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Abstract: Research in humanitarian logistics strives to improve the understanding of the unique challenges of humanitarian operations and aims at gaining insights on how to improve their efficiency and effectiveness. The challenges of humanitarian logistics include a very high level of uncertainty in case of disaster, lack of appropriate infrastructure, limited, uncertain and often constrained budgets, high turnover of workers and volunteers. All these characteristics make theories and solutions developed for commercial logistics not applicable to the humanitarian setting. With this in mind, it is particularly important that research in the area utilise field experience and real data to address those challenges that are critical to humanitarian organizations.

In this session, we tackle different aspects of logistics in the humanitarian context. We analyse the challenges that different humanitarian organizations have to face while managing their logistics. The focus is on practice-based research that arises from the collaboration with humanitarian organization.

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