



Watford Conference

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Ronda (Málaga), 7th to 11th october, 2009

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Invitation

Dear friends of Watford Group:

On behalf of the Spanish Railway Manager (ADIF) you are invited to the Watford Conference 2009 from the 7th till the 11th of October in the singular city of Ronda (Málaga) in Spain.

To complement the Conference, we have also planned some visits to the new railway terminals and improvements in the Madrid system (Atocha Station, that got a Brunel Award on 1992, and new multimodal station of Puerta del Sol), Málaga (Maria Zambrano station, that we consider as a very nice model of uses integration with business objectives), Sevilla (Santa Justa station, also Brunel Award) moreover other emblematic buildings and monuments in the area where the Conference will take place: Alcazaba and Picasso Museum in Málaga, Mezquita de Córdoba, and the monumental Ronda, of course.

For this occasion, we have contracted the Hotel Husa Reina Victoria that is going to be the venue of the Conference, and the Hotels La Rondeña, San Gabriel and the Ronda Parador. All of them really near with a pleasant short walk from the Conference venue.

The Conference fee is 1180 euro. This includes one night in Málaga, three nights in Ronda, maintenance, bus and train tickets as well as our roundtrip, and technical documentation. Transportation to and from Spain is not included. As you can see, Madrid or Malaga can be connection points for arrivals and departures.

Each country is entitled to give two presentations (Power Point or PDF). Presentations must not exceed ten minutes length. It would be helpful to send us your presentation in advance by e-mail or CD before 27th of September 2009.

It is enclosed "Introduction to selected theme" and "Registration form". Please fill out the registration form completely and return as soon as possible, always before 20th of July. The hotels allocation will follow a transparent method of who first book gets the room.

For further information about the registration, please, contact:

Spanish Railways Foundation / Fundación de los Ferrocarriles Españoles Studies and Programmes Direction / Dirección de Estudios y Programas

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With kind regards,



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Theme introduction

Watford Conference, which this year 2009 takes place in Spain, has chosen as its main theme "The challenge of capacity in the railway terminals".

The railway is the transport mode selected mainly to satisfy, in a sustainable way, the growing demand for mobility of the XXIst century. Therefore, the rail terminals should be adapted and / or designed to support and efficiently manage the expected increase in passenger traffic flow, associated with the important increases in rail traffic that we know after new high quality services are introduced. As well as the new concepts of services/social/commercial center that our stations has to fulfil as answer to financial/business needs we must cover.

For the challenge of railway terminal capacity (transport/ services/business) to be a priority and a hot topic, the increase in flow, the development of high speed lines, upgrading and extension of local systems and the implementation of intermodality with road and aviation, will be key factors in the requirements of new concepts in terminal capacity.

Moreover, important challenges for the design of stations of the future will be generated by greater integration of the station in an urban environment, combined with the already mentioned increase in commercial and service areas, and the new context of liberalization of the railway, with the possible incorporation of new transport operators into the station.

But in the whole railway and transport systems, major issues in the future of stations include rehabilitation and improvement of railway terminals in operation, and the accurate definition of the design criteria for which are projected on, the priority of flows and space. Do not forget vital issues such as adaptation to people with reduced mobility or other environmental features in stations.

Definitely, the thematic presentations for this Watford Conference 2009 should focus on how to combine high architectural quality, and consideration of all aspects that determine an optimal design, with the achievement of an essential increase in capacity of the stations, from the several point of views (rail transport & business resource & cities activities & ...) on mind.

For further information about the presentations of the conference, please contact Spanish Railways Foundation FFE, an ADIF related body (that some of you can remember was the organiser of 1992 and 1998 meetings) that collaborate with ADIF again for this 2009 call.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please register before the 20th of July 2009

Registration details:

Name and Surnames _____

Organisation _____

Address _____

Post Code _____ Country _____

Daytime Phone _____ Fax _____

E-Mail _____

Special Dietary Needs _____

Presentation:

I will hold a theme presentation/Title:

I will hold a free presentation/Title:

Companion:

I will bring the following companion

Name companion: _____

Cost calculation:

Entrance fee + hotels € 1180

Entrance fee + Parador (sharing doubleroom) € 1180

Entrance fee companion

Separate hotel room o sharing doubleroom in Parador € 1180

Sharing doubleroom in hotels € 860

Total Cost: € _____

Payment:

Bank transfer or payment to: Fundación de los Ferrocarriles Españoles/
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Please sent your payments before the **20th July**

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Program, from 7th to 11th of october. Ronda (Málaga)

	Wednesday 7	Thursday 8	Friday 9	Saturday10	Sunday 11
08.00		08.00	08.00	08.00	08.00
09.00	Optional excursion Madrid	09.00			09.00
					Goodbye
		09.30	09.30	09.30	09.30
		Visit Antequera-Santa Ana Station	Thematic presentation III	Free thematic presentations	Leaving Ronda by bus to Sevilla
10.00		10.00			10.00
		Bus to Ronda			Return vía Málaga airport (optional)
11.00		11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
			Coffe break	Coffe break	Arrival to Sevilla Santa Justa Station (Brunel Award)
			11.30	11.30	11.45
			Thematic presentation IV	Free thematic presentations	Optional return to Madrid from Sevilla, non stop at Cordoba, by AVE). Arrival to Madrid to 14.15 h. Optional AVE Sevilla-Córdoba
12.35	Leave to Málaga by train	12.30			12.30
		Opening session			Visita Córdoba (Mezquita, Barrio Judío, Alcazaba)
	Lunch in the train	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
15.30	Arrive to Málaga	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
	Reception at the hotel.	Thematic presentation I	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
			Free thematic presentations	General Assembly	Optional return AVE Córdoba-Madrid
16.30	Visit María Zambrano Station and Renfe rolling stock maintenance workshop		17.30		16.25
					Arrival to Atocha Station (Madrid)
		17.30			18.15
		Coffe break			Arrival to Atocha Station (Madrid)
		18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
		Thematic presentation II	Guided tour through Ronda		
19.00	Visit Picasso museum and Alcazaba	19.30	19.00	19.00	19.00
21.00	Dinner	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
		Dinner	Dinner	Conference dinner	Conference dinner
22.00		22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00
23.00		23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
	Night in Málaga	Night in Ronda	Night in Ronda	Night in Ronda	Night in Ronda

