

## **Update Nr. 45**

**August 2021**

### **Josef, thank you very much.**

On behalf of all the readers of "Update", your colleagues in the FEDECRAIL team and the Board of Directors, I thank you for the many years during which you took responsibility for the production and publication of our newsletter "UPDATE".

We understand your decision to say goodbye to the FEDECRAIL newsletter "UPDATE" at the beginning of a new phase of a new and more intensive communication policy.

This "UPDATE", number 45 to be precise, is your last issue. What has fascinated me as President of FEDECRAIL over the last few years is your persistence in getting the next issue out more or less on time every time. You have elevated the timely procurement of texts to a true art.

For all your efforts I thank you very much and wish you all the best.

Jaap Nieweg  
President FEDECRAIL

### **Authority functions within the revamped board.**

#### **Finance:**

We agreed with our outgoing Treasurer Heimo Echensperger that he would retain his authority to carry out financial activities until 1 September 2021. This gave the new treasurer Frederic Riehl the opportunity to familiarise himself with various tasks with the support of former FEDECRAIL board member and treasurer Rik Degruyter. It has turned out to be a time-consuming business to comply with the changes based on Belgian laws and regulations. We are working hard on this, but whether all powers can be transferred from Heimo Echensperger to Frederic Riehl by 1 September 2021 is still very unclear at the time of writing (23 August). If the desired new situation is not achieved by 1 September, we have agreed with Heimo Echensperger that he will continue to exercise his powers as Treasurer until this change is actually made.

**Communication:****Website:**

The design of the new website is clearly taking shape. Ingrid Schütte has agreed to take responsibility for all text content on the website. She is therefore the content manager. A role she has also held for several years for the news section of the website.

**Update:**

As mentioned earlier, Josef Sabor is stepping down as editor after the publication of "Update" 45. In cooperation with the Communications Project Group, Content Manager Ingrid Schütte has taken the first step to publish a bi-monthly update until the turn of the year and a monthly newsletter from the turn of the year onwards to members, members of umbrella organisations and, if possible, colleagues from the cultural, political and tourism sectors who are involved in our work or might be involved in the future.

**Vacancies:**

All vacancies are to be filled free of charge and on a voluntary basis. For actual costs incurred, as agreed in the budgets, FEDECRAIL applies the rules for expense claims.

**Members of the editorial team**

Editorial team members who would like to contribute text and/or images to the Update and adapt them for use on the website where appropriate. Our readers are particularly interested in content set at European level and describing developments that (might) affect our historic railway organisations now or in the future. Or more generally about working industrial and mobile heritage as a whole.

It would be nice if active members of our membership would also participate in the editorial work and be willing to provide texts and pictures. It is a real start to move FEDECRAIL from a regulars' table to a platform of activity for all concerned.

It is intended that feedback will take the form of web meetings with some regularity, where published content will be evaluated and plans for the next issues discussed.



## **Re-publication of a vacancy from UPDATE 44 of 15.07.2021.**

### **Vacancy:**

#### **Webmaster FEDECRAIL.**

As webmaster you will practically implement FEDECRAIL's web policy on the internet. You will contribute to the development of an effective communication policy and translate our organisation's wishes and requirements into digital and interactive possibilities. If necessary, you will organise the development of new tools. And you are the first point of contact for questions, suggestions and complaints from users and visitors. You also take care of user administration and support, train and advise web editors and content managers. You also monitor the style of the house and give suggestions for (maintaining) the desired structure of the website. You will also keep statistics up to date and report on them.

#### **Who are we looking for?**

You support the values of FEDECRAIL and the world of working industrial and mobile heritage and know how to propagate them.

You are enthusiastic and your personality enables you to organise collaboration.

You have an appropriate network and preferably experience with website management.

You are a team player and know how to get things done in a voluntary organisation.

