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UIC Sustainability Conference organised with FS in Venice, 25-27 October

Register now, and enter the UIC Sustainability Awards – deadline 28 September!

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(Paris – 3<sup>rd</sup> September) The UIC Sustainability Conference 2012, organised by FS and UIC, will be held in Venice from 25 – 27 October 2012. On the first day the conference will feature high-level speakers from the United Nations, the EU Commission, Italian Government and the European Parliament, along with senior leaders from the railway sector and an audience of over 200 delegates to discuss a sustainable future for the railway sector; among them Corrado Passera, Italian Minister of Infrastructure and Transport, Marc Juhel from the World Bank, Ralph Wahnschafft from the UN, Vladimir Yakunin, President of Russian Railways (RZD),...

The conference main topics will be for example: Railway development in the framework of the three pillars of sustainability: Economic, Social, Environmental; The role of legislative framework in the development of sustainable railway transportation; Rail and Sustainable Cities...

On the second day along with parallel sessions of the UIC Sustainability Networks, the RIVAS project will be holding its mid-term conference. This project funded within the 7th Framework Programme (FP7) of the European Commission aims at reducing the environmental impact of ground-borne vibrations while safeguarding the commercial competitiveness of the railway sector. The conference will take stock of the achieved research results and will attempt to define the way ahead.

## UIC Sustainability Awards: Enter by 28 September 2012

We kindly invite any member of UIC to enter the 3rd UIC Sustainability Awards. The winners will receive their awards at the Gala Dinner on Thursday 26 October, and will then have the opportunity to present their project to the conference audience on Friday 26 October.

For information on how to enter please see <a href="http://www.uic-environment.org/spip.php?article4">http://www.uic-environment.org/spip.php?article4</a> or contact us at <a href="mailto:Venice\_Contact@uic.org">Venice\_Contact@uic.org</a>. The deadline is 28 September 2012.

The third day will be devoted to two Technical Visits to key parts of the Venice transport network. This website provides all the information you need about the conference<a href="http://www.uic-environment.org/">http://www.uic-environment.org/</a>. To register please click here:

http://www.uic-environment.org/spip.php?article6

We hope to see you in Venice in October!

To learn more visit http://www.uic-environment.org/ and http://www.rivas-project.eu/

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