



AGM plus excursion are tradition, here in Dornbirn /Austria 2016. Photo: Ingrid Schütte

YOU ARE INVITED !

The Annual General Meeting is an important event for members and federation

FEDECRAIL is a federation. This means it is made up of cooperating institutions, but with each member maintaining its independence. Within FEDECRAIL these cooperating institutions, usually referred to as the FEDECRAIL members, there are 13 national heritage umbrella organizations. Also, there are individual organisations that are members.

This means that in total about 460 heritage rail organizations from 28 countries are connected through FEDECRAIL. Each member has a vote or votes at the FEDECRAIL meeting. The members are the powerful backbone of FEDECRAIL. Once a year the members make the decisions about the previous year, this year, and the longer-term future. This is in accordance with the constitution of our organization, which is based in Brugge (Belgium), and is therefore governed by Belgian law.

In 2023 the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Sunday afternoon, April 23rd between 13.00 and 15.00 in the Donau University in Krems (Austria). All the voting members have been invited to attend this meeting by the FEDECRAIL board in a notice sent three months before the date of the AGM (so before January 23rd 2023). Now is the time for you as members to add to the agenda of the AGM and to nominate new board members. This is important, because the AGM can only make decisions on those items that are on the agenda. Decisions that are made by the members voting on resolutions. Not on the agenda, no decision. The proposals for the agenda should be received by the secretary secretary@fedecrail.org eight weeks before the date the AGM will be held (February 25th).

After the 25th of February the board will finalise the agenda, and the final agenda will be sent to the voting members, together with all relevant papers, six weeks before the day of the AGM. There are several items that the AGM is required to consider so as

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usual the AGM in Krems will be asked to approve the accounts and the annual report the year 2022. To assist the AGM on if they should accept the accounts for 2022 the report of the auditors will be presented. Then the AGM will be asked to elect the auditors for the audit of the 2023 accounts.

The board wishes to present the Strategic Plan 2023 – 2028, and the Annual plan 2023. As these plans then inform the budget for 2023 and that in turn sets the level of the annual membership fee for 2023. The fees have already been discussed in the members meeting on November 5th. The board will also ask any organisations wishing to join FEDECRAIL make a presentation to the AGM, as new members are of course of great importance as well.

This year we will organize the AGM as a Hybrid venue, that means that the members can either

attend in Krems in person, or you can attend the AGM from home online. Voting for those attending online will be by proxy.

If you decide to travel to Krems, which could be a long way for some people, to attend the AGM, we are organising four days of events. Thursday 20.4 evening “meet and greet”, Friday 21.4 working groups, lectures and networking, Saturday 22.4 educational tour to heritage rail organizations in Vienna, Sunday 23.4. morning lectures, afternoon the AGM 2023, a finishing lecture and a closing dinner.

For the latest actual detailed program, prices and booking facilities see the www.fedecrail.org website. I really hope to meet many of you in Krems.

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President of FEDECRAIL

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FEDECRAIL Conference 2023 in Krems on the Danube (Austria)

Date: 20 or 21 April to 23 April 2023

It is still winter in Krems and the Wachau. But by mid-April spring should have arrived and then we will be able to see the landscape in its full glory.

The area around Krems has been settled for more than 30,000 years. Austria's oldest work of art to date, Fanny vom Galgenberg – a 32,000-year-old statuette of a woman – was found here. Also found near Krems was the Venus of Willendorf, which is several thousand years younger, this was found during construction work on the Danube embankment railway.

Krems railway station is a railway junction. It is the terminus of an electrified branch line of the Franz-Josefs-Bahn and the starting point of the Kremser Bahn, which runs over the Krems railway bridge to St. Pölten Hauptbahnhof. As well as the non-electrified line to Wachau, on which excursion trains run in the summer season. In addition, the trains of the Kamptalbahn branching off in Hadersdorf am Kamp depart from Krems. The journey

time from Vienna to Krems is about one hour and 40 minutes (with a change in St. Pölten).

The date of our conference this year is approaching, and the conference team is working on finalising the conference programme, with the active support of Danube University Krems and Europa Nostra Austria. Both the AGM and the conference and working group meetings will be held as a hybrid event, offering all our members the opportunity to participate – either in person on site or online.

We will start on **Thursday** 20 April with check-in and a "Meet and Greet" in the evening.

On **Friday**, 21 April, the working groups will hold their meetings in the morning. Abgerundet wird der Tag mit einem gemeinsamen Besichtigungsprogramm und einem gemeinsamen Abendessen.

