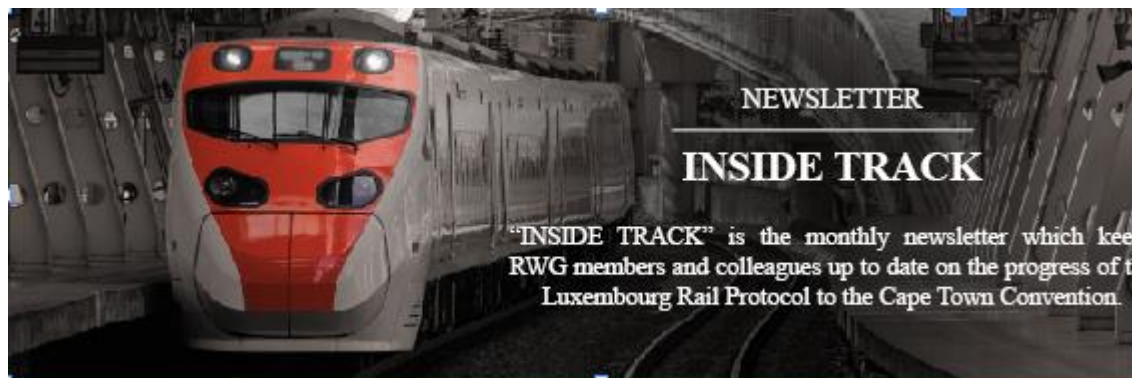




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Something looks different

Welcome to 2020 and the new format of Inside Track, the monthly e-newsletter which will keep you up to date with the various activities of the Rail Working Group and the Luxembourg Rail Protocol. This will be distributed every two months. You can also check our progress on a day to day basis by following our twitter feed <https://twitter.com/RailWorkingGrp>

Going forward we will no longer be publishing a "Topic of the Month" but will link you into articles and other publications either produced by the RWG itself or by its members which relate to the Luxembourg Rail Protocol.

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Forthcoming events

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7th April 2020, AGM, Brussels, Belgium

15th - 16th April 2020, The Rise of IoT & Big Data in Rail, Munich*

30th June – 1st July 2020, Africa Rail, Johannesburg*

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http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2019/sc2/ECE-TRANS-SC2-232e_corrected.pdf

(see paragraphs 19, and 20 and Annex II which sets out the group's terms of reference) Names should be submitted by 31st March 2020. If you would like to be in the RWG team on this Experts' Group, please contact howard.rosen@railworkinggroup.org.

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Save the date - AfricaRail,

Johannesburg, 30th June - 1st July 2020

Africa's largest rail exhibition & conference will taking place at the Sandton Convention Centre Johannesburg, South Africa on 30th June – 1st July 2020. The RWG has negotiated a 15% discount for its members and RWG members should mention their membership when applying for tickets. For more information click [here](#)



Save the date -Scandinavian Rail Optimisation, Stockholm 10th November 2020

Rotaia Media is organising a high-level business event, Scandinavian Rail Optimisation, on 10th November 2020 in Stockholm at the Brewery Conference Centre. RWG members receive a 15% discount on the registration fee. To register please contact ben.holliday@rotaiamedia.com

Subscription discount for RWG members for "Railways Africa"

Rail Working Group members are entitled to purchase the South African online publication "[Railways Africa](#)" at 25% discount of R6500 - place promo code RailWorkingGroup2020 when checking out. The code expires at the end of 2020.

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Save the date -The Rise of IoT & Big Data in Rail, Munich, 15th - 16th April 2020

The Rise of IoT & Big Data in Rail 2020 two-day conference will explore the huge breadth of both the predictive maintenance as well as the asset optimisation applications of big data, allowing Infrastructure Managers and Train Operating Companies to understand fully how they can benefit from setting in place the tools to harvest data from across the whole of their railway operations. RWG members have a 15% discount on the registration fee. To register please contact ben.holliday@rotaiamedia.com



“The Railway market in Africa and the Middle East” - special offer for members

SCI Verkehr has published a study on the market for railway technology products and services in Africa and the Middle East. Rail Working Group members are entitled to purchase the study at 10% discount if you state your membership during the order process. To place an order click [here](#)

Fourth Edition of the Official Commentary of the Cape Town Convention and the Aircraft Protocol

The 4th Edition of Professor Sir Roy Goode's commentary on the Cape Town Convention and the Aircraft Protocol has now been published. Of course, many of the comments there apply equally to the Luxembourg Rail Protocol. RWG members are entitled to a 15% discount and you will see the application form [here](#).

Official Commentary on the Luxembourg Rail Protocol -special discount for RWG members

Rail Working Group members are entitled to purchase Professor Goode's official commentary on the Luxembourg Rail Protocol at a 15% discount. If you wish to use this facility, please use the official form which you can find [here](#).

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