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News from the International Air Rail Organisation: February 2016

Please find below the **February 2016 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 – Membership Benefits:

1. **Technical Workshops** – free-for-Members
2. **Industry Reports** focusing on Air-Rail issues
3. Weekly **IARO Express** Industry Newsletter
4. Access to **Airport Railways of the World** data on the www.iaro.com website
5. Sharing **Best Practice and New Ideas** with industry colleagues

Please find below the February 2016 IARO Newsletter.

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1. Agenda for 10th IARO Workshop: “Who are our customers?” - Cranfield University, Monday 13 June 2016

The Agenda for the **10th IARO Workshop**, taking place at Cranfield University, UK, on **Monday 13 June 2016**, has been published.

The Theme of the Workshop is **“Air-Rail Links: Who are our customers?”**. It will offer participants

the opportunity to share **best-practice trends in demand analysis and forecasting the air-rail market**, enabling operators, funding bodies, researchers and others to understand the **potential ridership and the make-up of passengers**.

Speakers include:

- **The ACRP Reports (see Item 5 below):** Matt Coogan, New England Transportation Institute
- **The IARO Database:** Andrew Sharp, IARO
- **Current air/rail research at Cranfield University:** Rich Moxon and Tom Budd, Cranfield University
- **Understanding air/rail passenger behaviour in Zurich:** Hermann Orth, ETH Zurich
- **Using demand analysis to attract more business:** Fraser Brown, Heathrow Express
- **Predicting airport demand on Thameslink Southern Great Northern:** David Innis, Commercial Director, TSGN Railway

To download the Agenda, click [HERE](#)

2. Registration for Cranfield Workshop now open

- The 10th IARO Workshop is being generously hosted by Cranfield University, UK.
- It is open to both Members and non-Members
- As usual, the Workshop is **free-of-charge to Members**, with a **small registration fee for non-Members**.
- For further information and to register, please email: patrick.hicks@iaro.com.

3. 2016 IARO Workshop Programme

Plans are now being finalised for the IARO's 2016 Workshop Programme. As in 2015, there will be three Workshops – providing Members with an opportunity to focus on specific areas of the air-rail industry.

- **Cranfield University** on Monday 13 June 2016
- **Rhôneexpress/Lyon** on Monday 12 September 2016
- **North America** in November – dates and venue to be confirmed

4. Workshop presentations available on the IARO website

- Members are reminded that Presentations of all previous nine IARO Workshops are available to download from the IARO Website.
- These are available to non-Members for a small fee. Contact: Patrick Hicks on Patrick.hicks@iaro.com for further information
- Click on: <http://iaro.com/workshop-presentations>

5. ACRP Report 118: “Integrating aviation and passenger rail planning”: Report Summary available to IARO Members

- Last year, IARO Board member Matthew Coogan completed a new report for the US Transportation Research Board.
- The report was ACRP (Airport Cooperative Research Program) Report 118, entitled “Integrating aviation and passenger rail planning” (see IARO Express 143).
- It is a very comprehensive report, which was presented at the recent TRB Washington Meeting.
- Andrew Sharp, IARO's Policy Advisor has prepared a 6-page summary, which is now available on request.
- Readers who would like a copy should contact: Patrick.hicks@iaro.com.

6. Follow on the IARO on Twitter

- The IARO has an active Twitter account.
- Members can follow us – just click on: <https://twitter.com/AirportAccess>

7. 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.
- Readers are invited to take time to look at the website and make any suggestions about how this can be developed.
- Members can access information on over 900 links, both current and planned.
- Non-Members have access to current links

8. IARO Express – your contributions are welcome

- The weekly IARO Express continues to generate considerable interest.
- Non-Members are reminded that, by joining the IARO, they can access back issues from the website with a wide range of international news relevant to their business.
- Readers are invited to contribute news of their organisation’s plans and activities in the weekly IARO Express. Photos are always welcome.
- Recent news items include the following:

- New Gatwick Express trains coming into service
- Skavsta link closer
- Eastern Iowa Airport
- KLIA trains do well!
- Mashhad (Iran) airport metro link open
- Number of maglev operations up by 50%!
- Western rail access delayed
- Burgas rail connection
- O’Hare Express – again
- Tel Aviv Airport station to be upgraded
- Dhaka – scope for confusion
- New links to new and old Bangkok airports
- Genoa airport rail link: an innovative solution planned
- Better connections at Las Vegas?

Further information

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