



IRHA International Railway History Association 9th Conference

Railways and Environmental Sustainability. A long-term view on a global scale from the origins of railways to the present Siena (Italy), 7-10 November 2024

Thursday November 7th

16.30h Session 1 *A train to Siena. Past and present of the railway in the province of Siena*

Welcome addresses from the institutions, organisations and partners of the conference

Chairperson: **Stefano Maggi**

Each paper: 20 minutes

Stefano Maggi, *A train to Siena. Past and present of the railway in the province of Siena*

Leandro Stacchini, *The closure of secondary railways and the environmental issue in the transport projects of the Tuscan region in the 1970s*

Simone Fagioli, *Memory's anatomy. Starting with Ferrovia locale (1968) by Carlo Cassola. For an anthropology of the secondary railway stations of southern Tuscany, in 2024*

Giulio Pappa, *The impact of technological innovation in inner areas: the case of the Garfagnana Railway*

Open Discussion

Friday November 8th

8h Registration

8.30 Welcome and Introduction to the Conference: **Andrea Giuntini**

9h Session 2

Chairperson: **Javier Vidal**

Each paper: 20 minutes

Paolo Di Pasquale, *The environmental rail revolution in Europe. The superiority of the train, in economic terms, over any other means of land transport*

Ciro Romano, *Sustainable development and Papal Magisterium, from social doctrine to Pope Francis*

Maria Giovanna Romaniello, *Sustainable mobility a challenge for teachers and European citizens: the role of railways*

Tomáš Nigrin, *Planned ecology on the rail? Logistics and Transportation and Central Planning in Socialist Czechoslovakia*

Open Discussion

11h Coffee Break

11.30h Session 3

Chairperson: **Michèle Merger**

Each paper: 20 minutes

Arthur Emile, *A familiar source of air pollution: steam trains and the smoke abatement movement in Britain and France (19th-20th centuries)*

Federico Meneghini Sassoli, *Reducing Consumption: The Adoption of Steel Rail in Nineteenth Century France and Italy*

Ralf Roth, *Electrification of railways end Nineteenth up to 1980s*

Jordi Martí-Henneberg, *The High-Speed rail network in Europe (1970-2024). The challenge of a better environmental intermodality*

Open Discussion

13.30h Light Lunch

14.30 Session 4

Chairperson: **Henry Jacolin**

Each paper: 20 minutes

Paul Veron, *Fifty years of international action by the UIC to promote sustainable rail transport serving the environment*

Christian Chevandier, *The railway, the city and the countryside: the case of the Paris-Marseille line (1840-2024)*

Adrien Duval, *Thinking modern metropolis within the French railways national company in the «Trente Glorieuses». Maine-Montparnasse urban operation (1953-1973)*

Csaba Sándor Horváth-András Veöreös, *Commuting component? Tourism? Sustainable Transport? The Past, the Present and one Possible Future Vision of the Monument Protected Railway Line in the Cuha Valley*

Marie-Noëlle Polino, *Heritage and tourist railways and the environment: a long way and a few shortcuts from discovering nature to combating global warming*

Open Discussion

17h Break

17.15h Session 5

Chairperson: **Stefano Maggi**

Each paper: 20 minutes

Yonah Couwels, *The Bas-Congo to Katanga Railway Line (Belgian Congo, 1908-1960)*

Arida Fitriana Yasmin, *Rail Revival: The Life and Death of Jakarta Urban Rail Transit since 1869*

Isabella Frescura, *Tourism and infrastructure in the Etrurian territory: origins and development of the Circumetnea*

Open Discussion

17.15h Session 6

Chairperson: **Fernanda De Lima**

Each paper: 20 minutes

David Julian Walthall, *Tracking Amtrak: Promotion and Perseverance of U.S. Passenger Rail*

Pierre Barrieau, *The Canadian Streetcar Industry*

Fabrizio Baroncini, *Cultural heritage and environmental self-sustainability The role of railway network for social and self-sustainable development. The case of Chile*

Open Discussion

18.45h Welcome Buffet

Saturday November 9th

9h Session 7

Chairperson: **Arnaud Passalacqua**

Each paper: 20 minutes

Stefano Piastra, *The Bel Paese by Train. Railways and Travel Literature*

Ilaria Mengoni, *A lookout in the sustainability of the railway restoration in the Italian railway system*

Grazia Pagnotta, *The mark of the town-planner Italo Insolera on Rome's public transport*

Stefano Morosini, *The Railway Infrastructure of the Central Alps between Economic, Tourist, and Military Development of the Territory (1890-1925)*

Giovanni Michelagnoli, *Italian economists and the "railway issue" at the dawn of the twentieth century*

Eugenio Cassaniti, *The railway system in the province of Messina (Sicily): a big illusion*

Open Discussion

12h Light Lunch

15h Siena Walking Tour

19 Chigiana Concert

20 Farewell Buffet