

## 23rd membership association incorporated during session of the board 2007

The session of the board of the Union of European Railway Engineers – UEEIV – which takes place once every year, was held 24th October at the Palais des Congrès in Strasbourg/France. President director **Heinz Salzmann** had welcomed the members of the presidency the day before the event at the hotel Hannong and prepared the participants via an introduction into the topics for the session of the board, which takes place on a yearly basis. 12 topics were on the agenda for the session of the board. Starting with the acceptance of the minutes of the last session of the board from the 27th September 2006 in Brussels. After the activity report of the presidency concerning the period from 2004 until 2007, which had been distributed in hardcopy, the financial closing status of the year 2006 as well as the financial status of 2007 have been discussed and the budget for 2008 has been accepted. A very important topic has been the motion for application of the Royal association of engineers of the Netherlands KIVI-NIRIA.

The member of the board in charge, **George Hammer**, former member of the board of the railway of the Netherlands NS, presented the new association.

The members of the board accepted the motion for application as 23rd membership association unanimously. The next topic concerned the imminent changes within the board of advisors. As new chairman of the board of advisors has been elected by the board **Prof. Dr. Klaus Riessberger**, TU Graz. As substitute for **Josef Harbecke Manfred Wacker** is being named as a new member of the board of advisors. Under the topic certification EURAIL-ING the president of the association of German railway engineers – VDEI – delivered an inspiring oratory supporting the qualification of European railway engineers as it has been initiated by UEEIV and requested that more and more railway engineers should be interested in this useful certification of persons and submit their application forms therefore accordingly in the near future with UEEIV. A detailed reporting of each membership association about the status of the railways and the activities of each European state had the objective of mutual information. Clearly audible during this discussion has been the fact that more and more qualified

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railway engineers are in short supply. Already this has led to unwelcome delays in the planning and implementation of railway projects, which must be described as very negative regarding the future development of railways in several countries. Concluding the event, the members of the board from countries such as Great-Britain, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Italy, Austria, Poland, Croatia, Romania, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Switzerland and Albania discussed the actual focus points and perspectives of UEEIV in the coming year 2008.



Ir. Georg Hammer, former member of the board of the railway of the Netherlands NS, presented the new association in the Netherlands KIVI-NIRIA

## 8. General Assembly in Strasbourg elects presidency



Members of the new elected UEEIV-presidency from 2007 until 2010

The 8th General Assembly since the foundation of the Union of European Railway Engineer Associations in the year 1990 took place 24th October 2007 at the Palais des Congrès in Strasbourg. After the welcoming of all invited membership associations and the delegates they had named from all over Europe by president Heinrich Salzmänn the minutes of the last General Assembly from the 7th June 2005 in Donostia/San Sebastian in Spain were accepted without any changes. 250 participants from 21 states took part in this event. Detailed was the activity report of the presidency regarding the reporting period of the last three years about a number of events in several European states, among them the impressive symposium with the topic „New trends and models regarding the funding of Trans- and Pan-European Railway Networks“ with the European Commission at the 28th September 2006 in Brussels. Additionally it contained reports about the 16 UEEIV-seminars which were held successfully in cooperation with the industry and the respective railways in the Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Hungary, Lithuania, Slovakia, Croatia, Poland, Albania, Austria and Romania - in some of these countries several times - with the support and cooperation of the respective national associations attracting up to 150 and more participants. Positive things were said about the continuation of Certification for EURAIL-ING and the acknowledgement of the title by the issuing of the European professional qualification guideline. The applications and issuing of certificates for railway engineers in now 17 European states could be substantially increased.

Supporting memberships in now more than 10 European states could also be substantially increased. Public relations via the Union-Report and the homepage of UEEIV with the internet address [www.ueeiv.com](http://www.ueeiv.com) has been mentioned positively. After some remarks regarding the activities of the members of the steering committee for certification and the board of advisors the financial report was delivered. After the report of the auditors the presidency was relieved unanimously and the committees were commended for their achievements. The elections for the presidency for the next three-year-period, which were held according to the statutes, took place under the chairmanship of **Prof. Dr. Klaus Riessberger**, chairman of the board of advisors. Re-elected were **Heinrich Salzmänn/A/ÖVG** as president and **Manfred Kehr/D/VDEI** and **Jean-Louis Wagner/F/AFFI** as vice-presidents. Additionally the former assessors **Kiril Ermenkov/BG/WTVV** and **Dr.-Ing. Gerard Presle/A/ÖVG** were

