



Press Release

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THE RAILWAY FORUM HOLDS DEBATE ON FUTURE TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE RAILWAYS AT THE SCIENCE MUSEUM'S DANA CENTRE ON 14 JULY 2004

The Railway Forum has recently been focusing on future technologies and their possible application to the railway industry. The Science Museum and The Railway Forum are jointly sponsoring an evening event at the Science Museum's Dana Centre – the UK's newest venue for adults to tackle issues in contemporary science – on Wednesday 14 July 2004.

Juliette Jowit, Environmental and Transport Correspondent for the Observer, will chair the evening and short presentations for and against the attractiveness of new technologies as a way of revitalizing the railways will be made by Malcolm Fergusson, Senior Fellow at the Institute for European Environmental Policy, John Corrie, President of the Institution of Railway Signal Engineers and Adrian Lyons, Director General of the Railway Forum. We hope this will stimulate a lively discussion. A drinks party will follow, courtesy of The Railway Forum.

'This year marks the bicentenary of Trevithick's first attempts to build a steam locomotive, an innovation that transformed the world. However recent times have demonstrated the need for rail to reposition itself for the future in order to continue the revolution that Trevithick started,' said Adrian Lyons Director General of The Railway Forum, 'it is therefore just the right moment to argue whether railways can successfully harness new technologies to equip them to play a leading transport role in the 21st Century'.

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Notes to Editors:

1. The event is open equally to people working in the railway industry and members of the public. If you would like to attend, email Zoë Reeve at zreeve@railwayforum.com however please note places are limited to 100 on a first come first served basis.
2. The event will be held at The Dana Centre, Wellcome Wolfson Building, 165 Queen's Gate, London SW7 5HE. Doors open at 6.30pm (refreshments available) with discussion from 7-8.30pm followed by a drinks party for all attending until 9.30pm.
3. The event will be webcast live at www.danacentre.org.uk.
4. The Railway Forum is an industry-wide body sponsored by the majority of the train operating companies, Network Rail, all three major rolling stock leasing companies, the Passenger Transport Executives, London Underground, most of the infrastructure maintenance companies and many manufacturing and other businesses serving the UK rail industry. In all we have over 50 members. Our key role is to act as a think tank, information exchange and point of contact for those committed to and interested in our industry.

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