

“Next Station 2013”, the 4th international conference on Railway Stations organised by UIC and JSC Russian Railways to take place on 17 – 18 October 2013 in Moscow

Main theme is “Next Station: Linking Railways and Society”

(Paris, 4th April 2013) Following successful editions in Rome (2005), Paris (2007) and Brussels (2011), the 4th “Next Station” international conference on Railway Stations will take place in Moscow, Kazansky Station, from 17 – 18 October 2013. This high-profile global railway event will be hosted by JSC Russian Railways (RZD) and jointly organised with the International Union of Railways (UIC), the worldwide railway organisation chaired since early 2013 by Vladimir Yakunin, President of RZD.

Since 2005, several thousand decision-makers from higher railway management and the transport world, economy and finance, banks, business and trade, architecture and urban planning, have actively participated in the debates and exchanges organised as part of the “Next Station” conferences.

The theme of “NEXT STATION 2013” will be “Linking Railways and Society”. This conference will provide a unique opportunity for high-level speakers and panellists from various sectors of the economy to address all strategic issues related to the design, development and operation of railway stations. As UIC Director General Jean-Pierre Loubinoux highlights: *“Stations have become a key plank of railway companies’ strategy. Within the rail system, they are the centre of all the company’s policies: ticketing policies featuring more services and better intermodal connections, sustainable development policies in the shape of eco-friendly railway stations, helping improve the urban environment, optimising the financial value of company assets, reducing the overall cost of operations, etc. The development of stations and its various roles goes hand in hand with the major economic, social and demographic developments of the 21st century, characterised in particular by a spectacular rise in urban populations (with two billion people expected to move to cities over the next 30 years).”*

Following its three previous editions, “Next Station” has become a unique reference at worldwide level for benchmark and exchange on best practice related to railway station development and management across the world. Developing a new generation of railway stations with the objective to cope with all challenges of mobility and society is also a strategic issue in the Russian Federation, the host country of “Next Station 2013”.

The “Next Station” programme will include plenary sessions (opening and one roundtable), parallel sessions as well as a trade exhibition and technical visits.

So, save 17 – 18 October 2013 in your diary to attend the 4th “Next Station” in Moscow!

For further information, please visit the conference website www.nextstation2013.com set to be open from mid-April 2013.

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