electd as further vice-presidents. The acting treasurer and recording secretary, **Sebastian Rutz/CH/Gdl** and **Peter Brinkmann/D/VDEI**, were re-elected unanimously. **Roselain Malfait/B/URPIC**, **Dr. Luigi Morisi/I/CIFI**, **Richard Spoors/GB/PWI**, **Octavian Udriste/RO/AIFR** and **Dr. Radoslaw Zolnierzak/PL/SITK** were elected into the circle of the five assessors. This concluded the elections for the presidency, consisting of 12 members which will be in office for the next three-year term of office. President Heinrich Salzmänn expressed his gratitude regarding the trust of the assembly and presented the objectives of UEEIV at hand. The former vice-president **Barron de Angoiti/E/AICF** was commended for his support and cooperation. The next general assembly will be possibly organized by the Italian membership association CIFI in the year 2010 in Italy.



Prof. Dr. techn. Klaus Riessberger is new chairman of the board of advisors

## The Presidency of UEEIV 2007—2010

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### UEEIV-Events in the year 2008

- **UEEIV / SITK-Conference 12th — 13th June 2008 in Poland**  
„European Transport Corridor - technical and economic aspects“
- **UEEIV / ITHZ-Conference 15th — 17th October 2008 in Split / Croatia**  
„Plannings and Investments at the Croatian Railways in the year 2008“
- **UEEIV / WTVV / NGS RTE-Conference 13th — 14th November 2008 in Sofia**  
„Railwayforum 2008“

**Further dates of UEEIV-Conferences will be published in the next Union Report**

## Conference in Vrútky / Slovakia

Under the tutelage of the Slovakian ministry of traffic the UEEIV-Railway-Industry seminar „new railway technologies for the Slovakian railways“ was held 19th September 2007 at the exhibition area ZEL RAIL of the 9th international exhibition for railways at the railway area Vrútky, which is located 20 km from the university city of Zilina. A huge stall with lecture structure and many seats had been erected with a text indicating UEEIV and the co-organizing railway industry companies. In this framework the honorary president of UEEIV, **Josef Windsinger**, the assistant director general of the Slovakian infrastructure company, **Igor Fedor**, ZEL-Rail –head of exhibition, **Juraj Antal**, and as a representative of the Slovakian membership association EIVS/ZZI, Mrs. **Renata Dzimková**, welcomed the participants of the seminar. Afterwards Josef Windsinger opened the UEEIV-internal railway exhibition of the companies Rail-One International, Schwihag Oberbau and Tiefenbach Eisenbahnsignaltechnische Anlagen, during which the representatives of the companies commented on the services and products of their respective companies. The lecture-part of the event has been filled with topics like „Solid track“ of the company Rail.One International, „components of the maintenance free track“ of the company Schwihag, „signal-technological installations in secondary areas of railways“ of the Signalbau-Firma Tiefenbach, and „infrastructural Hotbox-detector installations“ of the technical university Vienna.



Welcoming the participants of the seminar. The representative of the Slovakian membership association EIVS/ZZI, Mrs. Renata Dzimlová, the ass. Director general of the infrastructure AG, Igor Fedor, and the honorary president of UEEIV, Josef Windsinger (from left to right).

**Peter Brinkmann**, member of the presidency of UEEIV, spoke about the topic „Certification EURAIL-ING“. A substantial delegation from Croatia headed by the president of the Croatian railway engineer association ITHZ, **Tomislav Prpic**, underlined the meaning of the international UEEIV-Seminar. All participants of the seminar were eligible for participation in two exhibition events at the impressive steam locomotive-museum in Vrútky, and in the university of Zilina.

## Current Information



### EURAIL-ING certificate awarded to President of UEEIV, Oberingenieur Heinrich Salzmann

During the constituting meeting of the new presidency of UEEIV at 03rd December 2007 in Frankfurt, Heinrich Salzmann has been appointed as EURAIL-ING. The certificate was handed over by the Honorary President of UEEIV, Josef Windsinger.

