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10th edition of UIC ERTMS world conference to take place in Sweden from 24 – 26 April 2012

Held under the theme "ERTMS – Global Dimensions", the conference will unveil the application and functions of the ERTMS Regional system

(*Paris, 14 December 2011*) The 10th UIC ERTMS world conference (European Rail Traffic Management System) is to take place in Sweden at Stockholmsmässan (Stockholm International Fairs & Congress Centre), from 24 – 26 April 2012. The conference will kick off on 24 April with a live demonstration of the ERTMS Regional system onboard a Swedish regional train, organised by Trafikverket (the Swedish transport infrastructure administration).

This latest edition will focus its attention and efforts on the roll-out of interoperable ERTMS onboard systems in Europe and, more generally, throughout the world. Initially developed for the European network, ERTMS has become a benchmark for many railway networks around the globe, hence the overarching theme of the conference: "ERTMS – Global Dimensions".

The conference is being organised by UIC and Trafikverket in close collaboration with UNIFE (Association of the European Rail Industry), the ERTMS Users Group and GSM-R Industry Group (radio communication systems for railways), CER (Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies) and EIM (European Rail Infrastructure Managers). All the key stakeholders involved in the roll-out and implementation of ERTMS will be present, including railway experts, manufacturers, consultants and institutional partners from five continents.

The last UIC ERTMS world conference was held in April 2009 in Malaga, Spain. The event was attended by 800 participants from 35 countries and 40 exhibiting companies specialising in the fields of rail, signalling systems and telecommunications.

For further information about the conference, please contact Françoise El Alaoui: <u>elalaoui@uic.org</u> or <u>ertms2012@uic.org</u>

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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