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## Foreword

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## 7<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Railway Research

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Montréal, Canada

The 7<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Railway Research (WCRR 2006) was held in Montréal, Canada from June 4 to 8, 2006. The congresses' roots go back to when our Railway Technical Research Institute (RTRI) hosted the International Railway Research Seminar in Tokyo, in October 1992. The first WCRR was held in 1994 in Paris (France). Subsequent Congresses were held in 1996 in Colorado Springs (United States), in 1997 in Florence (Italy), in 1999 in Tokyo (Japan), in 2001 in Cologne (Germany), and in 2003 in Edinburgh (United Kingdom). RTRI has helped plan and organize every Congress to date. The main theme for WCRR 2006 was "Progressing Together." This theme expressed the conviction that research promoting railway development in the 21<sup>st</sup> century will have to take a more global approach and encourage cooperation and opinion sharing among railway players worldwide. It is our hope that participants came away from the highly successful Congress convinced that this is true.

This Newsletter introduces some of the material RTRI presented at WCRR 2006.

The next Congress, WCRR 2008, is scheduled to be held from May 18 to 22, 2008, in Seoul, South Korea.