A detailed report will be published in the next Union Report.

## UEEIV-Conference and exhibition in Sofia / Bulgaria

At the 11th and 12th October 2007 the international conference and exhibition railway-forum was held in Sofia under the tutelage of the Bulgarian Minister of traffic, **Petar Mutafschiev**. The general topic was „The Bulgarian railways in the European Union – compatibility and investment“. **Kiril Ermenkov**, president of WTVV and **Dr. Mario Galabov**, president of NGS RTE, have been able to welcome more than 250 participants of this 7th traffic forum, that had been organized together with UEEIV, at the at the university of traffic „Todor Kableschkov“.

The deputy minister of traffic of Bulgaria Mrs. **Krassimira Martinova** conveyed special greetings of the government of Bulgaria. On this occasion she highlighted the fact that the 7th Bulgarian traffic forum would provide the ideal opportunity to put the objectives of the Bulgarian traffic policy and especially those of the railways in the forefront internationally. During his opening remarks, the president of UEEIV, **Heinrich Salzmann**, first of all congratulated Bulgaria and also Romania to the ascension to the Union at the 1st January this year. He is especially delighted to see that the Romanian association AIFR is also being represented on this occasion by his vice-president **Marin Dima**. Salzmann made it clear that great efforts of the railways are necessary to survive on the traffic market. The great number of participants is a sign of the interest to advance the cause of the railways in Europe and of course in Bulgaria. Traffic-wise the railways in Europe are in the year 207 iin the middle of the process of implementation and upgrading of new and more efficient railway lines. We are modernizing the railway in order to survive the competition with other means of traffic especially on the road and in the air. Interoperability in the area of cross border traffic must be advanced together in order to implement the advantages of the transport system to the point that it deserves. It is surely necessary to think about, not only via European transit connections – corridors – how to improve the infrastructure of the existing national railway network and how to improve it. Further he made some short comments regarding environmental- and energy debates regarding a traffic policy that could be sustained in the future. The rail must be a decisive component of a environmental friendly traffic of the future.

About 600 Billion Euro would be required in order to implement the initially planned TEN- and TAN-networks. Today a lack of funds is showing that is

growing to dangerous proportions and affects single states, also within the European Union, more and more. Plans for new construction and reconstruction must be implemented in steps and re-scheduled in the future. Nowadays the discussion goes around so called priority projects, but even the implementation of them would require about 250 Billion Euro until 2020. At this time, Brussels provides about 700 Million Euro annually, a sum that must be raised significantly. „Trains must become faster and cheaper in Europe“ would bet he motto. We will and must as UEEIV together with our membership associations and with the railway engineers, which number about 20.000 qualified personnel, contribute to the objective of success of the system railway in Europe.

The national and international railway industry presented itself at the exhibition and in a number



Kiril Ermenkov, Krassimira Martinova, Heinrich Salzmann, Dr. Mario Galabov and Vassil Sgurev of FWTV (from left to right)

of speeches in a splendid manner. The company ThyssenKrupp GfT and GMB Wiebe as well as Vossloh Cogifer presented the most recent status of technological development. A speech of **Dr. Andreas Schöbel**, university of Vienna proved that science is raising its voice regarding the actual problems of our time in a highly qualified manner.

The member of the presidency of UEEIV, **Peter Brinkmann**, reported about the status of certification for EURAIL-ING and presented once again UEEIV as a roof organization of 23 membership associations in 20 countries of Europe.

Concluding remarks of the presidents of WTVV, Kiril Ermenkov and NGS RTE, Dr. Mario Galabov rounded out the picture of this event in Sofia.

## Reports from UEEIV-Member Associations

### AFFI, France

We started the year 2007 with our traditional new year meeting on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. This year our special guest was Mrs **Anne Marie IDRAC** Chairman and CEO of SNCF ( French Railways).

Mr **Jean Loubinoux**, presently President of SNCF International, joined the board of AFFI as vice President.

On April 17<sup>th</sup> we had a lecture by the managing director of EPSF, in french "Etablissement Public de Sécurité Ferroviaire". Which can be translated as: "Public Office for Railways Safety Rules" This office is new in France and it has be very interesting for our members to learn about it.

