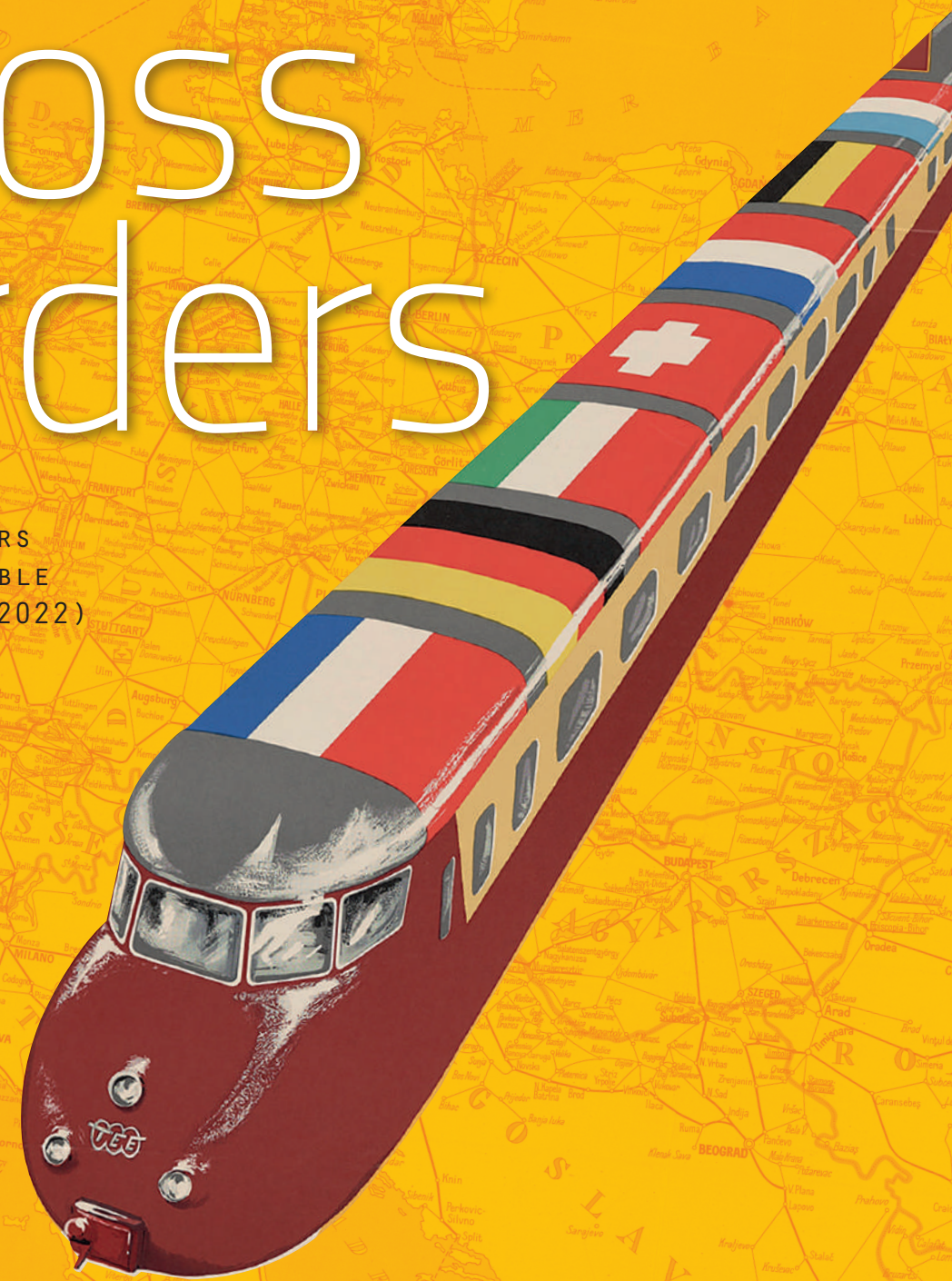




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OF EUROPEAN TIMETABLE
CONFERENCES (1872-2022)



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CEH/EFK/FTE Presidents



1923 – 1925
Anton Schrafl



1926 – 1937
Hans Etter



1938 – 1947
Maurice Paschoud



1948 – 1949
Cesare Lucchini



1950 – 1952
Paul Kradolfer



1953 – 1965
Otto Wichser



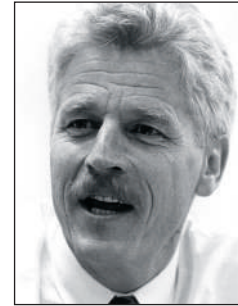
1966 – 1983
Karl Wellinger



1984 – 1987
Michel Crippa



1988 – 1989
Hans Eisenring



1990 – 1993
Benedikt Weibel



1994 – 1997
Hans-Peter Fagagnini



1998 – 2003
Pierre-Alain Urech



2004 – 2012
Hans-Jürg Spillmann



Since 2012
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CEM/EGK Presidents

1924 - 1932: Hůla Josef
1933 - 1934: Mr Erben
1935 - 1937: Machoň Josef
1938: Management resigned,
ad interim Deutsche Reichsbahn
1939: Mr Bidlo
1946: Mr Wendl

