

On Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>, the scientific program continues with presentations about the design and control of health care processes with the aid of OR techniques, and finishes with the public thesis defense of Gréanne Leeftink, titled: "Why wait? Organizing integrated processes in cancer care". The line-up is a mix of presentations from national and international speakers, including Kalyan Pasupathy (Mayo Clinic, USA) and Aleida Braaksma (MIT, USA and CHOIR), about how they create an impact with OM/OR in healthcare practice.

The participation fee is €35,- per day. More details are available on [our website](#).

We hope to see you in December!

Sincerely,

Gréanne Leeftink, Sem van Brummelen, Richard Boucherie, Erwin Hans and Nico van Dijk



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