On May 23<sup>rd</sup> we organized a visit of the Alstom rolling plant in La Rochelle, where they manufactured the Citadis tramcar and the cars for the TGV trainsets, all are made in light alloys.

On June 12/13/14<sup>th</sup> AFFI was present with a stand at the SIFER exhibition in LILLE. This fair held every 2 years, is a meeting point with a show for the small and middle size railway industry. It is very interesting for AFFI to be present in order to meet our members and to recruit possible new members.

On Sept 12<sup>th</sup> we organize a visit of CORUS Rail, the main manufacturer of long rails in France. They manufacture all type of rails, particularly the rails for the new high speed line. The plant is located in HAYANGE near Metz, and the visit was very impressive, showing the rolling of

the rails which is a very high technological process.

On Oct 24/25/26 we organize in Strasbourg a Colloquium jointly with the German association VDEI . We had about 200 people attending this meeting shared between German and French attendants, about 25 high level speakers intervened and leaded the discussions.

The three main topics developed and discussed were:

**INTERACTION:** How to improve the interactions of the railway mode with the market, the environment and the territory through the four following approaches: technical, commercial, social and political.

**EXPERTISE:** How maintain and develop: the expertise inside the railway world which is presently suffering important changes, the training, the know how way back, the management of the skills.

**INNOVATION:** Is the innovation really necessary ? What are the criteria ? What are the purposes ? Do we have braking in the innovation process.

According to the opinions of the attendants, this manifestation has been a real success, giving the opportunity to French and German and some others engineers to meet, exchange information and better know each others.

The third day was dedicated to three technical visits:

In France at Reichshoffen Vossloh Cogifer switching equipment plant and Alstom rolling stock plant.

In Germany Herrenknecht world leader in manufacturing of boring machines for tunnelling.

*Pierre Dupriet, President AFFI*

### Gdl, Switzerland

Gdl organizes about 10 professional and society events and expert meetings per year on a regional and national level. A special mentioning deserves the all-Switzerland meeting on behalf of the opening of the Lötschberg Basistunnel. During this event the Lötschbergtunnel had been crossed by special train. Furthermore speeches were held regarding energy supply. A further highlight had been the international excursion to Great-Britain which had been organized lately. Gdl has increased the recruitment of members.

The numbers are rising slightly. The objective of this year is to clear the one-thousand mark.

Moreover a special committee is preparing the awarding of the golden track for special merits in the railway technical area. Since this award has been given to the company Stadler Rail last year, the next ceremony will be held in the year 2008.

*Roland Wermelinger, Regional Office Switzerland*

## CIFI, Italy

This report shows the activities already made, or in progress, in 2007.

The year 2007 is running in a very positive way for the CIFI activity. With the central staff in Rome, the 15 regional organisations in the whole Country and the new organisation called "CIFI giovani", specially conceived for young engineers and students, CIFI is making also this year round 100 events, as conferences, meetings, technical visits, etc. Between the major events, the seminars on the diagnostic and maintenance in railway infrastructure (the 14th of March in Naples and the 15th of June in Milan), the day of study on the railway stations (Rome, 4th July), the seminar about the rolling stock for regional services (Naples, 16th of November).

Concerning the technical visits, very important and successful the trips of April and July in China and Tibet, for the visit of the new Tibet Railway and the Transrapid- airport connection in Shanghai, two trips collecting in total 80 participants. Also important, the visit in October 2007 to the

light-metro systems in Sardinia (Cagliari and Sassari) and to the touristic lines of the regional railway "Ferrovie della Sardegna".

In addition to the traditional monthly magazines "Ingegneria Ferroviaria" and "La Tecnica Professionale", the first more scientific and the second more oriented to the technical applications, CIFI published also new technical books and DVDs. Between the books issued in 2007, very important and demanding are the volume "Storia e tecnica ferroviaria", dedicated to the 100 years of the Italian State Railways, and the two editions, one in Italian and an other in English, of the volume on the development and the starting of regular service in Italy of the new European signalling system ETCS level 2. Furthermore, at the end of the year, the volume containing the proceedings of the Congress on the railway stations (in Italian and English).

Also the CIFI website ([www.cifi.it](http://www.cifi.it)) was strongly developed with new pages and services and can be visited for more information.

