

Watford Conference 2008 Austria



The Watford Group

Invitation

Dear Watford friends and colleagues!

On behalf of the Austrian Federal Railways (ÖBB) you are invited to the Watford Conference 2008 from the 29th of September 2008 till the 4th of October 2008 in Austria. The conference will be held in connection with the Brunel Awards ceremony. The conference base and the Brunel ceremony will be in the "MuseumsQuartier" in Vienna (www.mqw.at).

The Brunel Awards ceremony will take place on Tuesday, 30th September 2008 in the "Arena 21" from 10:00 hrs to 12:30 hrs. You can visit the exhibition of submitted projects in the "Oval hall", directly connected to the "Arena 21". The exhibition will be open from 30th September to 03rd October 2008. A catalogue with all Awards and Commendations is included in the conference fee. The conference rooms are situated in the "Architekturzentrum".

Guests are invited to take residence in the Hotel Intercity and the two Mercure Hotels near Vienna Westbahnhof (central train station). We will offer an extensive excursion program around this years' theme: 'Future design for mobility and customer orientation'.

The excursions will present how recent projects like the new railway station "Praterstern" cater for customer needs especially regarding service and mobility. Furthermore we will take you to current and historic examples of integrated rail station architecture in Austria. We will visit the prototype of the "Railjet" – ÖBB' s future high speed train. Architectural interest will be supplied for with tours in Vienna and a tour to lower and upper Austria.

The Conference fee is 1160 euro. This includes a five nights' stay in the hotels mentioned above, bus and train tickets as well as our roundtrip. Transportation to and from Austria is not included. Companions are welcome to join the conference. If room sharing is accepted a companion can join at a prize of 690 euro, if not, the companion has to pay full prize. **Please make sure to make your payment before the 15th of July 2008.**

Each country is entitled to give two presentations (Power point or PDF). Presentations must not exceed fifteen minutes. It would be very helpful to send us your presentation in advance by e-mail or CD **before the 20th of September 2008.**

For further detail information take a look at the letters attached. Added is a brief theme introduction, a draft conference program and the registration form. Please fill out the registration form completely and return it as written on time to Katharina Patzak.

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With kind regards,

Günter Siegl