If you are interested, we look forward to receiving your email and sending it to our secretariat via [Wijnnobel@FEDECRAIL.org](mailto:Wijnnobel@FEDECRAIL.org) no later than 30 September 2021. If you would like more information (initially), please contact him also via [Wijnnobel@FEDECRAIL.org](mailto:Wijnnobel@FEDECRAIL.org)

#### **Contact of the FEDECRAIL Board with the umbrella organisation members.**

Our Secretary Kees Wijnnobel has sent a renewed invitation to those umbrella organisation members who did not respond to previous attempts to invite them. The first 5 meetings were encouraging. Especially in view of our working group for the development of the Strategic Plan 2023 - 2027/8, these meetings are important, as well as the regular web meetings of members to discuss these and other plans before they are presented at the Annual General Meeting 2022 or 2023.

So if you would like to be invited to a web meeting with the Board to contribute your ideas, as will the Board in attendance, please contact our Secretary via [wijnnobel@fedecrail.org](mailto:wijnnobel@fedecrail.org).



## **RAILWAY HERITAGE PRESERVATION CONFERENCE - SBB + ICOMOS**

**Zurich - Thu 25.11.21 to Sat 27.11.21**

This autumn, the SBB Historic Preservation Service is organising a three-day conference in Zurich in collaboration with ICOMOS Suisse (national section of ICOMOS International Council on Monuments and Sites) and with the support of our member SBB Historic Foundation, the Federal Office of Culture FOC and the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich.

The stated aim of the Call for Papers is to "take stock of the most important issues in the field of railway heritage conservation by developing an overview that can serve as a basis for possible in-depth studies". The invitation is addressed to interested parties from abroad (the call for papers has been received via the IEH Committee of Europa Nostra) and is not restricted to Swiss nationals only.

It is understood that the event is currently being held as a traditional physical event, but plans may need to change (including possible postponement) due to the pandemic.

Further details of the planned content and a 'provisional interest' registration form can be found on a dedicated website: [www.railway-heritage.ch](http://www.railway-heritage.ch) or alternatively [www.eisenbahndenkmalpflege.ch](http://www.eisenbahndenkmalpflege.ch)

Peter Ovenstone - Fedecrail Team Member

### **The HOG item for update reads.**

"We continue to monitor email traffic from the GRB and the EU Rail Agency. There have been no major initiatives from the EU for some time since the introduction of the 4th Railway Package in conjunction with the implications of Covid. TSI revisions are continuing, but apparently at a slower pace. At the moment, most GRBs, the EU and the Agency seem to be enjoying their summer holidays, as email traffic has come to a standstill at the moment. We will see what September will bring in terms of new projects.

Following on from the Chair's post in the last update, we are looking for someone who has experience of fundraising, particularly from national governments, so that we can try to get funding to equip trains with ERTMS. Please contact [leigh@fedecrail.org](mailto:leigh@fedecrail.org) if you would like to make yourself available."

Ian Leigh  
Secretary of the Heritage Operations Group



## **Fedecrail Tramway Group**

The Tramway Group welcomes the new tramway members of FEDECRAIL. It is always great to have more people working together to promote the moving heritage of the tramway.

Work in the group has been a little quiet during the summer, both because of the ongoing pandemic and because everyone who had time was doing their activities on their venerable trams.

In the autumn, the Tramway Group will, among other things, participate in the Nordic Tramway Conference, which will take place in Sweden in September.

We also hope to invite to at least 2-3 webinars and we would like feedback on what our members would like to review or discuss via an online meeting.

We continue to work on talking to our members and their members about the situation and the consequences of the pandemic. We know that there are still many tram veterans

We know that there are still many veteran tram drivers who have not had the opportunity to participate in transport, which also leads to problems with training, skills and tram stock. We are interested in receiving reports from you on how things are going and what difficulties you are facing as a company.

The Tramway Group will be looking at the availability of infrastructure in cities where there are many museum trams. We also want to find out how regions, cities and countries are taking care of their retired trams and what support is available at different levels, but also what support and how FEDECRAIL can work in this area.

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## **Farewell**

Dear Jaap, dear officers!

This is now the last update I am sending out to you. I would like to thank you all very much for the nice cooperation over the many years! I wish FEDECRAIL continued success in the future.

I am handing over my update agendas to Ingrid Schütte [schuette@fedecrail.org](mailto:schuette@fedecrail.org) and wish her continued success as well.

Your now Past-Update Editor

Josef Sabor

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