

14th China-Korea-Japan Railway Research Technical Meeting Held in Japan

RTRI, the China Academy of Railway Sciences (CARS) and the Korea Railroad Research Institute (KRRRI) have advanced their collaborative research in railway technology fields since they entered into a research collaboration agreement in 2000.

The 14th Technical Meeting was held at the RTRI Kunitachi Institute for the 2-day period of November 20-21, 2014. Seven members of KRRRI attended the meeting. Dr. Won Hee YOU, Vice President of the KRRRI, and Dr. Hideyuki TAKAI, Executive Director of the RTRI, led the discussion about the future direction of the China-Korea-Japan railway research program.

At the research discussion session of the meeting, attendees had a lively exchange of views about the following research topics:

- Study of the specifications of the switch-and-lock system for large turnouts,
- Evaluation of the optimum replacement frequency for safety and reliability of railway electrification facilities, and
- Study of structural health monitoring technologies for pantograph and catenary systems.



Participants of Technical Meeting

WCRR News: Call for Papers for WCRR 2016 in Milan and Decision to Hold WCRR 2019 in Tokyo

The 11th World Congress on Railway Research hosted by *TRENITALIA* is currently calling for papers. This congress will take place in Milan between May 31 and June 2, 2016. The international railway community including railway companies, railway researchers, and other interested persons will be invited to this congress so that they may gather and share their knowledge and experiences. The theme of the congress is "Research and Innovation From Today

Towards 2050". For details of the topic, please refer to the CALL FOR PAPERS at the following website:

<http://www.wcrr2016.org/>

At the last meeting of the WCRR Organising Committee, the decision was made to hold the 12th WCRR in Tokyo between October 28 and November 1, 2019. Do not miss it!

WCRR 2016 Call for Papers Timeline

Deadline for abstract submission	30 April 2015
Confirmation of accepted abstracts	31 October 2015
Deadline for submission of full papers to be provided for review	31 January 2016

6th RTRI-SNCF Railway Collaborative Research Seminar Held in Paris

RTRI and the Société Nationale des Chemins de fer Français (SNCF) have advanced their collaborative research in railway technology fields since 1995 when they entered into a collaborative research agreement. The 6th Seminar conducted under this agreement was held at the SNCF Innovation & Research (Director: Mr. Eric CONTI) in Paris, France on September 29-30, 2014. 15 members of the RTRI, including Executive Director Hideyuki TAKAI, participated. The Seminar included an exchange of views on the management of research and development and a report of the collaborative research themes. Also, it was agreed upon at this latest Seminar that the RTRI and the SNCF would continuously promote collaborative research and keep close contact with each other. The next Collaborative Research Seminar will take place in Japan in 2016.



Presentation at Collaborative Research Seminar