



Invitation to the 47th Watford Conference

09th of October - 13th of October 2012
Berlin/Potsdam, Germany

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On the behalf of The Watford Group and German Railways Deutsche Bahn AG, we are happy to invite you to the 47th Watford Conference, which will take place in Berlin/Potsdam from the 9th to the 13th October 2012.

Conference format:

As introduced in France, the conference program is structured around a core program with the possibility of attending additional modules:

- a) The core program** with presentations, workshops, and discussions in Potsdam as well as the main-excursions taking place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, include:
 - Catered Conference at Kaiserbahnhof Potsdam
 - Guided tour through Kaiserbahnhof Potsdam
 - Excursions around Potsdam Hbf, Leipzig City Tunnel, various stations around Leipzig, Berlin Brandenburg Airport Station, and ICE maintainance workshop in Rummelsburg
 - All transfers between excursions, conferece location, and the hotels (Best Western & Seminaris) in Potsdam (bus or train 2nd class)
 - Overnight stay at hotel with breakfast (from 10.10.2012 to 13.10.2012)

- b) The first travel and visit option (Modul 1.1)**, starting in Berlin on Tuesday morning, for those who are arriving in Berlin Tuesday morning or noon, includes:
 - Baggage check-in at Berlin Central Station
 - Various station visits around Berlin
 - Guided tour through Berlin Central Station
 - Get Together in the „Casino“ at the Berlin Central Station
 - Transfer (with baggage) to the hotels in Potsdam and to the conference location
 - Overnight stay at the hotel with breakfast (from 09.10.2012 to 10.10.2012)

- c) For those who can only arrive to Berlin on Tuesday evening (before 7:45 pm), the second travel option (Modul 1.2)**, starting at Berlin Central Station, includes:
 - Baggage check-in at Berlin Central Station
 - Get Together with catering in the „Casino“ Berlin Central Station
 - Transfer (with baggage) to the hotels in Potsdam and to the conference location
 - Overnight stay at the hotel with breakfast (from 09.10.2012 to 10.10.2012)

- d) For those who can only arrive to Berlin on Tuesday night (after 9 pm) with privately arranged travel to the hotel, the third travel option (Modul 1.3)** includes:
 - Overnight stay at the hotel with breakfast (from 09.12.2012 to 10.10.2012)
(Please note: There will be no extra bus shuttle or baggage transfer to the hotel)



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e) A fourth travel option (**Modul 1.4**), for those who make private hotel arrangements during the core or optional program:

- (Please note: There will be no extra bus shuttle or baggage transfer to your private hotel arrangement.)

f) A fifth travel option (**Modul 2**), for those who want to stay until Sunday includes:

- Additional overnight stay at the hotel with breakfast (from 13.10.2012 to 14.10.2012)

Conference program:

Please see the enclosed tentative conference program.

During the next weeks we will complete the program with further detailed information.

Theme of this years conference:

„Renewable energy in stations and network – Corporate Green“

Call for presentations:

Please remember that the reason for the conference is to present your colleagues with new ideas and innovations in the field of railway design in your country or specifically in your company. Please do not hesitate to make even a small presentation if your current workload does not allow for more. Keep in mind that you can (and should) also present projects that are still on the drawing board.

As always, you are asked to show your current projects through a presentation as part of the free presentation section of the program. This year the free presentation section is in a new format called „PechaKucha“. The presentations in this format are concise and keep things moving at a rapid pace. Do not hesitate to be part of it.

PechaKucha Night was devised in Tokyo in February 2003 as an event for young designers to meet, network, and show their work in public. It has turned into a massive celebration, with events happening in hundreds of cities around the world, inspiring creatives worldwide. Drawing its name from the Japanese term for the sound of „chit chat“, it rests on a presentation format that is based on a simple idea: 20 images x 20 seconds. (source: <http://www.pecha-kucha.org/>)

Workshops:

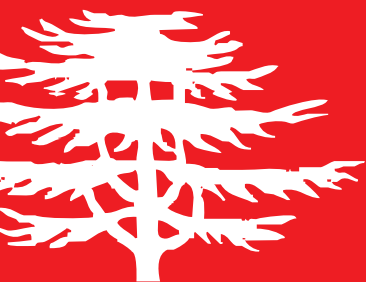
Additional to the normal conference format we included a workshop section on Wednesday with the three subthemes: architecture, rolling stock, and interior. The workshops give the possibility to develop standards of co-ordinated design across the border as it is written in our charter. During the upcoming weeks we will provide you with more details.

Feedback form

To avoid cancellation fees for unused rooms, we need to receive your feedback form.

Please fill out the enclosed feedback form and send it back by email to:
watford@deutschebahn.com with a copy to aileen.thomas@deutschebahn.com

Please note that you must do this before 31th of August 2012 and ideally as soon as possible. You can only use the attached feedback form.



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Inscription form

Please fill out the enclosed inscription form and send it back by email to: watford@deutschebahn.com with a copy to aileen.thomas@deutschebahn.com

Please note that you must do this before the 14th of September 2012 and ideally as soon as possible. You can only use the attached inscription form.

Fees and payment

Following the conference format, the fees are separated for the individual combinations (C).

C	Core	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	2	Fee	Short discription
1	x						835 €	conference only
2	x	x					995 €	conference with Modul 1.1
3	x		x				975 €	conference with Modul 1.2
4	x			x			910 €	conference with Modul 1.3
5	x				x		620 €	only conference, without hotel
6	x	x			x		550 €	conference with Modul 1.1, without hotel (Modul 1.4)
7	x		x		x		710 €	conference with Modul 1.2, without hotel (Modul 1.4)
8	x			x	x		620 €	conference with Modul 1.3, without hotel (Modul 1.4)
9	x	x				x	1070 €	conference with Modul 1.1 and Modul 2
10	x		x			x	1050 €	conference with Modul 1.2 and Modul 2
11	x			x		x	985 €	conference with Modul 1.3 and Modul 2

Sharing doubleroom (breakfast included) with accompanied person: + 26 €/day

Please tell us if the accompanied person also wants to participate in other parts of the conference program (e.g. excursions, dinner, ...).

After receiving your inscription form and information about the accompanied person, we will send the receipt including the conference fee and receiptnumber to you. Please send your payment immediately to:

Account: 0091639000
 IBAN: DE56 5008 0000 0091 6390 00
 Institut: Commerzbank
 Concept: receiptnumber, first name, last name

Bank Code Number: 50080000
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Your inscription will become valid once we have received your payment.

Best regards



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