1947: Vokoun Karel
1948: Mr Šorma
1949 - 1950: Matula Eduard
1951 - 1953: Hoška Antonín
1954: Korf Josef
1955 - 1957: Hoška Antonín
1958 - 1970: Matula Eduard

1972 - 1979: Kotora František
1980 - 1988: Štros Ladislav
1990: Stareček Václav
1992 - 1993: Vrána Jaroslav
1994 - 1995: Kousal Petr
1996: Kocourek Jaroslav



Simplon-Orient Express from Calais / Paris to Istanbul -1948 / 1949

European Passenger Train Timetable Conference (EFK/CEH)

1872
First timetable conference in Cologne (Germany) on 12 February 1872 attended by the railway companies of Austria, Belgium, the German Reich, France (Compagnie de l'Est) and Switzerland

1897
The conference became known as the "European Timetable Conference"

1904
EWP. Birth of the European Through Carriage Conference

1914
The "European Timetable Conference" met in Bern (Switzerland) for the last time before the First World War

1920
The first conference after the war organized on the initiative of the SBB in Bern (Switzerland) again

1922
The SBB nominated as the lead-managing railway for a period of five years.

1923
First Statutes of the "European Timetable Conference"

1938
The last conference before the outbreak of the Second World War took place in Budapest (Hungary)

1946
The first post-war conference hold again on the initiative of the SBB in Montreux (Switzerland)

1952
New Statutes - The name "European Passenger Train Timetable Conference, EFK/CEH" adopted

1965
Switch to a two-year timetable period starting from May 1965 to May 1967

1972
Celebration in St. Gallen (Switzerland) of "100 years of EFK/CEH"

1993
Last revision of EFK/CEH Statutes

1994
SBB as lead-managing railway of the EFK/CEH and CD as lead-managing railway of the EGK/CEM tasked to investigate the possibility of merging the two organisations EFK/CEH and EGK/CEM

1996
First historical full joint conference of EFK/CEH and EGK/CEM took place on 20 September 1996 in La Rochelle (France). Forum Train Europe FTE operational from 1.1.1997

1997
First electronic edition of the EWP (European Through Coaches Plan)



European Freight Train Timetable Conference (EGK/CEM)

1924
First conference in České Budejovice (Czechoslovakia) with the participation of a ČSD, ÖBB, FS, JZ and MÁV. The ČSD was initially nominated as the lead-managing railway for a period of five years

1930
First Statutes of the International Freight Train Timetable Conference

1984
The international freight network ICM (Intercity-Marchandises) set up. From 1986 called as TEF (Trans-Euro-Freight)

1988
Last revision of the EGK/CEM Statutes

1928
The first LIM International Freight Train Timetable published

1961
TEEM is introduced, the Trans-Europe-Express freight train network, designed for speeds of 100 km/h. TEEM connections and timetables published in the form of a book

1969
Introduction of a train network for combined transport in containers. Connections published in a special TEC timetable

1974
Celebration in Florence (Italy) of "50 years of EGK/CEM"

1987
The freight system "EurailCargo" created. The TEEM timetable published for the first time in graphical form

1993
ČD and ŽSR, the successors to ČSD, admitted to the conference. ČD became the lead-managing railway of the conference

1994
The first computer-generated LIM timetable produced and published. ČD as lead-managing railway of the EGK/CEM and SBB as lead-managing railway of the EFK/CEH tasked to investigate the possibility of merging the two organisations EFK/CEH and EGK/CEM

1946
After the Second World War, the conference started again its work

1951
The conference is renamed "European Freight Train Timetable Conference" or EGK/CEM. Until 1969 it was known for short as the LIM conference, after the international freight train timetable "Livret Indicateur International des Marchandises - LIM"

1995
The "Europe Unit Cargo (EUC)" system introduced. Merging concept approved by the EFK/CEH and EGK/CEM members

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1999
Infrastructure managers left FTE and joined RNE

2003
Go live of Pathfinder - Internet-based communication system for coordinating timetables in Europe

2002
Timetable change postponed from May/June to mid-December

2005
Infrastructure managers left FTE and joined RNE

2006
FTE became the association of Railway Undertakings and international rail traffic service based in Bern (Switzerland) For the first time the Presidency and the new Executive Board of the FTE are nominated

2009
LIM published for the last time for 2010 annual timetable

2014
FTE launched an international project to overhaul the timetabling process in Europ

2016
Revision of the international timetabling process, TTR, presented. Launched at the request of FTE members in 2014, TTR transformed into a common task with the association of the infrastructure managers, RNE

2017
English became the sole official language of Forum Train Europe

2020
IT Cooperation Agreement FTE-RNE and FTE IT Strategy approved

2021
Major RU key requirements related to capacity management and the RU ambassadors' concept to support the change in capacity management within RUs approved



Taurus Express from Istanbul to Baghdad -1948 / 1949



European Passenger Timetable Conference CEH/EFK. November 1949 in Lausanne (Switzerland). © SBB Historic