“UIC Global Research and Innovation Awards” website officially launched

(Paris, 5 December 2013). On the occasion of the 10th World Congress on Railway Research WCRR 2013 held in Sydney, the International Union of Railways (UIC) announced the launch of the second edition of its “UIC Global Research and Innovation Awards” for 2014.

Organised under the coordination of its International Railway Research Board (IRRB), this challenge aims at stimulating research towards the necessary innovations and step-changes for the sector at the global level.

“Technologies and operations must meet a growing need in the area of mobility. They are becoming increasingly complex and the spirit of innovation will therefore become increasingly necessary to make them safer and optimise their performance. UIC is making every effort to foster innovation and these “UIC Global Research and Innovation Awards” demonstrate our strong investment in the stimulation of creativity”, said Jean-Pierre Loubinoux, Director General of UIC.

For this 2014 edition, a new prize has been proposed with the “Young Researchers’ Awards”. This new category is to encourage and support a new generation of researchers, engineers, managers in the rail sector that will lay the foundations for future innovative development of railway transport.

Mr Boris Lapidus, Director-General of VNIIZhT / RZD, Russia, Chairman of the UIC International Rail Research Board, stressed that “in awarding young researchers, we would like to uphold the tradition of continuity and pass the values of the railway sector and railway science from generation to generation.”

In addition to the new “Young Researchers Award” category a second category has been added for the 2014 edition, namely the “Lifetime Achievement Award” honouring an individual with outstanding career achievements in rail research.

All applicants can now submit their projects at www.uic-innovation-awards.org until 31 May 2014.

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