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UIC and the Turkish State Railways TCDD are organising UIC HIGHSPEED 2017, the 10th world congress on High Speed Rail, on 11-14 July 2017 in Ankara

The theme of the congress is “Sharing knowledge for sustainable and competitive operations”

(Paris / Ankara, 16 July 2016). UIC HIGHSPEED 2017, the 10th UIC world congress on High Speed Rail, is being organised by the International Union of Railways (UIC), the worldwide railway association, and the Turkish State Railways (TCDD), in close cooperation with all UIC member railways. The congress will be held on 11-14 July 2017 in the Turkish capital Ankara, at the Congresium International Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Following a series of successful editions, UIC HIGHSPEED has definitively become the world event to meet the main players and decision-makers in charge of preparing the railways of today and tomorrow. Attendees will include high-level representatives from railway companies, the rail supply industry, research institutes, universities, international organizations, financial institutions, etc.

The congress will be organised around 3 main blocks: sessions, exhibition and technical visits. Numerous plenary and parallel sessions will revolve around the most significant technical, economic and social streams. In addition, two round tables will give participants the opportunity to interact and exchange knowledge.

A trade exhibition will be organised to illustrate the latest developments in high speed rail systems across the world.

Since the introduction of this transport mode, more than 15 billion passengers have travelled on high speed trains at global level – twice the world’s population. High Speed is still experiencing development around the world. Turkey was particularly relevant for the location of this 10th World Congress on High Speed Rail. High speed rail operations in Turkey started in March 2009 on the Ankara-Eskisehir line, followed by Ankara-Konya in 2011, Konya-Eskisehir in 2013, Ankara-Istanbul and Konya-Istanbul in 2014.

Nowadays there are nearly 24,000 km of high speed lines operating in the world. In the next 20 years, this figure will double. This means a significant challenge from industrial, technological, financial and social points of view.

The congress website will be available very soon: http://www.uic-highspeed2017.com

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