On **Saturday**, 22 April, there will be a full-day study trip to Vienna, where we plan to visit, among other things, the Transport Museum of Wiener Linien.

Sunday morning, 23 April, will offer various lectures, and after lunch at 13:00 the Annual General Meeting will take place, which will be held in hybrid form. In the evening there will be a final networking dinner for all.

To complement this, there will be a special pro-

gramme of excursions for partners and friends. More details, the costs and how to book will be on our website www.fedecrail.org . We look forward to seeing you all again in Krems, either virtually or in person.

Gottfried Aldrian
FEDECRAIL Council Member

Short news item:

UK: Many bus operators in the UK are participating in a government scheme to cap the cost of the fare for a single bus ticket at £2 until the end of March 2023. Using the bus then becomes a cheap way to travel to heritage railways, and railway museums. For example, in North Yorkshire and the Yorkshire Dales National Park, from Northallerton to Leeming Bar for the Wensleydale Railway. **(Ruth Annison)**

EUROPA NOSTRA :

7 most endangered heritage sites 2023

The preliminary list of candidate locations has recently been announced by EN – eleven different buildings and heritage sites throughout Europe from which a final selection will be made. Details of the full list can be found on:

www.europanostra.org/newsletters/

Of some interest this year, the candidates include a station - the main building at Kortrijk Station in Belgium, near to the western border which is threatened with demolition for a re-building project. A campaign to save the existing building is being led by the Flemish Association for Industrial Archaeology. The present structure is relatively modern and dates from 1951, but it incorporates significant sculptural elements on the façade and a major artwork depicting the river Lys and the industries of the town in the main ticket hall, all of which it seems would be lost. A final decision and announcement of this year's 7 locations will be made in April.

Peter Ovenstone, Secretary, EN Industrial & Engineering Heritage Committee



Móra la Nova (Spain):

Two exceptional Garratt steam locomotives

Last December, the transfer of several historic locomotives from Lleida to the Railway Museum in Móra la Nova was completed. These locomotives, including two Garratt steam locomotives, have been loaned by the Fundación de los Ferrocarriles Españoles to the museum in Móra la Nova. The operation has the support of the National Museum of Science and Technology of Catalonia and the Provincial Council of Tarragona.

The Garrafeta 282F-0421 is a Double Mikado Garratt and is part of the last series of ten steam locomotives commissioned by RENFE (Red Nacional de los Ferrocarriles Españoles). In her last years of service, she provided the traction of the Tren dels Llacs from the start of its operation until 2011. The second Garratt is the CA 101, a Double Pacific. The Garratt system consists of one boiler and two sets of driving wheels, increasing the power in a single locomotive. The 101 is part of the 6 locomotives of this type built by Euskalduna

and went into service in 1931 on express and mail services between Valencia and Zaragoza. The locomotives were withdrawn in the 1960s.

These locomotives have been moved conventionally, hauled by a locomotive from the Medway company. They were stored in the Pla de Vilanoveta depot in Lleida. They were owned by ADIF (Administrador de Infraestructuras Ferroviarias), in the custody of the Association for the Reconstruction of Railway Material (ARMF). Since they occupied a space required for other purposes, it has been necessary to find a new location for them. By mutual agreement between ARMF and the museum in Móra la Nova, FFE (Fundación de los Ferrocarriles Españoles) authorized a change of entity in charge of custody. They had to move to Móra la Nova as that is the only railway museum in Catalonia that has the necessary space to host the locomotives. Although with these additions it will be at the limit of its capacity. In 2023, the construction of a new workshop is planned for the museum to continue to grow.

Móra la Nova



*The locomotives on their way to Móra la Nova.
Photos: Josep Blasi Soberà*

Seaton Tramway (UK): **Exhibition** **“Wildlife** **Photographer of the** **Year”**

The world-renowned exhibition, on loan from the Natural History Museum in London, is opened at Seaton Station, Seaton Tramway on 10th February, featuring exceptional images which capture fascinating animal behaviour, spectacular species, and the breath-taking diversity of the natural world. Using photography's unique emotive power to engage and inspire audiences, the images shine a light on stories and species around the

José Juan Hernández Martínez



world and encourage a future of advocating for the planet. “Wildlife Photographer of the Year” is the most prestigious photography event of its

kind, providing a global platform that showcases some of the best photography talent from around the world for over 55 years. This year’s award-winning images will embark on an international tour. The exhibition is open until 23 April.

www.tram.co.uk/wpy or for visitor enquiries: info@tram.co.uk

Seaton Tramway

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