*Dott. Luigi Morisi, Secretary General of CIFI*

## SITK, Poland

I would like to tell about few facts of activity between our association and UEEIV. Polish Association of Engineers & Technicians of Transport cooperating with Union from 17 years. Our member - Mr **Radoslaw Zolnierzak** is in UEEIV Presidium from about 6 years. At the last two years we made one common seminar, in May of 2006 - "New and modern railway connections in Poland". We've got from UEEIV very good help.

One our member - Mr **Zbigniew Szafranski** was nominated European Railway Engineer EURAIL-ING and got certification.

We are planning the next common seminar in work title "II European Transport Corridor - technical and economic aspects", in June of 2008.

Our cooperation with Presidium UEEIV is very good, particularly with Mr **Josef Windsinger** and Mr **Peter Brinkmann**.

*Thank You*

*Leon Skoczyński  
General Secretary*

## SIH, Albania

This report was prepared by the SIH-Secretary, EURAIL-ING **Artur Mitrushi** for the period June 2004 until October 2007 and is going to be divided in two parts. In the first-part the activity and situation of the Association within the country will be described. The second part will be dealing with the activity of SIH as a Regional Office of UEEIV.

### FIRST PART:

Currently in the Albanian Railway are employed some 38 engineers, divided according to the profession in this way:

- Civil engineering and geodesy 13 persons,
- Mechanics (rolling stock repair and maintenance and similar) 21 persons, Electrics and electronics 4 persons.

It is assumed in a rather idealistic way that all this engineers are SIH members, but this is a little bit vague, since the membership fees are seldom and not regularly collected. A considerable number of experienced railway engineers have left railway not only for the age (pension) reason, but also younger ones that find much better wages in private companies that have nothing to do with the railway. Yet some of them are still keeping the link with SIH and are to be considered SIH members, but without a membership fee obligation.

SIH members not employed in Albanian Railway, including representatives of private infrastructure companies, are professionally divided in this manner:

- Civil engineering and geodesy 16 persons,
- Mechanics (rolling stock repair and maintenance and similar) 4 persons, Electrics and electronics 2 persons.

So altogether SIH numbers 60 members.

The SIH Presidency currently includes 4 members:

**Jani Tati** President,  
**Artur Mitrushi** Secretary,  
**Arben Kasoruh** and **Diogjen Kuçi** members of presidency.

A fifth member, who after being pensioned went abroad and resigned, has not been replaced yet.

The General Meeting of the Association, that should elect a new Presidency, should have been held last summer, but slipped for next year.

Contacts between members of the Presidency and General Directorate of Railway are held regularly. Also there is a Presidency member that keeps contacts with Ministry of Transport and University.

The technical monthly review "Der Eisenbahn In

genieur" comes regularly to us and is read by some SIH members. They use to discuss its topics in non-formal meetings with other colleagues. Our own SIH Bulletin was not issued in this three years period because of the complete absence of any financial support from railway or private companies.

Meetings of reduced number of SIH members are held, more or less regularly, to discuss different topics of railway transport in the form of working groups. Due to its small size, SIH does not include sections for different parts of the country.

Except for the international seminars that will be covered in second part, all other activities of the Association are done without expenses and without incomes, thus having a permanent zero financial result.

The Association does not have a proper room, and as its postal address, phone and fax numbers serve those of the General Directorate. So there is no rent to pay and nobody takes a monthly pay for running the SIH affairs.

### SECOND PART:

This is the shiny side of the story. In these three years SIH, in straight cooperation with UEEIV, has organised 2 international railway seminars, in May 2006 and May 2007, with the participation of most important staff of Albanian Railway, all engineers of Albanian Railway, almost all SIH members not employed in railway, representatives of Ministry of Transport and University. Also representatives of Railways of Montenegro and Kosovo took part and held interesting speeches.

From the European Railway Industry very remarkable and helpful was the participation of:

- VAE GmbH, Vienna (Mr. **Eduard Guggenberger**)
- EPG Erfurt (Mr. **Rudolf Amthor**)
- Gummiwerk Kraiburg Elastik GmbH (Mr. **Walter Gruber**)

Also such companies as RAIL.ONE Pfeleiderer Neumarkt and Tiefenbach GmbH Sprockhövel were presented.

