2021 Virtual International Crosstie & Fastening System Symposium

19 May 2021 - 16 June 2021

Program
The 2021 Virtual International Crosstie & Fastening System Symposium program will include more than 25 pre-recorded presentations that will be provided free of charge to attendees. Recordings of technical presentations will be released by topic area over a 5-week period for viewing throughout the remainder of 2021.

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Next Generation Imaging for Crosstie Inspection
   Antonio Mauricio & Jeb Belcher – Loram Technologies, Inc.

Use of Laser Triangulation and Deep Neural Networks (DNNs) for Railway Track Safety Inspections
   Richard Fox-Ivey – Railmetrics
   Ryan Harrington – University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Holland Track Testing Fastening System Inspection and the Role of GRMS in Geometry Analysis
   Russ Newberg & Sabri Cakdi – Holland

Intelligent Railroad Track Components Inspection
   Yu Qian & Feng Guo – University of South Carolina

Advancing GRMS Technology by Assessing Emerging Failures
   Hugh Thompson – Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
   Ted Sussmann – Volpe National Transportation Systems Center
   Radim Bruzek – ENSCO
Using Available Technologies to Select the Prestressing Wire Indent Characteristics to Meet the Unique Requirements of Pretensioned Concrete Railroad Ties

Bob Peterman – Kansas State University
Steve Mattson – voestalpine Nortrak

Implementing DIC Technologies in Performance Assessment ad Quality Control of Concrete Ties

Dimitris Rizos – University of South Carolina

The Effect of Water Flow in Cracks of Pretensioned Concrete Beams under Cyclic Loading

Josué Bastos – Technicontrol

Development of an ASTM Standard for Measurement of Key Indented Reinforcement Characteristics

Terry Beck – Kansas State University

Adaptive Prestressing System for Concrete Crossties using Shape Memory Alloys

Minsoo Sung & Bassem Andrawes – University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
BNSF Experience with Resilient Materials and Track Support
Erik Frohberg – BNSF Railway
Arthur Lima – University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Quantification of the Effect of Train Type on Concrete Sleeper Ballast Pressure using a Support Condition Back-Calculator
Riley Edwards – University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Quantifying Support Conditions underneath Railroad Ties using the Differential Shear Strain Approach
Deb Mishra – Oklahoma State University

Development and Use of Tests on Under Tie Pads in Regards to the European Standard
Veronika Kollmeier – Technical University of Munich (TUM)

Track Geometry Errors Caused by Convex Turnout Crossties
Riku Varis & Tommi Rantala – Tampere University

Effects of Mixed Traffic Patterns and Ballast Support Conditions on Track Performance Investigated through Discrete Element Modeling
Erol Tutumluer, Zhongyi Liu & Bin Feng – University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

The Use of Under Sleeper Pads and Under Ballast Mat to Improve the Performance of Railway Transition Zones
Melina Clara Scasserra, Carlos Aprile, Pablo Cocordano, Pablo Tanaro & Nicolas Beradi – Trenes Argentinos Infraestructura
Union Pacific Composite Tie Strategies
    Rachel Beck – Union Pacific Railroad

Field Assessment of Engineered Interspersed Concrete Crossties in Commuter Rail Ballasted Track
    Jaiek Lee & Arthur Lima – University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Nonlinear Structural Analysis of Recycled Polymer Composite Crossties under Flexural and In-situ Loading Applications using Finite Element Analysis
    David Jack & Daniel Pulipati – Baylor University

Evaluation of Use Concrete, Steel and Composite Crossties Interspersed with Wooden Crossties in a Brazilian General Freight Corridor
    Patrick Macedo – VLI

A New Track Homologation Methodology - Polymeric Crossties Approach
    Aldo Machado & R. Vargas – Braskem
    A. Merheb – MRS Logistica S/A

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Effect of Fastening System Components on Spike Load Transfer
Christian Khachaturian & Marcus Dersch – University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Investigation of Rail Load Distribution: from Wheel Load to Spike Load
Shushu Liu – Volpe National Transportation Systems Center

Automated Broken Spike Detection Using Ultrasonic Testing
Yin Gao & Anish Poudel – Transportation Technology Center, Inc. (TTCI)
Cameron Stuart – Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)

Direct Fixation Track: History and Development
Sheen Fong – LB Foster
Matt Gibbs – Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)

Test and Verification Methods of Rail Fastening Systems Applied in Japan
Tadashi Deshimaru – Railway Technical Research Institute

Direct Fixation Track Fastening System Design – Field Loading Demands and Behavior, and Anchorage Structural Capacity
Arthur Lima – University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

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