The international railway organisation UIC, together with Italian Railways FS Italiane, are jointly organising the 6th Global Rail Freight Conference GRFC to be held on 26 – 28 June in Genoa, Italy

All main actors of rail freight transport and global logistics will exchange views over two days under the motto “Modal Integration at the Service of Global Distribution”

(Paris, 30 May 2018) The 6th UIC Global Rail Freight Conference GRFC, one of the leading events dedicated to rail freight transport and logistics at world level, will take place on 26 – 28 June 2018 in Genoa, Italy. This event is a landmark for all actors of the logistics chain.

Following a successful 5th edition held in 2016 in Rotterdam in connection with the TEN-T Days of the European Commission, the 6th edition of this Global conference is being prepared in a close cooperation between UIC and Italian Railways FS Italiane. The location will be the historic venue of Palazzo Ducale in Genoa.

The 6th UIC GRFC will be held under the Patronage of the Region of Liguria with the support of a number of international organisations and associations including OTIF, CIT, BIC, ESC, IHHA, UIP, UIRR, UN Ro-Ro. BIC, Alstom and Ansaldo will be sponsoring the event.

The UIC Global Rail Freight Conferences are unique events during which all actors cooperating in the global logistic chain meet to exchange on market and technological developments which are shaping the industry. The Conferences aim at fostering a mind change towards including rail in multimodal transport solutions and providing networking opportunities for those committed to developing rail freight services, such as rail freight companies and multimodal operators, logistics companies, shippers and freight forwarders, ports and shipping lines, the road industry, representatives of international organisations and governments, researchers, universities, and start-ups.

The main motto of the 2018 GRFC edition in Genoa is “Modal Integration at the Service of Global Distribution”.
Representatives of institutions, companies and of the logistics world will exchange and debate on the following main issues:

- Mega trends in global logistics
- The race towards sustainability
- Sustainable finance
- Blockchain technology
- Globalisation, innovation and connectivity
- Rail freight corridor developments and the new Rail Silk Roads
- Integrity of the logistics chain

The UIC GRFC will be officially opened with the participation of UIC Chairman Mr Renato Mazzoncini, CEO of FS Italiane, UIC Director-General Mr Jean-Pierre Loubinoux, Mr Stefano Balleari, Deputy Mayor of Genoa in charge of Mobility and Public Transport, President of the Region Liguria Mr Giovanni Toti as well as the European Commission.

High-level representatives of the European Commission, the World Bank, OTIF, UNECE, Port of Genoa and Savona Authority, Mercitalia (FS Italiane), SUM4All of the World Bank, CCTT as well as many actors representing the railways, the logistics, the shippers and customers and the digital ecosystem will take the floor during the various sessions and round tables.

The programme of the UIC GRFC 2018 conference is regularly updated at this address:

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