The translation was in German and Albanian. The seminars had exhibitions and were well covered by the media.

Also a very constructive meeting between UEEIV representatives and General Director took place in GD building in May 2007.

The seminars were organised with outstanding participation and contribution of Messrs. **Josef Windsinger** and **Peter Brinkmann**. To them are addressed the most sincere thanks of Albanian Railway Engineer Association.

Also in this period of time, with the very kind support of Mr. **Rudolf Amthor** (EPG Erfurt), two first Albanian railway engineers were entitled as European Railway Engineers.

#### **CONCLUSIONS:**

SIH in the past three years period did not have a very solid performance in internal activity. The future Presidency should do more for strengthening both organisationally and financially the Association. The publishing of the SIH Bulletin should be resumed. The good cooperation with UEEIV is to be continued.

## **WTVV, Bulgaria**

### **Status of organisation**

The board of WTVV is holding his session every 3 months, during which the scheduling of the program of the scientific-technological events, organized by the organization, as well as the organization of these events are being discussed.

During the session of the board the following programs were approved:

- Programm of the conference „New vision about the development of railway infrastructure“
- Discussion about the „Problems of the development of water bound traffic“
- „Railway forum 2007“ a.o.

### **Important scientific events that have been held in the period of time until the 15th October 2007**

- Conference under the topic „New vision about the development of the railway infrastructure“  
Participants: Minister of traffic, **Mr. Petar Mutafschiev**, president of WTVV, Dipl.-Ing. **Kiril Ermenkov**, Chairman for traffic in the parliament, Prof. Dr. **Jordan Mitshev**, leading personnel and specialists of the national society „railway infrastructure“ and of the BDG EAG, representatives of the railway unions, journalists.

The first results of the re-organization of the Bulgarian railways have been discussed.

- In accordance with the approved program of UEEIV of the year 2007 the railway forum 2007 took place under the topic „The Bulgarian railways in the European Union – compatibility and investment“.

The forum was held under the patronage of the minister for traffic **Petar Mutafschiev** and with the cooperation of the deputy minister **Krassimira Martinova**, the president of UEEIV **Heinrich Salzmann**, the secretary general **Peter Brinkmann**, as well as the participation of 250 experts, scientific specialists, leading personnel, a.s.o.

### **Scheduled scientific-technical events**

- Youth-Forum 2007 under the topic „Young people in the transport sector – possibilities for implementation“ at the 07th November 2007
- Round table discussion under the topic „Combi traffic – perspectives for development“ at the 21st November 2007
- Seminar-Training of the transport cadres from the 21st – 23rd November 2007

*Dipl.-Ing. Kiril Ermenkov  
President of WTVV  
Member of the presidency of UEEIV*

## AIFR, Romania

Presented in AIFR General Assembly on October 8<sup>th</sup> 2007 for the period Mai 28<sup>th</sup> 2003 – October 8<sup>th</sup> 2007.

Association of the Romanian Railway Engineers, at 15 years from its establishment (1992), has 611 members. In 1994 AIFR had 112 members. In the interval 2003-2007 30 new members were registered.

A more active involving of the AIFR members and informing the AIFR members and supporting members on the present and the future actions of the Association could attract new members and supporting members in order to aid the Association to achieve the future actions.

For the near future, according to the provisions of the Association statutes, AIFR must undertake actions to attract new members and to improve the railway activities.

Regarding the AIFR supporting members, they remark the support of the National Railway Company – Infrastructure, National Railway Freight Undertaking, National Railway Passengers Undertaking, ALCATEL, Railway Signalling and Automation Undertaking, Institute for Railway Studies and Design, Bucharest Underground Design Undertaking; almost of these supporting members participated at the organizing the important AIFR events.

The main targets of the Association are a higher professional members level of its members and the knowledge of the improving in the railway domain. The actions undertaken in the analysed period demonstrate the involving of the AIFR Board to reach the targets of the Associations.

