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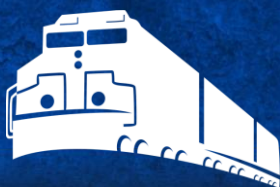
2025 JOINT CONFERENCE | RAIL RESEARCH WEEK

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO USA | NOVEMBER 17-21, 2025

MONDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2025 | IHHA TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS

7:00am	MORNING COFFEE, NETWORKING & REGISTRATION
	Session 1 - Prepare Track/Infrastructure for Environmental Impacts
8:00am	Welcome and Opening Comments by Session Moderator Dr Dingqing Li, MxV Rail, USA
8:05am	Overview of Environmental Impacts and Sustainability Related to Rail Prof Andrew Quinn, University of Birmingham, UK
8:35am	Track Requirements Supporting Railways 4.0 Prof Hannes Gräbe, University of Pretoria, South Africa
9:05am	Track Support Repair and Reinforcement Prof Ted Sussmann, University of Hartford, USA
9:35am	COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING
10:00am	Track Buckling Due to Extreme Heat and Prevention Dr Steve Wilk, MxV Rail, USA
10:30am	Track Maintenance Methods for Stronger and More Sustainable Track from Supplier's Perspective (rails) Chris Lidberg, Loram, USA
11:00am	Track Maintenance Methods for Stronger and More Sustainable Track from Supplier's Perspective (ballast & subgrade) Dr Fabian Hansmann, Plasser & Theurer, Austria
11:30am	Track Maintenance Methods for Stronger and More Sustainable Track from Railroad Perspective Antonio Merheb, MRS Logistica, Brazil
12:00pm	LUNCH & NETWORKING
	Session 2 - Railroads Journey of Alternative Power and Changes in Train Handling
1:00pm	Welcome and Opening Comments by Session Moderator Maureen Werner, MxV Rail, USA
1:05pm	Power/Alternative Energy Josh Raglin, Norfolk Southern, USA
1:25pm	Power/Alternative Energy Anelise Salzani, MRS Logistica, Brazil
1:45pm	Longer Trains, DP Units Wynard Botha, Transnet Freight Rail, South Africa
2:25pm	AAR Interchange, NA Railroad and Economics Update Association of American Railroads (AAR), USA
3:05pm	COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING
	Session 3 - Train Control at Various Countries
3:35pm	Welcome and Opening Comments by Session Moderator Joe Brosseau, MxV Rail, USA
3:40pm	Australia Approach to Train Control and Automation in Heavy Haul Operations Leland LeBreton, Rio Tinto, Australia
4:05pm	United States approach to Train Control and Automation in Heavy Haul Operations Ed Tilley, FTW Associates at Fossil Creek, USA
4:30pm	South Africa Approach to Train Control and Automation in Heavy Haul Operations <i>Stay tuned for further announcements</i>
4:55pm	Brazil Approach to Train Control and Automation in Heavy Haul Operations Arnaldo Soares, MRS Logistica, Brazil
5:20pm	Panel Session on Train Control and Automation in Heavy Haul Operations All + Paulo Vieira, PxV Rail Consulting, USA
5:40pm	IHHA WORKSHOP CONCLUSION
5:30pm-7:30pm	WELCOME COCKTAIL FUNCTION

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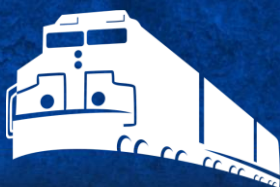
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