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News from the International Air Rail Organisation: January 2015

Please find below the January 2015 Newsletter of the International Air Rail Organisation, updating readers on current IARO developments and activities.

- The IARO is an international organisation, dedicated to spreading world-class best practice and good, workable, ideas among people involved in rail links to airports and air/rail intermodality.
- We are a portal to expertise and information in air-rail intermodality.
- Our worldwide membership includes organisations which are planning, developing, building and operating rail air links; and also people (like airlines) who have a business interest in partnerships for their success.

IARO's Valuable Products:

1. IARO Members Workshops

As part of its work to promote best practice to organisations involved in air-rail transport, the IARO holds regular Workshops (free for Members, a delegate fee for non-members). Each Workshop focuses on a specific aspect of the air-rail business, enabling participants to learn from specialists and to share their expertise and know-how through open discussion.

The Workshops are 1-day round-table meetings, with participation limited, to ensure maximum discussion and inter-action. There are usually 4 or 5 speakers, who will introduce a specific theme or share their own organisation's experiences, with plenty of time for questions and discussion after each presentation.

Presentations of the previous Workshops (at London Heathrow Birmingham, Gatwick, Dallas, Brussels and Stockholm) are available for Members to download. They are available to Non-members for a fee (please contact patrick.hicks@iaro.com for further information)

2. The 7th IARO Workshop – Manchester Airport, Thursday 16 April 2015: “Rail Links to Airport Cities”

We will continue our programme of “Free-for-Members” Workshops in 2015. The first Event of the year will take place in Manchester - Manchester Airport has kindly agreed to host a Workshop on Thursday 16 April 2015, with the theme being “Rail Links to Airport Cities.” Morning sessions will focus on the situation in Manchester, while the afternoon will look at some international examples. A programme will be distributed next month

As with all IARO Workshops, this event is free-of-charge for members, with a fee for non-members. As space is usually limited, registrations are taken on a “first-come, first-served” basis. To register for the Workshop, or for further information, please email: patrick.hicks@iaro.com

3. 2015 Workshops

In addition to the Manchester event, the IARO will be organising Workshops in Milan (June) and North America (date to be confirmed).

4. Information Resource: Airport Railways of the World

Information on the IARO website continues to be developed, with considerable work being applied to the “Airport Railways of the World” section. Non-members have access to all the rail links that are presently in operation – while IARO Members can access information on over 900 links, both current and planned.

5. Weekly IARO Express Industry Newsletter

IARO Members benefit from a specially prepared Industry Newsletter, IARO Express sent direct to them every week. Recent news items include:

- *Manchester (UK) Metrolink Western extension*
- *Commuter or intercity rail to Manchester (USA)?*
- *Thalys sells through Amadeus*
- *First direct trains between Amsterdam Schiphol and Brussels airports*
- *Guidance for estimating airport construction emissions*
- *Austrian AIRail*
- *Trial Line 9 running to Barcelona airport*
- *Govia consults on timetable*
- *Possible bus-rail link to Hyderabad Rajiv Ghandi International*
- *Newark Airport - PATH airport extension study awarded to HNTB*

6. UK Air-Rail Update 2015 – London, 9 February 2015

The UK Air-Rail Update Conference will be taking place on 9 February 2015 at DLA Piper, London. Once again, it will bring together leading representatives from industry and government for a policy and projects update, as the industry awaits the Airport Commission’s final report. Conference presentations cover a range of topics, with speakers from Heathrow, Gatwick, HS2, Network Rail and Crossrail. Presentations also cover integrated ticketing systems and an overview of air-rail projects across the world.

Take a look at the [UK Air-Rail Update 2015 programme](#) for more details.

Discount for IARO Members

IARO members get 20% discount on registration fees
To register, go online or call: 0207 067 1597.

7. IARO Membership

If you are interested in joining the IARO, or would like further information about any of our projects, please go to www.iaro.com or contact Patrick Hicks, IARO Administrative Director on patrick.hicks@iaro.com

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