Among the main actions where AIFR was the main organizer, they mention international exhibitions and symposia series beginning 9th-12th November 1999 and continuing under the name INFRATRANS as follows:

- INFRATRANS 3rd edition -Exhibition and Conference- October 27th-28th 2005 on theme "Interoperability of the European railway systems" in Bucharest
- INFRATRANS 4th edition - Exhibition and Conference-June 6th-7th 2006 on theme "Improving the National Railway System in the context of the integration in the European Union" in Bucharest-Romania
- INFRATRANS 5th edition –Exhibition and Conference-June 21st-22nd 2007 on theme "Romanian Railways in the year of the inte-

gration in the European Union-present and perspectives" in Bucharest

They have to mention too

- Attending of a AIFR delegation the "Eurail-Forum" on June 8th-10th 2004 in San Sebastian-Spain
- Reception by AIFR of a 10 Greek railway engineers delegation in the period November 24th-December 14th 2004 for a complex information exchange program
- Visiting by a AIFR delegation the exhibition "Railway interiors Europe" on Nov. 29th-Dec.12th 2005 in Köln-Germany
- Attending by a AIFR delegation the international conferences "Strategies of European and international management in the railway domain" and "Consequences of the European railway infrastructure on the workplaces market" on March 22nd-24th 2006 in Berlin-Germany
- Visiting by a AIFR delegation the exhibition INNOTRANS 2006 on Sep.19th-22nd 2006

A special activity, AIFR being involved, is granting the title of "European railway engineer"

Within the AIFR was established "National Office of Certification" and the AIFR Executive Board has approved the Steering Committee members for a 4 years period and the "National Office of Certification" Regulation.

So far they have not yet fixed the tariff to be paid from the candidates, and the tariff to be paid to the examiners, examination-auditing commissions; the first certificate of "European railway engineer" was not yet issued.

### Other activities of the AIFR:

Establishing the AIFR web site:- [www.aifr.ro](http://www.aifr.ro);  
Spreading the publications, received by AIFR to the AIFR members and supporting members; editing "The Romanian Railway Review" Nr1/2007 (after a long absence).

For the revitalization of the AIFR territorial branches, new ways of motivation must be found in order to develop their activity according to the statutes provisions and to be promoters in improving the railway activities.

The members due collection was paid not in time; for the next period a better solution must be found.

AIFR, as associated member of the Engineers General Association in Romania-AGIR, attended

the General Assemblies and symposia of this Association; the AGIR President attended the events organized by AIFR.

AIFR, as UEEIV member, strived to attend the events organized by UEEIV and to develop the relationship of collaboration with the associations UEEIV members. This year we enjoyed the warming the relationship with UEEIV occasioned by the common organization of the INFRATRANS 2007.

AIFR General Assembly approved as follow :

- Report on AIFR activity
- Report of Censor Commission and discharging of the AIFR Board
- Budget draft
- Main action directions
- Undertaking of special actions to attract new members
- Continuing the developing the collaboration, on the extern plane, with UEEIV and the UEEIV associations members and on the inner plane with AGIR
- Executive AIFR Board
- National AIFR Council
- AIFR Council of Honour
- Commission of Censors

Members of the Executive Board elected by the General Assembly:

President of Honour

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## Editorial Notes

We would like to thank all membership associations for their contributions, which have been published here without changes and uncut. In the future we would like to continue to publish your reports in the next Union Reports this way and would like to ask you to keep us up to date about recent developments.

We have received further contributions to this Union Report which unfortunately we have not been able to publish in this edition due to lack of space, but which we have published via our homepage in the internet. We will publish these contributions from time to time in one of our next editions (probably in spring 2008).

Please find articles not published in this Union Report, as well as some other press-releases on our homepage [www.ueeiv.com](http://www.ueeiv.com):

ITHZ-report about the UEEIV-excursion to Vienna in April 2007

Interview with President Heinrich Salzmann of the magazine Club Feroviar regarding the Infra-Trans in June 2007 in Bucharest

PWI-report about the Autumn Track Engineering Conference "Mass Urban Transit" Amsterdam, 19/20<sup>th</sup> October 2007

It is in this context that we would like to point out that the access-problems regarding the UEEIV-homepage that have occurred, have been solved in the meantime. The site is currently being reconstructed and updated technically to a level which will be state of the art and will be available at the beginning of next year. Until this time all information will be available and updated.



*to all our member associations and supporting members  
from the presidency of UEEIV*

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