

UIC Chairmanship

Message from UIC Director General, Jean-Pierre Loubinoux (August 2015)



Mr Vladimir Yakunin

Russian and international media reported end of August on the professional development of Mr Vladimir Yakunin, currently Chairman of Russian Railways and also Chairman of UIC – the International Union of Railways.

First of all, I wish to pay tribute, both on my personal behalf and on behalf of the international railway community, to the decisive and constructive role that Mr Yakunin played in the reorganisation of UIC back in 2008/2009 and also since his election as Chairman of the association in 2012 to develop its recognition and position on the world stage.

Mr Yakunin will always be welcome at our headquarters whenever he has the time and opportunity to visit us.

At the same time I also wish to congratulate and greet Mr Oleg Belozеров, who was appointed by Mr Medvedev as the new Chairman of Russian Railways. In this capacity he is also supposed to replace Mr Yakunin in his current mandate of UIC Chairman. This will be confirmed at our next General Assembly on 1 December and meanwhile Mr Michele Elia, currently Vice-Chairman of our association, is the acting Chairman of UIC. They can both be assured of my personal support and of the very constructive contribution of the UIC staff and all members of the association.

Our work programme until the end of the year is very busy in many domains and places worldwide, and all members can be assured that everything will be done to fulfill these responsibilities and objectives to the benefit of our community.