



7th International Conference on Railway History

in the historic station of Sirkeci
in Istanbul (Turkey) from
2nd to 5th November 2016

Rail Routes from the Baghdad Railway to the New Silk Road (19th to 21st Centuries) – Utopian Dreams, Past Achievements, and Future Prospects for Rail Transport between Europe and the Middle and Far East

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

Wednesday 2 November 2016

14:00 to 16:00 **REGISTRATION**

17:00 to 20:00 **WELCOME**

Opening address by UIC Director General, **Jean-Pierre LOUBINOUX**

Welcome address by President of the International Railway History Association, **Henry JACOLIN**

Welcome address by **Deputy Director General** of Turkish State Railways TCDD

General introduction into the scientific part of the conference / key note speech by **Ralf ROTH**, Professor, IRHA Secretary-General

COME TOGETHER

Thursday 3 November 2016

SECTIONS OF PARTITION A - PAST (19TH AND FIRST HALF OF THE 20TH CENTURY)

9:00 to 10:30 **Section 1 "First suggestions and connections"**

a. **Henry JACOLIN** (*president of the International Railway History Association, France*):

Establishment of the First Railway Connection Between Europe and Turkey

b. **Dr. Csaba Sándor HORVÁTH** (*Széchenyi István University, Hungary*):

The Establishment of the Railway Connection Between Hungary and the Ottoman Empire – A Prelude to the Launch of the Orient Express

c. **Prof. Dr. Nevin COŞAR** (*Yıldız Technical University, Istanbul, Turkey*) and Assoc. **Prof. Dr. Sevtap DEMIRCI** (*Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey*): Railroads Policies and Modernisation: Consumption Patterns in Turkey

d. **Dr. Emine ZEYTINLI** (*Aydin University, Istanbul, Turkey*):

Economic Concessions for Ottoman Rumelia Railway Investments and Foreign Capital, 1860-1936

10:30 to 11:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:00 to 12:30 Section 2 “The Balkans and the Ottoman Empire”

- a. **Cand. phil. Milos VOJINOVIC** (*Serbian Academy of Arts and Sciences, Institute for Balkan Studies, Belgrade, Serbia*): Railway Building Between Politics and Economy: The Case of Railway Planning in Serbia 1906–1908
- b. **Cand. phil. Walid Y. BELBACHIR** (*Aix-Marseille University, Marseille, France*): From Suez to Baghdad: Transcontinental Perspectives of the Balkan Railways (1869–1911)
- c. **Dr. Axel HEIMSOTH** (*Ruhr Museum, Essen, Germany*): Cartoons of the Baghdad Railway. A Media Hype in German, French and British Journals
- d. **Arjan den BOER, MA** (*publicist on history and architecture, Utrecht, The Netherlands*): The “Balkanzug” as a Propaganda Vehicle

12:30 to 15:00 LUNCH

15:00 to 16:30 Section 3 “Transport corridors Europe – Asia in a wider perspective”

- a. **Cand. phil. Maciej WAŚ** (*Hildesheim, Poland-Germany*): The Railway Connection Between London/Paris to British India through the Russian Empire – Ideas and Problems
- b. **Prof. Dr. Per HÖGSELIUS** (*KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden*): Scandinavia’s Iron Silk Road
- c. **Prof. Dr. Bin WANG** (*Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China*): Contested Interconnections: Colonialism and the Making of Railway Junctions in Early 20th Century China

19:00 to 22:00 EVENING EVENT

Friday 4 November 2016

SECTION OF PARTITION B - PRESENT (SECOND HALF OF THE 20TH CENTURY)

9:00 to 10:30 Section 4 “The Modern Debate after World War Two”

- a. **Dr. Irene ANASTASIADOU** (*Technical University Berlin, Greece-Germany*): The Southern TAR: a Global Project in the Context of the Cold War
- b. **Dr. David CELETTI** (*University of Padua, Italy – Kazakh National University KazGu, Almaty, Italy-Kazakhstan*): The Railway Option within the New Silk Road – Projects, Actors, Business, and Politics in Central Asia
- c. **Dr. Clive LAMMING** (*2011 G8 Expert for the south-east Transasiatic Railway, Paris, July 4-5th, France*): China-Afghanistan-Europ direct Railway in Standard Gauge

10:30 to 11:00 COFFEE BREAK

SECTIONS OF PARTITION C - FUTURE (FROM 21ST CENTURY ONWARDS)

11:00 to 12:30 Section 5 “What the future might bring”

- a. **István NEUMANN** (*ARON Rail Cargo System. Germany-Switzerland-Austria-Hungary*): Moving Swiftly on Difficult Terrain: the ARON Rail Cargo System Vision for Short and Medium Range Rail Freight Links Between Europe, Northern Africa and Asia
- b. **Dr. Mudassar Mohiu din WANI** (*Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India*): Economic Significance and Securitization of One Belt One Road
- c. **Prof. Dr. Ihor ZHALOBA** (*Diplomatic Academy of Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine*): Ukraine and the New Silk Road: Will the Geopolitical Project be Economically Beneficial?

12:30 to 15:00 LUNCH

15:00 to 20:00 EXCURSIONS

Saturday 5 November 2016

9:00 to 10:30 Section 6 The Future of Railway Networks between Asia and Europe

- a. **N. N.**: Presentation of the Turkish Railways (TCDD) about the history of the Hijaz Railway
- b. **Hossein ASHOURI** (*Vice President for Operation and International Transport - speaker*) and **Vahid ALIGHARDASHI** (*Director General of Engineering and Supervision of Infrastructure*): Presentation of the Railways of the Islamic Republic of Iran (RAI)
- c. **Paul VERON**: Presentation of the International Union of Railways (UIC)

11:00 to 12:30 Debate about the results of the conference

12:30 to 14:00 LUNCH

END OF THE CONFERENCE