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### 300 images of the world's railways on display for 90 years of UIC

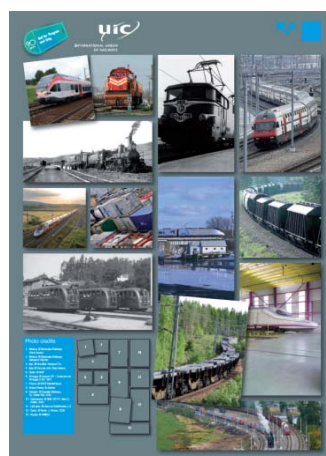
(Paris, 5 December 2011) The International Union of Railways is preparing to celebrate its 90th anniversary throughout 2012.

To kick off the events set to punctuate this anniversary year, UIC will hold an exhibition for its members and for the public at large, tracing the history of the railways and railway cooperation worldwide. Over 300 photos from the archives of railway networks and companies will be exhibited in the UIC headquarters building (16 rue Jean Rey, 75015 Paris) every day from 9am to 5pm, until 22 December 2011.

UIC Chairman Yoshio Ishida and UIC Director-General Jean-Pierre Loubinoux will unveil and inaugurate the exhibition on 7 December, in the company of many key figures from railway networks the world over.

The exhibition will be based around four themes: men and women who have contributed to the history and success of the railways (sales personnel, drivers, ticket inspectors, pointsmen, technicians), rolling stock (from steam to high speed), infrastructure (lines, engineering structures, stations), and UIC's contributions to international railway development, in particular to ensure global harmonisation.

Mounted by UIC in close collaboration with the railways, UIC members will be asked if they wish to host the exhibition before it goes on tour in as many countries as possible during 2012.



### **About UIC – International Union of Railways**

UIC, the international railway association which celebrates its 90th anniversary in 2012, counts 200 members across 5 continents (railway companies, infrastructure managers, rail-related transport operators, etc.). UIC's members represent 1 million kilometres of lines, 2,800 billion passenger-km, 9,500 billion tonne-km, and a workforce of 6.7 million people.

UIC's chief task is to promote railway transport around the world and help its members to meet all the current and future challenges of mobility and sustainable development.

UIC's cooperative undertakings aim to boost the railway system's competitiveness and interoperability, particularly on an international scale. The 700 technical leaflets which make up the "UIC Code" constitute a technical benchmark across the globe. UIC also comprises 8 forums and cooperation platforms, 6 regional assemblies, 30 study bodies coordinating circa 180 railway projects, world congresses, conferences and information sessions organised each year, as well as a host of services offered to its members.

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