RAILWAYS IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR

8th International Conference on Railway History organized by the

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Association Internationale d'Histoire des Chemins de Fer
Asociación Internacional de Historia Ferroviaria

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The conference at a glance

Day 1, Wednesday, November 28th from 17:00 onwards: registration
18:00: Opening and Welcome reception, offered by UIC

Day 2, Thursday, November 29th: six parallel panels from 9:00 to 13:30 and 14:30 to 18:30.

Day 3, Friday, November 30th: three parallel panels from 9:00 to 12:30, excursion.
Conference Dinner, offered by IRHA.

Day 4, Saturday, December 1st: three parallel panels from 9:00 to 13:00; final round table from 11:00 to 13:00; end of conference.

Each paper: 20 minutes - 10 minutes discussion

Venue:

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Registration:

No registration is due for the conference; admission is free, but for meals taken at the Expo Congress Hotel which are at participants’ own expense.

Participants who would be willing to stay at the Expo Congress Hotel where the conference is held will find the Booking Form for the hotel below.

Deadline for Hotel booking is November 4, 2018.
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Wednesday, November 28th from 17:00 onwards: registration.

18:00: OPENING
Welcome address by H.E. Pascale Andréani, Ambassador of France to Hungary.
Welcome address by Jean-Pierre Loubinoux, Director-General of the International Union of Railways (UIC).
Welcome address by Dr. Katona András, Honorary General Secretary, The Hungarian Scientific Association for Transportation / Közlekedéstudományi Egyesület (KTE).
Introduction to the conference, by Henry Jacolin, President of the International Railway History Association.
Keynote lecture, by Prof. Andrea Giuntini, Università degli Studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia.
Welcome reception, offered by UIC.

Thursday, November 29th

9:00-11:00 Panel 1: Railways and the Great War: an overview in space and time
Chair: Henry Jacolin
- Irene Anastasiadou, Building Europe on Rails: transnationalism, railways and WWI
- Christopher Phillips, Britain’s railway experts and the perception of industrial warfare: understanding the western front
- Ralf Roth, The Importance of Railways for Military Strategic Planning, World War One and the War for Railways in Germany, 1830s to 1920s
- Zsuzsanna Frisnyák, The logistics of the hinterland of war – railway transport in Hungary (1914–1915)

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:30 Panel 2: Railways in the War Theater: Western and Eastern Front (I)
Chair: Javier Vidal
- Paul Van Heesvelde-Jef Van Olmen, The role of the Belgian Railways in the Mobilisation and the Retreat of the Belgian army behind the Yser Line, August 1914-December 1914
- Henry Jacolin, German and Russian Railway networks at the Beginning of World War One
- Csaba Sándor Horváth, Front Trains-Front Lines through Hungary during the Great War
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11:30-13:30 Panel 3: Railways in the War Theater: Western and Eastern Front (II)
Chair: Michèle Merger
- Bruno Carrière and Marie-Noëlle Polino, Railways and World War I in France
- Stefano Maggi, Railways and Military Mobilization in Italy: Construction and Logistics Organization (1915-1918)
- János Majdán, Two special Operations of the Hungarian State Railways (MÁV) during the Great War
- Jan Szkudlinski, The Role of the Railway in German Army Operations on the Eastern Front in late 1914

13:30-14:30 Buffet lunch

14:30-16:00 Panel 4: Strategic planning faced to the reality in Eastern Europe
Chair: Zsuzsa Frisnyák
- Reinhard Nachtigal, Railway Construction and Planning in Russia: An Imperial Perspective in Peace and War (1900-1917)
- Maciej Was, The Russian Railways during the First World War: their accomplishments and Collapse
- Toader Popescu, Preparing for War. Strategic Planning of Romanian Railways before World War I
- Dorin Stanescu, Romanian Railways in the Great War. A View from Memoires and Literature

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-18:30 Panel 5: Looking towards Eastern Europe: Case studies
Chair: Andrea Giuntini
- Rosen Stefanov Pavlov, Revealing some Railroad connected Fragments of the Mosaic Puzzle of the Dobrudzha Campaign 1916-1917. A tiny Obscure Scene of the Great War
- Egor Lykov, Ryazan-Uralsk Railway: Russian Provincial Railways and Supply of Food and Energy during the First World War
- Maciej Górny, Eisenbahnfeldzug in the East

