

# Railways in Transition – Eastern Europe Railways

## Past, Present and Future in the 20th and 21st Centuries

Third International Conference of the International Railway History  
Association in Bratislava from 24 to 26 September 2009

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Henry Cuny, Ambassador of France to Slovakia

### Conference Programme

#### Thursday, 24 September 2009

Arrival

Registration

13:30 to 15:00: Conference Opening

- Welcome speeches by **L'ubomir Važny** (Minister of Transport – to be confirmed), **Milan Chupek** (Director General of ŽSR – to be confirmed), **Henry Cuny** (Ambassador of France to Slovakia) and **Henry Jacolin** (IRHA, President)
- Key note speech by **Paul Véron** (UIC): The role of transport in Europe after reunification
- Introduction into the subject of the conference by **Ralf Roth** (IRHA, General Secretary)

15:00 to 17:30 **First Session: Historical Overview of Railways in Eastern European Countries**

- **Zdeněk Tomeš**: European railways – an application of the life-cycle theory
- **Jan Musekamp**: The Royal Prussian Eastern Railway (Ostbahn) and its importance for East-West transportation
- **Martin Kvizda**: Odd military lines – a comparative analysis of the Czech railway network's efficiency



- **Imre Perger:** History of Railway Passenger Transportation in Hungary, XXth-XXIst Centuries
- **Dušan Lichner:** History, Present and Future of Railway Transport on the Territory of Current Slovakia

18:30 Departure for dinner in the outskirts of Bratislava offered by ŽSR

## Friday, 25 September 2009

9:00 to 12:30 **Second Session: Under Russian Protection**

- **Tomáš Nigrin:** Cold War Crisis on the Railway: the Impact of the Construction of Berlin Wall on the Railway Traffic in Berlin
- **Ivan Jakubec:** The Transport under the Socialism. The Case of the Czechoslovak State Railways 1948-1989
- **Milan Klubal:** History of Railway Transport in Slovakia – from the Beginning up to Renewal and Modernisation after WWII
- **Ihor Zhaloba:** The Development of Ukrainian Railways: the Heritage of the Soviet Union and new Perspectives
- **Henry Jacolin:** The Access of Serbia to the Sea (1832–2006)

Lunch, City Hotel Bratislava (*for registered participants only, at their own expenses*)

15:00 to 18:30 **Third Session** (part I to III): **After the Fall of the Iron Curtain: Changes – Problems – Modernisation**

Part I

- **Ralf Roth:** The integration of the East German Railways (Deutsche Reichsbahn) into the Deutsche Bahn
- **Peter F. N. Hörz** and **Marcus Richter:** Seen from the Drivers' Cabins: The Process of German Railway's Privatization since the Reunion of Deutsche Bundesbahn and Reichsbahn from the Engine Driver's Perspective

Part II

- **Kevin Sutton:** The Vienna Main station/Semmering base tunnel projects: European Union faces up its reunification
- **János Majdán:** Models on Railways development in the Danubian Region in the 19th and 20th Centuries

Part III

- **István Neumann:** The thesis of Viktor Borza Integrational Timetable – How Passenger Transport could be Profitable
- **Miklós Devecz:** The Role and The Situation of The Private Rail Freight Operators in CEE – From the point of view of OKD, Doprava

Free evening

## Saturday, 26 September 2009

9:00 to 12:30: **Forth Session: Heritage and its Use**

- **András Szendrey:** Preservation of the Past of Railways – Possibilities of a Renewal and Inventory Taking of the Technical Heritage of Eastern Europe
- **Valcheva Romyana:** The Heritage of Bulgarian Railways
- **József Soltész:** Preserved Steam Locomotives in Hungary from 1966 to 2009
- **Rainer Mertens:** The Heritage of the Deutsche Reichsbahn and its Presentation in the Deutsche Bahn Museum in Nuremberg

12:30: Buffet Lunch City Hotel Bratislava (*for registered participants only, at their own expenses*)

13:30 Departure from the City hotel for a visit of the Transportation Museum of Bratislava

16:00 Back to the Hotel and end of Conference

### Location

City Hotel Bratislava, Seberiniho 9, 82103 Bratislava, Slovak Republic  
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### Registration

Deadline for conference registration  
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### Information

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### Organisation Committee

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