

***Invitation to a conference
organised by MTP:
21st Century Rail Transport for Poland
“Revival or stagnation?”
Poznań, 10-11 June 2010***

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following many opinions voiced by the participants of the rail market, Międzynarodowe Targi Poznańskie decided to organise a forum for exchanging views on topics that are important for this sector and pertain to the modern rail market and its prospects in the new and changing reality. The theme of the meeting is: “Revival or stagnation?”

We would like to invite you to this conference, which will be held as a convention, i.e. including short statements in moderated plenary sessions and 6 panels. We might also organise information desks in the conference lobby, as well as a typically commercial exhibition with presentations of the rolling stock on railways.

The conference is addressed to all participants of the rail market, including:

- organisers of rail transport, such as marshal offices, town offices, carriers and forwarders,
- managers and users of the rail infrastructure and rolling stock,
- financial and insurance institutions that fund the modernisation of the rail sector,
- science and research centres, opinion-forming organisations.

On the first day of the two-day event plenary sessions will be held, including a plenary debate moderated by **Dr. Adam Wielądek**.

Invited debate participants:

Professor Juliusz Engelhardt (Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Infrastructure),

Professor Bogusław Liberadzki (Member of the European Parliament),

Professor Wojciech Paprocki,

Janusz Piechociński, MP (Vice-Chairman of the Infrastructure Committee),

Zbigniew Rynasiewicz, MP (Chairman of the Infrastructure Committee),

Representative of the industry,

Representative of a financial institution,

Representative of railway customers,

Independent expert.

Panel discussions will be organised on the second day. They will be held in two sessions:

1. Selected problems of carriers.
2. Selected infrastructure problems.

The first session will be moderated by Dr. Andrzej Żurkowski. It will focus on the following topics:

- science, new technologies, rolling stock;
- cargo;
- regional, cross-border and urban passenger transport,
- interoperability and intermodality.

The panellists include: Marek Kowalczyk, Jerzy Kriger, Dr. Marek Pawlik, Prof. Jerzy Kwaśnikowski, Dr. Krzysztof Szyszko.

The second session will be moderated by Dr. Marek Pawlik and will focus on:

- rail infrastructure, railway stations;
- speed trains.

The panellists will include Mr. Jan Raczyński, PKP PLK Board Member,

Investment funding will be a crucial and common issue discussed in each of the above panels.

The conference will finish with a plenary meeting that will summarise the two-day discussions.

We are convinced that Poznań will turn out to be a convenient place to exchange opinions. Participate in the Convention and enrich the discussions. You can present your offers in detail on two days at information stands in the conference lobby. A framework programme of the Conference, detailed information about the offer and registration forms are available at www.transportszynowyxxi.mtp.pl

Join us

***Dr. Andrzej Byrt
MTP Board President***