16:30-18:30 Panel 6: Railways in Neutral Countries, Empire and Commonwealth
Chair: Ana Cardoso de Matos
- Miguel Muñoz Rubio and Pedro Pablo Ortúñez Goicolea, The Impact of World War I on the Railways in Neutral Countries: the Spanish Railway Companies
- Walter Rothschild, British Defences of the Suez Canal
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- Norman Aselmeyer, *Targeting the Artery of East Africa: The Anglo-German Conflict and the Uganda Railway in World War I*
- Pierre Barrieau, *Nationalization and Rationalization: Canada’s Railways, Montreal and the Great War*

Friday, November 30th

9:00-10:30  Panel 7: Local Railway Networks in Wartime
Chair: Marie-Noëlle Polino
- Gabor Jéger, *Narrow Gauge Railways in the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy before, during and after the First World War*
- Oliver Schulz, *Light railways and Narrow Gauge Lines at the Salonika Front in World War I*
- David Celetti, *The Railway Rocchette–Asiago in the Alpine War. Human, Technological, and Tactical Aspects*

10:30-11:00  Coffee break

11:00-12:30  Panel 8: The Railway Medical Service to the Test
Chair: Csaba Sándor Horváth
- Mark Butterfield, *British Ambulance Trains: Representation and Reality*
- Jeremy Higgins, *Casualty Evacuation on the Western Front: A Study of British Ambulance Train Provision and Operation, 1914 -1916*
- Olga Galkina and Pavel Galkin, *Hospital trains of the All-Russian Zemstvo Union during the First World War*

11:00-12:30  Panel 9: The Role of the Railway in War Logistics
Chair: Paul Van Heesvelde
- Sevtap Demirci and Nevin Coşar, *War and Transportation: Sirkeci Train Station (1914-1918)*
- George S. Carhart, *Rail-Sea Transportation Hubs during WWI*
- Thomas Edelmann, *Reassessing the Means of Transport behind Habsburg Front Lines: From Arteries towards an Infrastructural Net of Transportation Lines*

12:30-13:30  Buffet lunch

13:45-19:00  Excursion: Millenium underground Museum and Railway History Park
(by public transport, participants have to buy their bus tickets)
Evening: Conference Dinner, offered by IRHA

Saturday, December 1st
9:00-10:30  Panel 10: The Aftermath of World War I
Chair: Irene Anastasiadou
- Gábor Varga, *The role of the Railway in the First World War, in the Context of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy, after Movie News*
- José Luis Lalana Soto, Luis Santos y Ganges and Laura Lalana Encinas, *The Reconstruction of the Steam Engine sheds in the North of France after the First World War*

9:00 -10:30  Panel 11: After the war: Repatriation of the Living and the Dead
Chair: Miguel Muñoz Rubio
- Nikolai Vladimirovich Rodin, *Load on the Railways and the Repatriation of the Fallen during the Great War: the Experience of the Russian Empire*
- Dirk Hainbuch, *The Superintendent for the Repatriation of Railroad Material by German Authorities (1918-1923)*
- Olga Zaslavskaya, *To and Out of Captivity: Railways and Prisoners of War in Siberia and Far East, 1914-1922*

9:00-10:30  Panel 12: After the War: New railway geography and politics
Chair: Paul Véron
- Tomáš Nigrin, *Rail under Control? The establishing of Czechoslovakia and the Control over the Rail Traffic on its Territory after WWI*
- Katalin Cserháti, *Role of the Hungarian Royal State Railways (MÁV) Officers between 1914 and 1920*
- Péter Kalocsai, *Railway Changes and its effects along the Austrian-Hungarian Border after WWI*

10:30-11:00  Coffee break

11:00-13:00  Final round table
- Anthony Heywood (Russia)
- Susanne Kill (Germany)
- David Ligeti (Austria-Hungary)
- Chris Phillips (Great Britain)
- Marie-Noëlle Polino (France)

13:00 -14:00  Buffet lunch - End of conference.
The Association Internationale d’Histoire des Chemins de fer / International Railway History Association / Asociacion Internacional de Historia Ferroviaria was established in 2002, and is dedicated to the history and heritage of rail transport.

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- 2010 Mechelen (Belgium). ‘Cities, users and their railways’
- 2011 Lviv (Ukraine). ‘The great longing for railways. How the periphery became connected with the centers of industrialization?’
- 2013 Santiago (Chile). ‘Railways in Latin America, history and legacy in the 19th and 20th centuries’
- 2016 Istanbul (Turkey). ‘Rail routes from the ‘Bagdad-Bahn’ to the New Silk Roads’

IRHA aims at strengthening its relations with railway heritage organizations and railway museums internationally, and will in the same time contribute to the prospects of railway transport in the 21st century. Its scope is to achieve global development encompassing all continents with oncoming projects in Africa, Asia, the Middle-East...

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Deadline 4 November.

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