



Agenda of the 50th Watford Conference

18th of November - 22nd of November 2015
Düsseldorf, 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 50th Watford Conference from the 18th to the 22nd November 2015.

Everything will take place in the Lindner Congress Hotel (overnight stays, meetingroom, catering and candle stick dinner). If you want to have a look at the hotel, please use the following link:

<http://www.lindner.de/en/RST>

Conference format:

The conference format has a core program with the possibility of attending an optional program:

a) The optional program taking place on Wednesday evening includes:

- Get together with dinner at the Lindner Congress Hotel in Düsseldorf
- Overnight stay at the hotel with breakfast (from 18.11.2015 to 19.11.2015)

b) The core program with presentations and discussions as well as the main-excursions taking place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, includes:

- Catered conference at the Lindner Congress Hotel in Düsseldorf
- Excursions as mentioned in the conference program: except the traintickets to get to Horrem (27,40 € for 2nd class) and the guided tour Düsseldorf Medienhafen (about 7,-€)
- Düsseldorf card 72h for city travelings
- Overnight stay at hotel with breakfast (from 19.11.2015 to 22.11.2015)

Detailed program informations you can find here:

<http://watford-group.org/watford-conference/the-watford-conference-2015/>

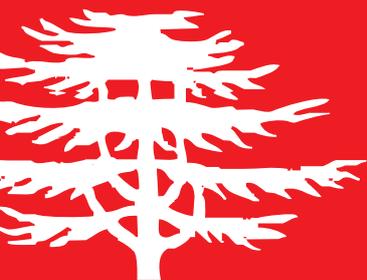
Conference program:

Next to the presentations and discussions there will be excursions to nearby stations (e.g. Horrem - Station Green, Düsseldorf airport, Düsseldorf City and Ingenhoven Architects Office) by local tram, bus and train.

For the candle stick dinner we reserved a typical german location next to the hotel (included in the conference fee).

Theme of this years conference:

„Stations as a turntable for mobility“



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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. As in the last years the free presentation section is also possible in a the 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/>)

Conference fees and payment:

There will be no payment of the conference fee to the Deutsche Bahn in front of the conference. The conference fee (except the trainticket to go to Horrem and the guided tour Düsseldorf Medienhafen) will be payed directly to the hotel in the end of your stay.

The trainticket to Horrem and the ticket for the guided tour Düsseldorf Medienhafen has to be paid by yourself during the conference. We will inform you at the check in desk, how to do that.

If you have a FIP-pass (international reduced rate card) please check out before the beginning of the conference, if it's valid for the trainroute Düsseldorf Hbf - Horrem with regional trains (RE). Then you neednt to bye an extra trainticket.

Because of the huge effort of writing receiptes the hotel only offers the possibility to pay for all conference days (19th to 22th). Only the „get together“ with the dinner and the overnight stay (18th to 19th) can be booked optionally.

In conclusion this means:

If you like to stay less than this time nevertheless the price will be the full conference fee.*

The hotel gives us the possibility to share rooms, so that the overnight costs can get cheaper. If you like to use this possibility you have to choose it during the registration process.

Here you get an overview of the conference fees:

Core program (19th - 22nd October 2015)

1 participant in a singleroom	764,50 €
1 participant in a doubleroom with another participant**	617,50 €
1 participant in a doubleroom with accompanied person***	857,50 €

Core and optional program (18th - 22nd October 2015)

1 participant in a singleroom	988,50 €
1 participant in a doubleroom with another participant**	762,50 €
1 participant in a doubleroom with accompanied person***	1112,50 €



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Registration:

For the binding registration to the Watford Conference 2015 you have to fill in the registration form at:

<http://watford-group.org/the-watford-conference-2015-registration/>

The registration form is only for one participant. If you want to registrate more than one participant, for each of them has to be filled in an own registration form.

Please note that you must do your registration **before the 30th of October 2015** and ideally as soon as possible.

- * *Important: If you need to cancel your stay close to the beginning of the conference the hotel can set a canceling fee up to 90% for your booked Participation.*
- ** *Please note, your roommate needs to book the same conference participation otherwise the conference fee will rise. For example: If you choose the core+optional programm, and your roommate chooses just the core programm - than you have to pay the full roomrate of a singleroom for the optional program (79,- € on top to the selected participation fee).*
- *** *Please note, the accompanied person can not join the conference programm or catering. Of course the breakfast is included. This possibility is for those who wants to take a family member/friend with them, to let them enjoy the city on their own.*

with best regards

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